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# HISTORY

OF

# GREENE COUNTY, OHIO

EMBRACING THE

ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY, ITS DIVISION INTO TOWNSHIPS, SKETCHES  
OF LOCAL INTEREST GLEANED FROM THE PIONEERS FROM  
1803 TO 1840, TOGETHER WITH A  
ROSTER OF THE SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION AND THE WAR OF 1812, WHO WERE  
RESIDING IN THE COUNTY,  
ALSO,  
A ROSTER OF TEN THOUSAND OF THE EARLY SETTLERS  
FROM 1803 TO 1840.

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## PREFACE.

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It is a source of regret that more care has not been taken to preserve the history of the early settlers of the County of Greene. As an illustration of this neglect, we give the following and only surviving and fragmentary history of John Paul: "John Paul sold to Joseph C. Vance, director for the permanent seat of justice for said county, the 257 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres of ground, which constituted the original corporation of the now city of Xenia for two hundred and fifty dollars. He was also appointed to act as the first Clerk of Courts for said County, which office he held from the year 1803 until December 7th, 1803."

We find in the minutes of a special court that had been called, the following communication from Mr. Paul:

"To the Commissioners of Greene County:

"Mr. Josiah Grover will attend as Clerk at your next meeting, and at the end of the same you may proceed to choose another Clerk in my place.

"John Paul, Clerk of Courts."

The above is about all that we know of the original proprietor of the city of Xenia, and what applies to Mr. Paul is also true in regard to the most of our grand old pioneers; At the end almost of the 1st Century of our State and County's birthday we find ourselves asking: Who was John Paul? From what state did he come? What became of him? Who were his ancestors, and who his descendants?

We seek in vain for an answer to these questions in the old County histories. Those who could have answered are dead. One source only remains; the old official papers of the county that were supposed to have had "their day", and like a well worn garment were cast away, boxed up and put into many of the out of way places of different public county buildings.

In the early spring of 1897 the compiler of this work, having discovered the whereabouts of said papers, and being interested in the early history of our county, called the attention of the Commissioners then officiating, Messers. John B. Stevenson, John Fudge, James W. Pollock, and soon after, Lewis Smith, to the fact that in an upstairs room of the Court House there were nine boxes stored away containing valuable county papers. No one knew what they were beyond the fact that many of them were the first papers of the county, and for lack of room, on account of the rapid increase of the legal business they had been carted away, thus making room for the papers of a later date.

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We were told by the commissioners that they were aware of facts stated, that others before them also recognized that something should be done, but who could do the work? The result was that the compiler of this work secured a contract for a small compensation per week to sort out and classify the records.

Out of twenty-five hundred cases at law, eleven hundred or more were found that were valuable on account of being decisions in regard to the first ownership and division of land. They were carefully assorted and put in shape, so that, when called for, could be found as readily as other papers of the county. In addition to the above mentioned papers there were found also the four books of the enumerators that had been appointed to take the names of the voters of the four townships into which Greene County had been divided at the first organization of the county, May 10, 1803. In these books were found the names of four hundred and thirty-nine persons, who, from the years 1803 to 1805, were living on land now comprised in every county north of Greene to the north boundary line of the state, and during which time Champaign County was established, which deprived Greene of her large northern domain. Also there were found the poll books of elections of the different county townships from its organization in 1803 to 1840.

Many reasons could be given why our pioneers failed to leave on record the many facts that we would like to know, but of which we today are ignorant. No nation under the sun has such a history as ours. Beginning with the small handful who first discovered the country, it has increased rapidly in growth, until now, in the morning of the year 1900, we have a population of seventy-five million inhabitants. Ohio, our own loved state, what a contrast we see between the Ohio of the year 1803 and the Ohio of 1900!

About the year 1830 we find a disposition among the first settlers to meet and talk over matters in reference to the organization of pioneer associations, and in almost every decade after in the history of the county, efforts would be made for that purpose; and in all their constitutions and by-laws we find a law as follows: "The object of this association shall be to preserve a true record of the early settlement of our county and its pioneers."

As far as we know, they failed in their laudable efforts. For a few years they would assemble and entertain each other, and then they would forget for years to meet. Many valuable articles would be read and afterward published in the papers of the day. The papers would be lost, and in those papers history that would be beyond price to us who are now living at the close of the first century of our state's history. However, many valuable papers have been found and have helped much to add interest to this effort to compile a History of the Pioneers of Greene County, from 1803 to 1840.

In my travels over the county from North to South, and from East to West, I have visited every graveyard in the county, and collected from the tombstones historical data which could not be obtained elsewhere. Many times would the beautiful parable found in the book of Ezekiel, thirty-seventh chapter, come to mind, whilst in some of the lonely graveyards of Greene County, and mentally, the question would arise, "Can these dry bones be made to live?" By the aid of these same old papers and by patient research much has been found which I trust will be of interest to the people of Greene County.

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And now, in conclusion, I desire to thank one and all who in any way gave aid to me in this work by their uniform courtesy, patience in answering questions, and granting the privilege of access to historical data which was in their care and keeping. Without mentioning names this will apply to the officers of our old Court House, to the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, to the Adjutant General of Ohio, the General Assembly of the State, War and Pension Department, Washington, D. C., to the men on their farms, in the towns, and to all who in this and other states have so promptly and readily responded to, and answered letters of inquiry in regard to their ancestors.

GEORGE F. ROBINSON.





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# ROBINSON'S HISTORY

## OF

# GREENE COUNTY, OHIO.

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### IN THE BEGINNING.

#### OHIO.

Ohio was the first born state of the Northwest Territory north of the Ohio river. Its territorial era was from 1788 to 1803, under the ordinance of 1787. The first territorial legislature met at Chillicothe November 24, 1799, and adjourned January 29, 1801. The second territorial legislature met November 23, 1801, and adjourned January 23, 1802. According to William A. Taylor's grand compilation of facts, found in his able work, "Ohio Statesmen and Annals of Progress," a political revolution ensued at the close of the year 1802. The territorial government was overthrown, and the state government established. Thirty-six able men were chosen to formulate a state constitution, and take the necessary steps for admission to the Union of States. They met at Chillicothe November 1, 1802. Among the number were two who were at that date credited to Hamilton county, but were at the time residing in the bounds of what is now Greene county, Greene as yet not organized. They were

John Wilson, living three miles south of the present site of Bellbrook, near "Clio," and Col. John Paul, residing at what is now known as Trebeins Station, and afterwards known as the founder of Xenia, Ohio, and also of Madison, Indiana. Under this constitution the state emerged from its territorial stage finally, by the passage of the act February 19, 1803, by congress, empowering the state to execute laws, by which she was admitted and fully recognized as one of the states of the Union and thus becoming the seventeenth star as represented on the flag.

In tracing the original organization of our county of Greene, and the locating of the temporary "Seat of Justice," for the same, we find that we are brought into near relationship with five counties of the state. Hamilton county was organized January 2, 1790, by proclamation of Governor St. Clair, and Ross was established eight years later, August 20, 1798. Without going into details as to the boundaries of the two counties from which, by an act of the legislature, the counties of Warren, Butler, Montgomery and Greene were taken, we

would refer the reader to the authority, as to who it was who gave to our county its name, Greene, and to whom we are responsible for our first courts being held in the township of Beavercreek, at the house of Owen Davis, or was sometimes called the house of Peter Borders. The township was named after Beaver creek, a branch that emptied into the Little Miami river.

We find in volume one, page 303, of the Laws of Ohio, under date of March 24, 1803, an act for the division of Hamilton and Ross counties. Section 1 of said act applies to the formation of Warren county; section 2 of said act applies to the formation of Butler county; section 3 of said act applies to the formation of Montgomery county; section 4 of said act applies to the formation of Greene county; section 5 of said act applies to, and reserves the right of Hamilton and Ross counties to make distress for all dues, and officers' fees unpaid by the inhabitants within the bounds of said new counties at the time of such division, etc. Section 6 provides that until a permanent seat of justice shall be affixed in the several new counties by commissioners appointed for that purpose, the following places shall be temporary seats of justice, and courts shall be held thereat. In the county of Warren, at the house of Ephraim Hathaway on Turtle creek. In the county of Butler, at the house of John Torrence, in the town of Hamilton. In the county of Montgomery, at the house of George Newcome, in the town of Dayton. And for the county of Greene, at the house of Owen Davis, on Beaver creek.

The fathers of that day, who were members of the general assembly of Ohio, were patriotic men as evinced by the names which

they gave the new made counties just formed. The first county, Warren, named for General Joseph Warren, who fell at the battle of Bunker Hill. The second county formed, Butler, was named for a distinguished officer of the Revolution, General Richard Butler, who fell in St. Clair's defeat. The third county organized, Montgomery, was named after General Richard Montgomery, a soldier of the Revolution, killed in the assault upon Quebec. The fourth and last organized, Greene county, named for General Nathaniel Greene, another distinguished officer of said war.

Section 7 of this act also shows that our legislative fathers did not want anything like injustice to result from any action of theirs, and therefore enacted further that all the inhabitants of the counties of Montgomery and Greene, who lived north of the eighth range shall be exempt from any tax for the purpose of erecting court houses and gaols (jails) in the aforesaid counties of Montgomery and Greene.

Section 8 of this act provides that this act shall commence and be in full force from and after the first day of May next, making as it were May 1, 1803, the birthday of Greene, Warren, Butler and Montgomery counties.

Thus it is shown by this act that in the formation of Greene and Montgomery counties to them was given a large extent of territory, extending from their present southern boundary to the north line of the state, and from the west line of the state to the east line of Greene county.

As it is a matter of historical interest in view of the fact that volume one of the Laws of Ohio enacted in the town of Chillicothe, at a meeting of the first general as-



sembly of Ohio, is very rare, and hence more valuable, from it will give entire the original boundary of Montgomery and Greene counties as found in that number.

Section 3 of an act dividing Hamilton and Ross counties is as follows: That all that part of Hamilton county included within the following boundary, viz: Beginning on the state line at the northwest corner of the county of Butler, thence east with the lines of Butler and Warren to the east line of section number sixteen, in the third township, and fifth range; thence north eighteen miles, thence east two miles, thence north to the state line, thence with the same to the west boundary of the state; thence south with said boundary to the beginning, shall compose a third new county called and known by the name of Montgomery.

Section 4 of said act enacts that all that part of the county of Hamilton and Ross included in the following bounds, viz: Beginning at the southeast corner of Montgomery county, running thence east to the Ross county line, and the same course continued eight miles over the said county of Ross; thence north to the state line, thence westwardly with the same to the east line of Montgomery county, thence bounded by said line of Montgomery to the beginning, shall compose a fourth new county called and known by the name of Greene.

From this it can be seen that part of the land then called Montgomery and Greene counties, was held but temporary, and the time would come when other counties would be formed from them. Such was the case with Greene, when February 20, 1805, Champaign county was organized, thus curtailing Greene of her large northern boundary. The founders of our county Greene, as will appear, were men who were well

versed in the laws and acts of the general assembly of the state.

At the same session of the general assembly, March 28, 1803, was enacted a law for establishing seats of justice for new made counties, as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Ohio, that for each new county established during the present or any future session of the legislature three commissioners shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to examine and determine what part of said county so established is the most eligible for holding the several courts within the said county, and it shall be the duty of the secretary of state immediately to notify the persons of their several appointments.

Section 2. And be it further enacted that no person residing within the county so established, or holding any real property within the same, and who has not arrived at the age of twenty-five years, and been a resident of the state one year, shall be eligible as a commissioner.

Many reasons have been given why the first site chosen as the temporary seat of justice, five and one half miles west of the present city of Xenia, on what is now known as the Harbine farm, was not continued as the permanent county seat of Greene county. The best reason that we find, and we think the correct one, is to be found in section 3 of this act, defining the duty of said section stating that they shall proceed to examine and select the most proper place as the seat of justice as near the *center* of the county as possible, paying regard to the situation, extent of population, and quality of the land, together with the general convenience and interests of the inhabitants.

Section 4 enacts that the commissioners



after having agreed upon the place for the seat of justice, shall make report thereof to the next court of common pleas to be held in said county, if it appears no town has been previously laid off at the place agreed on by the commissioners, the court shall appoint a director, who, after giving sufficient bond for his faithful performance, shall be fully authorized to *purchase* the land of the proprietor or proprietors for the use and behoof of the county, and proceed to lay off said land into lots, streets and alleys under such regulations as the court may prescribe (see Vol. 1, page 109, Laws of Ohio, March 28, 1803).

We are filled with admiration at the promptness to act, of our pioneer fathers,—“in the beginning”—as we have seen the formation of the four new counties was accomplished by an act of the legislature, March 28, 1803, by the passage of an act for that purpose. Said act to commence and be in force May 1st, 1803.

Ten days afterward, May 10, 1803, in obedience to an act of the general assembly, passed April 16, 1803, wherein was made the duty of the associate judges of the court of common pleas, in each and every county within the state then organized, to meet on the 10th day of May, 1803, following at the places that had been designated where courts were to be held, and proceed to lay out these counties respectively into a convenient number of townships, and also to determine for each township a proper number of justices of the peace, who were to be elected on the 21st of June following.

This first meeting of the associate judges was called a court, but it was not for the trial of cases, but for the transacting of business pertaining to the organization of the county under the laws which have been

cited. William Maxwell, Benjamin Whiteman and James Barrett were the first associate judges, and as Mr. Maxwell had been a member of the first general assembly, and had helped to formulate and pass the laws which have been mentioned, and there can be no doubt but it was he who had selected his two associates, Whiteman and Barrett, and had himself taken the oath of office of associate judge, before leaving Chillicothe to attend this court, and the record says “he administered the oath to Benjamin Whiteman and James Barrett.”

#### TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATION OF GREENE COUNTY.

May 10, 1803. Court being duly organized, Col. John Paul was appointed clerk *pro tem.* to said court, and took the oath of office. The court then proceeded to lay off the county into townships, as follows: there being no counties north of Greene, the large strip of land extending from the present southern boundary of the county, to the north boundary line of the state, by the width of the county, was divided into four townships, namely: Sugarcreek, Ceasarscreek, Mad-River, and Beavercreek.

#### SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP.

The west line of Sugarcreek was the same as now, seven miles long, the northwestern corner of the township being at the northwestern corner of the tenth section in the western line of the county; from this point the line extended south, along the western line of the county; seven miles, to the southwest corner of the same; thence, east, crossing the Little Miami River, and the same course continued four miles east

of the river very nearly to the southeast corner of what is now Spring-Valley township; thence north ten miles, to a point due east from the point of beginning. This point, the northeastern corner of Sugarcreek township, was about two miles south, by a little west from the present city of Xenia. The township included what is now Sugarcreek, nearly all of Spring-Valley, and the southwest part of what is now Xenia township.

In compiling and separating the old papers of the county, the four books, in which were the names of the first to settle in the four original townships were found, signed by the enumerator of each of the four townships. James Collier took the names of those living at the time in Sugarcreek township, who were free white male inhabitants, over the age of twenty-one. He commenced the work August 3, 1803, and completed it August 10, 1803, reporting a total of 71. We will copy from his little book the names of those of the aforesaid date who were living in Sugarcreek township: Seth Anderson, Samuel Anderson, Alexander Armstrong, Robert Buckles, William Buckles, James Buckles, Ephram Bowen, James Barrett, Sr., James Barrett, Jr., Samuel Brewster, Alexander Barnes, James Barnes, James Bruce, James Cunningham, James Clancey, James Collier, David Curry, Rev. Joshua Carman, Joseph Campbell, John Ennis, Thompson Ennis, Samuel Ennis, Jeremiah Ennis, Isaac Gerard, John Gowdy, Thomas Hale, John Hale, Joseph Hale, Jacob Horner, Benjamin Horner, John Heaton, Jacob Hosier, John Irwin, Joseph James, John Knight, Capt. Nathan Lamme, Samuel Martindale, Ezekiel Martin, Samuel Martin, Isaac Martin, William Miller, Rob-

ert Marshall, John Marshall, John McKnight, John McLean, Willis Northcutt, Joseph Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Jr., Edward Robinson, William Snodgrass, Sr., William Snodgrass, Jr., James Snodgrass, Sr., James Snodgrass, Jr., Robert Snodgrass, James Snowden, Jacob Snowden, Cyrus Sackett, Daniel Thomas, Abraham Thomas, William Tanner, James Tanner, Abraham VanEatón, John Vance, Sr., John Vance, Jr., Joseph C. Vance, Joseph Vance, John Wilson, Sr., John Wilson, Jr., Daniel Wilson, George Wilson and Andrew Gowdy.

#### CEASARSCREEK TOWNSHIP.

Ceasarscreek township began at the northeast corner of Sugarcreek, running thence north to the Little Miami. It ran about half a mile west of the present city of Xenia, and intersected the Little Miami river west of Oldtown, at the mouth of Massies creek; thence it extended east to the east line of the county. On the east and south it was bounded by the county lines. This township was about four times as large as Sugarcreek, extending north from the southern boundary about fifteen miles, and included all of the southeastern part of the county. The population of Ceasarscreek township at the time of its organization, May 10, 1803, of the free white males, over the age of twenty-one, as taken by Joseph Price, first assessor of said township, was fifty-eight, old enough to vote, and following are the names: James Bonner, Isaac Bonner, Jacob Bone, Samuel Bone, John Bellington, Josiah Elam, John A. Hoop, Stephenes Hoggert, Josiah Hunt, James Lowry, Joseph Lambert, Samuel Lee, John

Lucas, Caleb Lucas, John Montgomery, Samuel Martin, John Martin, Stephen Mendenhall, Martin Mendenhall, John Mendenhall, William Mullen, Samuel Miller, Edward Mercer, Isaiah McDonald, Dempsey McDonald, Levet McDonald, William McFarland, Joseph Price, David Price, Sr., David Price, Jr., Frederick Price, Peter Price, David Painter, Nathan Porter, James Porter, Henry Prill, Jr., Henry Prill, Sr., James Corry, John Campbell, William Conkleton, Joel Conkleton, George Isham, Lenard Stump, Joseph Sterrett, John Sterritt, Isiah Sutton, J<sup>eh</sup>nah Sutton, Amaziah Sutton, Samuel Sutton, Lewis Sutton, William Garner Sutton, William I. Stewart, Noah Strong, Reuben Strong, William Stanfield, Joseph Wilson, Sr., Joseph Wilson, Jr., Remembrance Williams.

#### MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP.

Mad River township was No. 3, and its population at the time of organization was 156 of free white males over the age of twenty-one, taken by John Daugherety, of Springfield, first enumerator. Springfield had been designated by the associate judges as the place in the aforesaid township for holding elections, and at the house of Griffith Foose. This was the third township organized; its southern boundary line was the south boundary of the 10th range of the township in what is now Clark county. This line extended east and west, and is two miles north, passing through the city of Springfield, Clark county, along which the national road passes. It was the largest township in the county; its width from east to west was the same as that of the county, and it extended to the northern limits of the state.

At that time, May 10, 1803, the following named were residents:

Adam Allen, Ezekel Arrowsmith, William Aims, Edward Armstrong, Isaac Anderson, Seth Arnett, Frederick Ambrow, George Bennett, Henry Bailey, Robert Boyce, Paul Butler, George Brown, Joseph Barlow, Thomas Burt, James Bishop, John Clark, John Crosley, Thomas Cowhick, Elijah Chapman, William Chapman, Cornelius Carter, Elnathan Correy, John Dawson, Thomas Davis, Domnic Donley, John Daugherety, Isaac Dickson, Jonathan Donnel, Isaac Dillon, John Denney, Archabald Dowden, James Demint, John Doyle, Christopher Endrick, Nathan Fitch, Griffith Foose, John Forgey, Daniel Gobel, Aaron Gooden, Job Gard, Elisha Habour, Enos Holland, John Humphrey, Thomas Hardin, William Holmes, Jacobs Huffman, Henry Huffman, Joseph Hill, Abraham Inlow, John Jackson, Silas Johnston, Jonathan Johnston, Simon Kenton, Thomas Kenton, William Kenton, Solomon Kelley, Abner Kelley, John Kelley, Joseph Kiser, Thomas Loury, Robert Loury, Archabald Loury, William Layton, Joseph Layton, Robert Layton, Joseph LeFaw, George Manford, Burrell Mills, Thomas Moore, William Moore, Samuel Mitchel, Alexander Miller, John Miller, Edward Mercer, John Milholand, James McPherson, Adam McPherson, John McPherson, James McDonald, William McDonald, Archabald McKinley, James McGill, Christopher McGill, Robert McMains, Joseph McKenney, Robert McKenney, Daniel McKennon, William McCullough, Samuel McCullough, William Owens, Thomas M. Pendleton, William Palmer, Eleazier Piper, Daniel Phillips, William Paul, James Paul, John Paul, Thomas



Pierce, William Powell, David Prunty, William Rhoades, Thomas Redman, Charles Rector, Thomas Robertson, Jacob Robertson, Daniel Robertson, Hugh Reid, Joseph Reid, John Reid, Jacobs Reid, Thomas Reid, John Risdon, Benjamin Ross, William Ross, Sr., William Ross, Jr., Felix Rock, Patrick Rock, Robert Renick, Daniel Rector, James Rhoetell, Thomas Rosers, Jacobs Sewer, Joseph Simons, William Smith, James Smith, Thomas Scott, James Scott, Charles Stoss, Henry Sturm, Lewis Summers, Joseph Sutton, John Taylor, Sampson Tolbert, John Tillis, Sr., John Tillis, Jr., Benjamin Turman, Isaac Turman, John Tucker, Rev. William Wood, James Wood, Christopher Wood, Joseph Whitlesey, Adam Wise, James Ward, William Ward, Hugh Wallace, William Wallace, Bazel West, Christopher Weaver, William Weaver, John Welch, John Wirt.

#### BEAVERCREEK TOWNSHIP.

Beavercreek was the next largest township, and the population of same as ascertained by Peter Popenoe, assessor of said township, May 10, 1803, of all the free white male inhabitants over the age of twenty-one years, was one hundred and fifty-four. It comprised the remaining part of the county not included in the three townships named; that is, all north of Sugarcreek and Ceasarscreek, and all south of Mad River township. The village of Springfield was in Beavercreek township, and the old forest trees that were then growing on the site of Xenia were in Ceasarscreek township.

The voting precincts in those townships were as follows: In Sugarcreek, the house of James Clancey; in Ceasarscreek, the house

of William I. Stewart; in Mad River, the house of Griffith Foose, and in Beavercreek, the house of Peter Borders. The following named were then residents of Beavercreek township: George Alexander, George Allen, William Allen, John Aken, William Aken, Gabrel Bilderhack, Peter Borders, William Bull, Sr., James Bull, Richard Bull, John Bull, John Bosher, Gardner Bobo, James Benifield, Jesse Bracken, John Buchanan, James Buchanan, Robert Bogges, Elias Bromogen, Jacob Coy, Adam Coy, Levi Conley, Abel Crawford, James Carroll, John Cottrell, Isaac Crusan, Benjamin Devere, John Driscall, William Downey, Owen Davis, Lewis Davis, Robert Frakes, Jonathan Flood, Edward Flood, John Forgy, John Freeman, William Freeman, Samuel Freeman, Elijah Ferguson, William Ferguson, Zachariah Ferguson, Benjamin Ginn, James Galloway, Sr., George Galloway, James M. Galloway, Thomas Godfrey, John Harner, Jacob Harner, George Harner, Michael Hendricks, Andrew Hawker, Abraham Hanley, Alexander Haughey, David Huston, William King, Adam Koogler, Jacobs Koogler, Richard Kiser, Peter Kiser, John Kiser, Mathew Kavender, George Kirkendale, Jacob Kent, Samuel D. Kirkpatrick, George Kirkpatrick, William Law, Justice Luce, Arthur Layton, Arnest Longstreth, Cornelius Morgan, John Morgan, Sr., John Morgan, Jr., Isaac Morgan, Evan Morgan, Christy Miller, John Miller, James Miller, Frederick Morelander, William Maxwell, William Minnier, Abraham Minnier, Edward Mercer, Jonathan Mercer, Harry Martin, William McCloud, Charles McGuire, William McClure, John McKaig, Daniel McMillan, Alexander McCullough, William McFarland, Alexander McCoy,

Alexander McCoy, Jr., James McCoy, Daniel McCoy, John Nelson, William Oneal, William Orr, John Paul, James Popenoe, Peter Popenoe, Sr., Phillip Petro, Nicholas Petro, Paul Petro, William Price, William Pasel, Nicholas Quinn, Sr., Nicholas Quinn, Jr., Mathew Quinn, James Riddle, John Ritenhouse, Garret Rittenhouse, William Robins, Isaac Rubert, Alexander Rough, John Rue, Abraham Rue, Andrew Reid, William Stockwell, Andrew Stewart, Jacob Shingledecker, William Mad River Stephenson, John Mad River Stephenson, James Stevenson, William Stevenson, John Stevenson, Peter Sewel, John Shigley, Frederick Shigley, Thomas Simpson, Michael Spenser, William Smith, Joseph Smith, Jacob Smith, John Smith, James Scott, Christopher Truby, Jacob Truby, John Tingley, Silas Taylor, William Taylor, George Taylor, Thomas Townsley, John Townsley, James Tatman, Joseph Tatman, Charles Williams, Christian Willand, Benjamin Whiteman, Andrew Westfall, James Westfall, George Wolf, John Webb, Henry Whiting, Henry Ward, Henry Young.

The above mentioned townships, which, as we have seen, occupied much more territory than is now comprised by Greene county, were organized by the associate judges of the court of common pleas, and was the last act of the aforesaid judges in organizing townships for the county.

The total number of voters in Greene county when first organized: Sugarcreek township, 71; Ceasarscreek township, 58; Mad River, 156; Beaver creek, 154; total vote of the county, 439.

In the old records of the county, many of which had been hidden away for nearly

a century, much of historic interest is brought to light, and from them we find that John Paul, the founder of Xenia, Ohio, was a resident of what is now (1900) known as Trebines Station, in fact, had settled there in the year 1800, and had been the first to harness the waters of the Little Miami at that point, having built a sawmill, run by water power, and that station was then known as "Pauls Mill." Tradition says while living at that place he had learned that the permanent seat of justice was to be located at the forks of Shawnee creek. He therefore hied away to Cincinnati and purchased the land on which the now city of Xenia is built. Subsequent events would indicate that such was the case.

August 2, 1803, was the day set for the first meeting of the court of common pleas for Greene county. On the second day of this term General Joseph C. Vance was appointed director, with power (according to the law that had been enacted for such purposes) to purchase the land for the use of said county, and proceed to lay off said land into lots, streets and alleys under such regulations as the court may prescribe. See laws of Ohio, page 309, Vol. 1, Sec. 4, of said act.

From this we would infer that previous to the meeting of this first court of common pleas the commissioners had been appointed, and had located the permanent seat of justice, had settled all claims of competing towns, such as Ceasarsville, Pinkney and other places which tradition says wanted to be the county town of Greene county, and had decided in favor of the forks of Shawnee creek, three miles from the mouth of where said creek emptied into the Little Miami river.

When the question is asked, when was the present city of Xenia laid out? we know that at this first meeting of the court much had been done in that direction, and early in the fall of 1803 the work was finished.

James Galloway, Sr., was appointed treasurer of said county the next day after Mr. Vance, which was August 4, 1803. At the December term of the court, 1803, he received \$49.25 for his services. He, it is said, furnished his own chain men in making the survey, made a plat of the town, and sold some lots. He had also purchased the land of Colonel John Paul. And to the new made treasurer of Greene county Mr. Vance is firmly bound as director of the new county seat of Greene county.

Inasmuch as this first bond (the original of which is in the hands of the writer), the first bond given by any officer in Greene county, is of historic interest we will give entire the following true copy:

Auditors office, Greene county, Aug. 4, 1803.

Know all by these presents that we, Joseph C. Vance, David Huston and Joseph Wilson, of Greene county, are respectfully held and firmly bound unto the treasurer of said county and state of Ohio, or his successors in office, in the penal sum of fifteen hundred dollars as witness our hands and seals, etc.

The condition of the above mentioned obligation is such that if the above mentioned Joseph C. Vance shall well, truly and faithfully discharge all and singular the duties, etc., of director for the purchasing of land, laying off and selling lots, at the seat of justice, for the aforesaid county of Greene, as established by the commissioners appointed by the general assembly of the state of Ohio

for that purpose, agreeable to an act in such cases made and provided, the obligation is void and of none effect, otherwise it will stand in full force and virtue.

Witness our hands and seals, this 4th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and three.

JOSEPH C. VANCE, (seal)

DAVID HUSTON, (seal)

JOSEPH WILSON, (seal)

Attest, John Paul, C. G. C.

As we have said, the first court was held in the house of Owen Davis, which was five and one-half miles west of the present city of Xenia, on what is now known as the Harbline farm, in Beavercreek township.

The June term, 1804, was the last term of court held in the old log house down on Beaver. The present site of Xenia having been selected as the permanent seat of justice, Mr. William A. Beatty, from Kentucky, was busy in front of our present court house cutting the logs to erect the first tavern in the new county seat. He had also rented the west room up stairs to the county for a court room, and it was a race between him and Rev. James Towler which would be the first to finish their two-story log cabins. Mr. Frederick Boner was building for Mr. Towler, on the lot now covered by H. H. Eavey's wholesale house. The tavern of Mr. Beatty was on the site now covered by the Leaman block, opposite the present court house. The evidence is in favor of Mr. Beatty as to who won the race, as his building was finished and opened for business October 1, 1804. The house was a hewed-log, double structure, two stories high, its length was from east to west, and width from north to south, and its west end was about forty-five feet east of the southeast



corner of Main and Detroit streets, on lot No. 13, where the Xenia National Bank now stands.

The place that had been selected for the permanent county seat of Greene county was at this time covered by a dense growth of forest trees, as some one beautifully expressed it, "The whole country around the present city of Xenia was one unbroken forest, beneath whose sylvan shades the timid deer lay down to rest; among whose branches the playful squirrel sported in freedom, the songs of birds made the forests redolent with music and was altogether a scene of natural beauty and harmony presenting itself to the senses—delightful and enchanting. But as if nature could not blend in such harmony, the charm is broken, the spell dispelled by the dismal howl of the wolf, or the blood-curdling whoop of the red men. 'Mid such surroundings our forefathers hewed a home for themselves and made it possible for us to have the beautiful homes we have to-day.'"

Down in what is now known as Clermont county, on its southern border near the Ohio river, was a little town by the name of Bullskin, named for a small creek of the same name. From that place running north was a trail passing through New Burlington, thence what is now (1900) known as Detroit street, Xenia, and terminating at Urbana, Ohio. Starting west was another trail through Franklinton, near the present city of Columbus, thence west over what is now known as Main street, Xenia, intersecting the Bullskin trail at the northwest corner of the public square, thence in the same direction to what is known as West street, Xenia, thence south from that point through Waynesville, Lebanon and on to Cincinnati.

On the farm of Paris Peterson, four miles southeast of Xenia, had been commenced what was known as the town of Ceasarsville, by one Thomas Corneal, as early as the year 1800. A court house had been built, a public well also near by, and scattered here and there were quite a number of log cabins. In the early marriages of Greene county many parties were made one in that building, which had been erected for the court house by William I. Stewart, Esq. And it is also a fact that Ceasarsville was the one place of voting for Ceasarscreek township from May 10, 1803, until the organization of Xenia township August 20, 1805, when, as the record says, the first election for Xenia township shall be held in the house of William A. Beatty, of Xenia.

The compiler of this has in his possession the original tally sheet of elections held in Ceasarscreek township from the first dividing the county into townships, which was done May 10, 1803, and from that time until the organization of Xenia township the few pioneers then living at what is now known as Xenia voted at the house of William I. Stewart at Ceasarsville, going out the trail now known as the Wilmington pike.

In making arrangements to remove from the old court house some very valuable old papers have been found, which help to tell some of the stories of the past. Among them one which tells the names of the commissioners that had been appointed by the legislature to locate the permanent county seat of Greene county. They were Ichabod B. Helsey, Balden Apsby and William McClelland. The same commissioners acted as such for Montgomery county.

Step by step, as it were, we have sought

to show the authority for every move that was taken to organize the county of Greene "in the beginning." And now we come to the time when the permanent county seat had been chosen, and will proceed to tell how the said county seat came to be called "Xenia," and by whom named.

A few months ago the compiler of this sketch had the pleasure of meeting at Springfield, Ohio, Mrs. Maria Stone, youngest daughter of General Benjamin Whiteman. Although in her ninety-third year, her mind was as clear as a perfect sounding bell when it came to talking of the long ago. It was with pleasure that we sat and listened as she gave her recollections of the christening or giving a name to the new seat of justice for the county of Greene, as she said she had heard her father tell time and again.

She remembered to have heard him speak of the time that he and his father-in-law, Owen Davis, and his good wife, Laticia Davis, had received an invitation from Joseph C. Vance, John Paul, William A. Beatty and others, to meet with them at the "cross-roads" (where Main street now intersects Detroit), and assist in giving a name for the new seat of justice that had been selected and laid out by Joseph C. Vance. Of course, the invitation was accepted, and the General and his family were present that day with other pioneers who had been also invited, and there was somewhat of a crowd. Many names were proposed; among them were the names of Washington, Wayne and Greenville. And it is also said that at this time there was a stranger, a scholarly-looking man, who stepped forward and said: "Gentlemen, allow me to suggest a name for your county town. In view of the kind and hospitable

manner in which I have been treated whilst a stranger to most of you, allow me to suggest the name of "Xenia," taken from the Greek, and signifying hospitality.

The name was accepted and placed among the names that were about to be balloted for. Several ballots were taken, and at last a tie between Xenia and another name which she could not recall. Out of compliment to Owen Davis, Mrs. Stone's grandfather, and who was also the owner of the building where the first courts of Greene county were held, and also the first miller in Beavercreek township, and a few years after the first miller in Miami township, near the present town of Clifton, Mrs. Davis was allowed to cast a vote, which vote was in favor of Xenia. And it is said that the stranger, as he started to ride away, after hearing the ballot was decided in favor of the name he had given, said, "Gentlemen, I thank you for deciding in favor of Xenia." That stranger was the Rev. Robert Armstrong, who one year later became the pastor of the Massiescreek and Sugarcreek associate congregations of Greene county.

The object of this sketch is facts and not tradition. In this version we have ample proof of the statements made of its correctness. James E. Galloway, yet living (May, 1900), says he remembers to have heard his father, Major James Galloway, Jr., speak time and again of the circumstance as above related. In the records of the court held December term, 1803, we find that Rev. Robert Armstrong took out license to solemnize a marriage. That was about one year previous to his coming to settle permanently in this county, and while here he was called on for the purpose of joining a happy couple, and before doing so had to have a license.

In the Cincinnati Commercial, under date of April, 1854, also comes the following from Miami University, signed "M." which gives the same story with some slight changes. This writer claimed to have been a son of one of the early settlers of Xenia:

"The place contained a few houses, yet it aspired to the dignity of a town, and commissioners, or whosoever's business it was, had assembled at the tavern to decide on a name; many names were proposed, some whiskey drank, and the afternoon spent, but on no name could they agree; the evening came and went, and yet they were undecided. In the meantime a stranger had put up at the tavern, and his manner and dress bespoke one of education; they agreed that to him should be left the name for the village. The stranger was informed of their decision, and consenting to the arrangement promised them a name in the morning. Breakfast being over, the name was requested. He gave them 'Xenia,' saying it was a Greek word meaning 'hospitality,' and that he gave it in consideration of his hospitable reception while a stranger in their midst."

By an act of the general assembly of the state of Ohio, passed February 14, 1804, the office of county commissioner was created as it stands to-day. The first commissioner under this act was elected on the first Monday in April, 1804. They held their first court for the transaction of the business of the county in the following June, and at that meeting the following record was made: "At the house of Peter Borders, in Beaver-creek township, June, 1804. Jacob Smith, James Snowden and John Sterrett, Gents., produced certificates of their being duly elected commissioners for the county of

Greene, and then there was a court held by the board of commissioners for said county, and John Paul was appointed clerk of said board of commissioners, and said commissioners cast lots for rank; Jacob Smith drew for three years, John Sterrett for two years and James Snowden for one year."

#### ORGANIZATION OF XENIA TOWNSHIP.

August 20, 1805, James Collier, John Sterrett and James McCoy and others presented a petition to the board of commissioners, at that time in session, for the above purpose, and was so ordered as follows:

It is considered by the board of commissioners that there shall be one township organized out of parts of Ceasarscreek and Beaver-creek townships.

All that part of Beaver-creek township east of the Little Miami and above the mouth of Massies creek, thence with Beaver-creek township, to the east corner of Sugar-creek township, thence with the Sugar-creek line to the mouth of Anderson's fork, thence up the main fork of Ceasarscreek with the meanderings thereof to the east line of said county; thence north with said line to the northeast corner, thence west to the Miami, thence down the river to the beginning, which shall be called and known by the name of Xenia township. The first election shall be held at the house of William A. Beatty in Xenia. Previous to this the elections have been held at the house of William I. Stewart, Ceasarscreek township, at Ceasarsville, near the present residence of Mr. Pad Peterson.

In the year 1807 Moses Collier was appointed to take the enumeration of the white males in Xenia township above the age of



twenty-one years; the following is the result:

William Aldridge, Littleberry Aldridge, John Allen, William Allen, William Allen, Jr., Samuel Alexander, Samuel Anderson, James Anderson, William Anderson, John H. Anderson, John Anderson, Daniel Anderson, John Alexander, Mathew Alexander, Angelo Adams, Ephram Adams, William A. Beatty, Bartholomew Berra, William Bull, Sr., James Bull, Richard Bull, Thomas Bull, John Bull, John Boyd, David Boyd, Robert Boggess, Elias Bromagen, Daniel Boyle, Jonathan Brown, James Barkley, James Bunton, Henry Baldwin, James Bonner, David S. Bonner, Frederick Bonner, Elisha Bales, Jonathan Bales, John D. Burrel, James Bruce, Samuel Brazelton, James Butler, Samuel Bone, William Burnside, George Boblett, Elbrannah Bramlete, Henry Bray, Samuel Creswell, Walter Creswell, William Campbell, Daniel Cotrell, Jacob Cutler, Benjamin Cutler, James Collier, Moses Collier, Joseph Conklin, Andrew Cronk, John Chambers, Cornelius Collins, Jesse Duncan, Elgin Driskell, Owen Davis, John Donnelly, Andrew W. Davison, John Dooley, Elijah Embree, Thomas Embree, John Ellis, William Ellis, William A. Ellis, George D. Edge, William Edge, Michael Fullum, John Fries, Josiah Grover, Benjamin Grover, James Gowdy, Samuel Gowdy, Robert Gowdy, Samuel Gamble, William Gordon, William Gibson, Andrew Gibson, John Gregg, John Graham, Joseph Graham, Thomas Godfrey, Gray Gary, John Good, John Galloway, John Gaddis, Mathew Hillis, James Hillis, Sampson Hillis, David Hillis, John Hillis, Henry Haynes, Benjamin Hanes, James Hale, Jacob Helmick, Joseph Hamill, Robert Hamill, Enos Hol-

land, John A. Hoop, Tinsley Heath, James Hickman, William Horney, James Haynes, Hank Inman, John Irwin, James Junkin, William Junkin, William Johnson, Arthur Johnson, Reuben Johnson, Philip Jackson, Joseph Kyle, Sr., Joseph Kyle, Samuel Kyle, William Kendall, David Laughead, Abraham Larue, Benjamin Lard, James Lyon, James Loyd, John Loyd, Samuel Lyon, William Lenard, David Mitchell, John Mitchell, James Miller, Jacob Miller, William Miller, Horatio Maxey, Bennett Maxey, James Morrow, John Milton, John Mattox, James Merryfield, John Marshall, William Morgan, John Morgan, Evan Morgan, Isaac Maitland, George Merryman, Richard Mendenhall, John Mendenhall, Aaron Mendenhall, Charles Moore, William McFarland, John McFarland, John McFarland, Jr., Robert McFarland, Alexander McCoy, Sr., David McCoy, Francis McCoy, Robert McCoy, James McCoy, John McCoy, Alexander McCoy, Jr., Daniel McMillan, Isaiah McDonald, Dempsey McDonald, Levet McDonald, Wilson McDonald, William McClelland, Adset McGuire, John McClure, Jacob Nisonger, James Neeley, Sr., James Neeley, Jr., Michael Peterson, Thomas Perkins, Joseph Porter, John Porter, Samuel Picklehimer, William Price, David Price, Eli Pendry, John Paul, Jonathan Paul, Henry Phenix, Henry Phillips, John R. Robins, Stephen Roper, Alexander Ross, Conrad Richards, Arnold Richards, John Ruth, William Ruth, Samuel Ruth, Andrew Scott, Moses Scott, John Stull, William Stanton, Jacob Steele, Hezekiah Saunders, Calvin Sayer, Thomson Simpson, James Small, Michael Spencer, Joseph Spencer, John Stevens, James Stevens, John Street, Rev. John Sale, Frederick Shigley, John

Shigley, John Sterritt, Joseph Sterritt, William Stanfield, James Stephenson, William Stephenson, Thomas Townsley, Sr., John Townsley, Sr., William Townsley, John Tucker, Joel Thornburg, James Towler, Isaac Vandeventer, Remembrance Williams, John Williams, Jonathan Wallace, Jonathan H. Wallace, Thomas Whalen, James White, William Wade, George Wade, William Witty, John Wilson, Joseph Wilson, Stephen Winter, James Winter, Jesse Watson, John Watson, Arthur Watts, Edward Watts.

At the time Xenia township was organized the following were then in office in Greene county: John Paul was clerk of courts and county recorder; William Maxwell was sheriff; James Galloway, Sr., was treasurer of the county; and the county commissioners were Jacob Smith, James Snowden and John McClain; the county surveyor was James Galloway, Jr.; and the associate judges were Benjamin Whiteman and James Barrett, Sr. James Galloway, Sr., acted as treasurer of Greene county from the time of his appointment in 1803 until the middle of June, 1819, when he gave way to Ryan Gowdy. John Hivling never was treasurer, neither was James Popenoe, but were simply tax collectors. They were both sheriffs at the time they were said to have been treasurers of the county, and as such were collectors of taxes.

#### BATH TOWNSHIP.

Bath township was organized March 3, 1807, being taken from the territory of Bearcreek, its south line originally, as now, running east and west along the north boundary of the fifth of sections in the seventh

range of townships. This line is one mile south of the village of Byron, extending from the west line of the county east to the Little Miami river. The township included all the territory west of the Little Miami river between this line and what was then the south line of Champaign county. Bath township therefore extended two miles south of the present village of Osborn, and it included nearly all of what is now Mad River and Green townships in Clark county, also the northwest corner of Madison township in the same county.

The first election in this township was at the house of Andrew Reed, April 29, 1807, for the purpose of electing two justices of the peace, which resulted in Andrew Reed being selected for the western portion of the township and Thomas Fream for the eastern portion, but both had quarters at what is now the village of Yellow Springs.

Mr. David Sleeth had been appointed to take the enumeration of all the free white males over the age of twenty-one years, and the following are the names of those he found in the new township of Bath: James Andrew, Hugh Andrew, William Anderson, John Anderson, John Adams, Darrow Aims, Zachariah Archer, Samuel Aldridge, John Blue, Sr., John Blue, Robert Blue, David Blue, John Black, George Brown, Samuel Brown, Robert Bell, John Burgess, Samuel Butler, Enoch Bots, Richard Bennett, Jacob Beall, John Badley, James Beck, Oding Barton, Thomas Barnes, John Buffanbarger, Joshua Bozarth, John Barton, Thomas Barton, George Botkins, Adam Chambers, James Chambers, Joseph Carpenter, Christopher Carpenter, John Carpenter, Isaac Cruzan, Job Clemens, John Casad, Sr., John Casad, Jr., Aaron Casad, Jacob Casad, Sr..

Jacob Casad, Jr., Samuel Casad, Abraham Classmire, Isaac Clemens, John Crumb, John Cromwell, John Galloway, Ezra Clark, John Cox, Josiah Carson, Dennis Dunn, Benjamin Deveer, Mathew Dinsmore, John Driscall, Robert Davis, Daniel Davis, Robert Dewitt, George Drummond, Abraham Enlow, William Emmitt, Robert Flack, Edward Flood, Jonathan Flood, Benjamin French, John Forgy, James Forgy, Daniel Foley, Arthur Forbes, Thomas Fream, William Freele, William Forqueor, Jonas Forqueor, George Foulk, John Goldsby, Edward Goldsby, William Goldsby, Bridge M. Goldsby, John Goldsby, Sr., James Grimes, Samuel Grimes, John Grimes, William Gregory, James M. Galloway, David Grummen, James Grummen, Nimrod Haddix, William Haddix, John Hall, Jacob Hall, Richard Hall, William Hamilton, Frederick Hosier, Peter Hosier, Ezekel Hopping, Jeremiah Hopping, Moses Hopping, David Hopping, George Harner, Charles Heffley, Samuel Hulie, Jacob Harbine, David Humphrey, James Johnston, Sr., James Johnston, Jr., William Johnston, Arthur Johnston, George Kerken-dale, Adam Koogler, Solomon Kershner, Sr., Solomon Kershner, Jr., John Knox, Solomon Kelley, William Low, John Lee, Warton Lampton, Justice Luce, Benjamin Luce, Elisha Ladley, John Lardee, Jacob M. Marshall, George Minral, Jonathan Mercer, Robert Mercer, James Miller, Benjamin Miller, Martin Miller, James Miller, Sr., Christy Miller, Aaron Miller, William Martin, John Martin, William Mears, Daniel Moore, Richard Moore, Sr., Richard Moore, Jr., John Morgan, Charles McGuire, John McCullough, William McClure, Mathias McClure, John McKage, Joseph McCord, William McKenzie, Joseph McCune, Alex-

ander McNary, Alexander McHugh, Samuel McKenney, John McPherson, John McGillard, Sr., John McGillard, Jr., James McDormit, Mr. McDermont, John Nelson, Phillip Petro, Nicholas Petro, Paul Petro, William Pasel, Andrew Reid, Jess Rush, Jacob Rush, John Rue, John Rosegrant, Jacob Ryan, David Read, Jacob Rudy, Henry Sidensticker, Sebastian Shroufe, Sr., Sebastian Shroufe, Jr., Christian Shroufe, Samuel Stewart, John Stewart, Isaac Stout, John Sleeth, David Sleeth, John Smith, Mathias Smith, William Smith, Spencer Smith, Thomas Seamore, Samuel Stites, Evers Stevens, Borxeen Stout, George Shannon, Elijah Stibbons, Francis Sipe, William Stevens, Simon Shover, Samuel Shoup, Jacob Stoker, William Stoker, Joseph Tatman, James Tatman, Peter Taylor, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Taylor, David Taylor, Henry Taylor, John Templeton, Joseph Tole, Jacob Trubee, John Trubee, Silas Trobridge, John Tingley, Christopher Trubee, Macajey Tole, Joseph Wadkins, Richard Wise, Zibbee Winget, Samuel Winget, Reuben Winget, Jacob Wilson, John Wilson, Michael Wilson, Christian Wilson, Valentine Wilson, Robert Wolburn, Benjamin Whiteman, Ebenezer Wheeler, George Wolf, John Wolf, John Wolf, Andrew Westfall, Jacob Vandevanter, Peter Vandevanter, Cornelius Vandevanter.

#### MIAMI TOWNSHIP.

Miami township was organized on the 8th day of June, 1808, being taken from Bath and Xenia townships. Its northwest corner was in the present Mad River township, Clark county, in the south line of Champaign county, two miles north of the



present northeast corner of Bath township. From this point the west line of Miami extended south seven miles to the southern line of Bath township: thence it extended east to the east line of the county. The present southern line of Miami is part of the original line. Extend the present southern line of Miami two miles west and then east to the east line of the county and we shall have the original line. Miami township then included in what is now Greene county, the northern portions of what is now Cedarville and Ross townships, and in Clark county about one-third of Mad River township, all of Greene and one-half of Madison township. The first election was held in the house of David S. Brodick at Yellow Springs.

The enumeration was taken by James Stewart, lister, of Miami township, in 1808, and is as follows: John Adams, John Ambler, John Anderson, William Anderson, William Andrew, William Alban, Thomas Barnes, William Berry, John Berry, Thomas Barton, John Blue, David S. Brodrick, Owen Batman, James Beck, Widow Bradfute, Widow Curry, Elizabeth Currie, William Cotren, Cornelius Collins, John Calloway, Widow Dewitt, Owen Davis, Rachel Duffy, Robert Davis, Ephram Enlow, William Edge, Thomas Freeman, Arthur Forbes, William Freal, Daniel Foley, Michael Folm, John Garlough, David Garrison, John Gowdy, Mathew Gibson, Widow Goldsby, Sarah Goldsby, John Goldsby, George Goldsby, Edward Goldsby, John Graham, David Hopping, Ezekiel Hopping, Samuel Hulic, David Humphreyville, Christopher Huling, Joseph Huston, Jacob Hubble, William Johnson, John Knox, Elisha Leslie, Justice Luse, Christopher Lightfoot, George Logan,

Daniel Mann, Maurice Miller, Benjamin Miller, Jacob Miller, John Morland, Sr., John Morland, Jr., William Morland, William M. Martin, James Martin, Robert Mitchell, Andrew Moodie, William Miers, John McClelland, Alexander McCullough, Moses Napp, William Passel, Michael Peterson, Alexander Russell, Conrad Richards, Abraham Runion, John Riley, John Ray, John Rosegrant, John Stewart, Samuel Stewart, James Stewart, Abraham Stout, Isaac Stout, Sebastian Shrouf, Christopher Shrouf, Evan Stevens, Francis Sipe, Henry Taylor, George Taylor, Cornelius Vandevanter, Isaac Vandevanter, David Vance, John Vance, John Walker, Robert Walburn, James Willetts, Ebenezer Wheeler, John Williams, James Stewart, lister of Miami township in 1809. The above were all tax payers at that date.

#### SILVERCREEK TOWNSHIP.

Silvercreek township was organized March 4, 1811, being taken from Ceasarscreek and Xenia townships, the greater part from Ceasarscreek. Its southwest corner was in the southern line of the county, one mile east of the old Ross county line; that is seven miles west of the southeast corner of the county; thence it extends north eight miles, thence east seven miles to the east line of the county; thence south with said county line to the southeast corner of the county; thence west to the place of beginning. Its northern limit originally was the same as that at present; it included all of what is now Jefferson township, and the eastern part of Spring Valley, about one-fourth of the township. The first election was held at the house of Noah Strong in

said township. At the organization of Jasper township, the 9th of June, 1853, a portion of Silvercreek township was added to the aforesaid township, and again on the 7th day of June, 1858, Jefferson township was taken entirely from Silvercreek township.

Previous to the formation of this township there had been an election precinct at Bowersville. The petitioners for the new township were mostly from that part of the township. By the formation of this township, Silvercreek was reduced in size one-half and to its present boundary.

In 1813 James Bryan took the enumeration for taxable purposes, and reported as tax payers for the year 1813: James Bryan, Morison Bryan, Herman Browder, Jonathan Browder, William Browder, Thomas Browder, Daniel Browder, Ezekiel Bess, George Bone, Cornelius Curzen, John Campbell, Lemuel Cotrell, Hiram Cottrell, John Curry, Lewis Chance, Thomas Chaner, John Copeland, William Copeland, Edward Chaney, David Davis, Andrew Downey, Christopher Ellis, Bazel Foster, William Gilmore, Uriah Hunt, William Hibben, John Hoblet, Stephen Hussey, Mary Hussey, Nathan Hussey, Samuel Johnson, John W. Johnson, Michael M. Johnson, Joseph Johnson, John S. Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Moorman Johnson, Jesse Kelsey, Joseph Lucas, Thomas Lenard, Nathaniel Lenard, Samuel Lee, Andrew Moorman, Pleasant Moorman, Thomas P. Moorman, Chiles Moorman, Macajah C. Moorman, Thomas Moorman, Sr., Aaron Mendenhall, Martin Mendenhall, Stephen Mendenhall, John Myers, Michael Mann, James Medley, John Mickle, Mary Mulnick, John Oliver, Ebenezer Perry, Thomas Palmer, John Pearson,

Jacob Rumbaugh, George Rumbaugh, Asher Reeves, Malon Stratton, George Shaner, Sr., George Shaner, Jr., Adam Shaner, John Sheeley, Michael Sheeley, William Saunders, Noah Strong, George W. Strong, Robert Stewart, James Stewart, Malon Suard, William Skates, William Stanberry, Hureules Turner, Walter Turner, Levi Townsend, Abraham Townsend, Richard Thornberry, John Watson, Sr., John Watson, Jr., David Watson, Stephen Williams, Joseph Wilson, Sr., Joseph Wilson, Jr., George Wilson, Edward Warren, Eleanor Wood, Phillip Wikle, Abraham Young.

#### ROSS TOWNSHIP.

Ross township was organized on the same day with Silvercreek, March 4, 1811. It was taken entirely from Xenia township, and is bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Silvercreek township, it extended north to the south line of Miami, a distance of nearly six miles, thence east with the Miami line to the east line of the county; thence south to the northeast corner of Silvercreek; thence west to the place of beginning. Since its organization in 1811 a portion of Cedarville township has been taken from it, and a portion of Miami added to it. In form it was originally a rectangle, seven miles in length from east to west, and nearly six miles in width from north to south. The first election was held at the house of John Bozarth.

From the old records of the county we find that Wilson McDonald, as lister, took the enumeration of taxable property in said township May 26, 1813, and from his returns we gather the following names as to who the residents of the township were at

the aforesaid date: Daniel Burrous, John Bozarth, Joshua Bozarth, David Brown, John Bergin, Benjamin Bloomer, Margaret Baal, William Burk, Isaac Bice, John Campbell, William Campbell, Benjamin Cutler, John Cullum, Andrew Cronk, Michael Casada, Joel Dolby, Andrew Douglas, Edward Flood, Sr., Jonathan Flood, Edward Flood, Jr., Upton Farmer, Jacob Follis, John Ferguson, William Ferguson, William Frasier, Mary Farmer, William Farmer, Frederick Goodheart, Angeline Gilmore, Abel H. Gibson, John Harrow, Samuel Herrod, Benjamin Harner, Alexander Irvin, Arthur Johnson, David Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, Isaac Johnson, Reuben Johnson, James Junkin, William Junkin, Phillip Jackson, James White, John Watson, Jr., John Watson, Sr., William Wilson, Eliza Young, Aaron Lambert, John Lambert, Chancey Laurence, John Mercer, William Miller, Wilson McDonald, Reuben McDonald, Robert McFarland, Jacob Paullin, Rebecca Paulin, Alexander Rowen, Robert Ross, James Ross, Isaiah Sutton, Ammoriah Sutton, John Sutton, James Selby, Boncan Stout, Aaron Saunders, Samuel Sheley, David Sheley, Monnos Shook, John Shigley, Michael Spencer, Sr., Michael Spencer, Jr., Francis Spencer, James<sup>d</sup> Stanford, Thomas Stanford, Rev. Moses Trader, Samuel Teel.

#### VANCE TOWNSHIP.

At a court held at the court house in Xenia, on the 31st day of October, 1812, there being present Thomas Hunter, Peter Pelham and Benjamin Grover, commissioners, it was ordered that Miami township be divided as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of section 30, in fifth township

on the north side of Greene county line, thence south with the section line to the Miami river, thence to the northwest corner of Ross township; thence with said township line to Greene, continuing thence with said county line to the place of beginning. The said new township shall be called and known by the name of Vance township. It was ordered that Samuel Kyle, Esq., do survey and lay off Vance township, agreeable to the above order, and make report thereof to the next court of commissioners. It was further ordered that the first meeting of the electors in Vance township for the purpose of electing township officers shall be at the house of Adam Peterson in said township on the first Monday of November next.

On the 2d of January, 1812, Samuel Kyle reported as follows: "Pursuant to an order from the honorable board of commissioners of Greene county, I proceeded on the 31st day of December, 1812, to survey and lay off Vance township as follows, viz.: Beginning at a stake and white oak northeast corner to section No. 30 in township 5 and range 8, thence south with the line of this section (crossing a branch at three miles and seventeen poles, and the north fork of the Little Miami three miles and 143 poles, again at three miles and 169 poles) four miles and 135 poles to the Little Miami river; thence south seventeen, east two miles, 202 poles to three elms and a burr oak, corner to Ross township; thence east seven miles to three white oaks in the line of Greene county, corner also to Ross township, thence north (crossing east fork of the Little Miami at three miles and 255 poles, and a branch at five miles and 129 poles) seven miles to a black oak, white oak and hickory, corner to Greene county; thence west



(crossing a branch at 136 poles, and the north fork of the Little Miami at six miles and 196 poles) seven miles and 242 poles to the beginning."

May 26, 1813, Jephtha Johnston completed the work of taking the enumeration of the aforesaid township for taxable purposes, as follows: Charles Arthur, Charles Alsop, John Bacock, John Branson, George Buffenbarger, Mathew Bolen, John Briggs, Richard Bloxsom, William Brooks, Abraham Bash, Jacob Bowman, Isaac Cooper, Thomas Cooper, Lenard Cane, John Callo-way, James Curtis, Robert Davis, Peter Dewitt, Elisha Dewitt, William Edgar, Michael Fallum, Alexander Foster, Daniel Griffin, William Gowdy, John Garlough, Sr., John Garlough, Jr., Prudence Gibson, George Hembleman, James Hays, William Harpole, George Humphreys, Richard Ivers, Jephtha Johnston, Jacob Knave, Christopher Lightfoot, Thomas Mills, Lewis Mills, Jacob Miller, George Miller, William Marshall, William Moreland, Robert Mitchell, George Nagley, Sr., John Nagley, Henry Nagley, William Paullin, Ebenezer Paddick, Solomon Peterson, Adam Peterson, Michael Peterson, John Pollock, Conrad Richards, John Reese, Owen Reese, John Ross, Abner Robertson, James Stewart, John T. Stewart, Samuel Stewart, Seth Smith, John Standley, George Stepleton, Moses Scott, Joseph Thornbury Uriah Thornbury, William Thompson, Thomas Thornbury, Isaac Vandeventer, David Vance, Joseph Vance, John Vance, Ephraim Vance, William Vandolah, Richard Vickers, Robert Walburn, Merida Wade, John Willet, George Weaver, Sr., George Weaver, Jr., John Wilson, Anna Wilson, Joseph Wilson, John Walter.

## AN OLD-TIME CONSENT AS TO MARRIAGE.

January 25th, 1816.

This may certify that John B. Lawrance, of Ross township, Greene county, applied to me for my "Consent" to join in matrimony with my Daughter Armelia Vickers, of Vance Township, County of Greene. I have therefore granted the above John B. Lawrance, his request, to marry my Daughter in a Lawful manner agreeable to an act made and found for such cases. Therefore you may grant said License for the above named purpose, without any doubt of being called in question in any further period.

Given under my hand and Seal the day and year first written in pursuance of its being done in Vance Township, Greene County.

RUTH VICKERS.

(Signed) JOHN B. LAWRENCE.

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CEDARVILLE TOWNSHIP.

Cedarville township was organized on the 6th day of December, 1850. It was taken from the townships of Xenia, Ceasars-creek, Ross and Miami; it was the first township organized with very irregular boundary lines, and therefore created corresponding irregularity in the boundary lines of the townships out of which it was taken. This township has been changed but little since its first organization.

In 1848, when an effort was made to form the township of Cedarville, some citizens of Ross objected to the measure, entering a vigorous protest against it, the parties making this protest saying to the commissioners: "Our reasons we will fully

set forth in your presence, only adding here that we are not willing to have any of our township cut off, which is already too small, to gratify the caprice or spleen of any."

The commissioners ordered a notice to be given in three different public places of an election of three trustees, a clerk and a treasurer to be held on the 21st day of December, 1850, in the town of Cedarville, at the house of John W. Walker.

#### NEW JASPER TOWNSHIP.

New Jasper township was organized on the 9th day of June, 1853, being taken from the townships of Ceasarscreek and Xenia.

#### SPRINGVALLEY TOWNSHIP

Was organized into a township on the 3d day of December, 1856, being taken from Sugarcreek, Ceasarscreek and Xenia townships.

#### JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

Was organized on the 7th day of June, 1858, being taken entirely from Silvercreek township. Previous to its formation there had been an election precinct at Bowersville, and the petitioners for the new township were mostly from that part. By the formation of this, the last township in this county, Silvercreek was reduced in size about one-half.

#### JOHN PAUL, THE FOUNDER OF XENIA, OHIO.

John Paul was clerk of the courts of Greene county from 1803 to 1808. It is a source of regret that more care had not been taken to preserve the history of the early

pioneers of our county of Greene. We have the statement in a few words. "John Paul donated to the town of Xenia and county of Greene the ground for the public buildings," and again in answer to the question "Who was the founder of Xenia?" the answer is, "John Paul sold to the proper persons, who had been appointed to receive it, the two hundred and fifty-seven and three-fourths acres of ground which constituted the original corporation of Xenia." But who was John Paul, where did he come from, and what became of him? The compiler of this sketch had thought there would be no doubt but what our honored old townsmen, Thomas P. Townsley, could answer the aforesaid questions, but he said he could not. He said that when he made up his mind to marry he went to Pennsylvania and secured his "Paull," and that the founder of Xenia was no relation to his wife's people that he was aware of, he spelling his name Paul, whilst his wife's was Paull.

We gather the following from the records of Greene county: At the first organization of the county John Paul was at that time a resident of Beavercreek township, and at the first meeting of the associate judges at the "house of Peter Borders" for the purpose of laying off the county into townships John Paul was appointed as clerk of courts. In the minutes of said court, which was held on the 10th day of May, 1803, appears the following: "John Paul was appointed to act as clerk for said court, and took the oath of office," He continued to act as such until December 7, 1808, when we find in the minutes of a special court that had been called the following communication from Mr. Paul: "To the Commissioners of Greene County: Mr. Josiah Grover

will attend as clerk at your next meeting. and at the end of same you may proceed to choose another clerk in my place. Signed, John Paul."

Captain Benoni Nesbitt (now deceased) gives us a very interesting story of John Paul. He intimates that before the selection of a permanent site for the county seat had been determined, Mr. Paul was then residing in a cabin "down on Beaver," and while there he learned that the point selected for the site of the county seat was at the fork of Shawnee creek. He forthwith closed his cabin, and was away to see the parties who were agents for the land that would comprise the new county seat, from whom he purchased two thousand acres, which would take in all, and more, of the aforesaid county seat. We find on an examination of the records that the story of Captain Benoni has some foundation. In Vol. I, Records of Deeds, page 16, appears the following under date of June 7, 1803: "Bought of Thomas Richardson and wife Elizabeth, of Hanover county, Virginia," and goes on to describe the tract. Mr. Nesbitt was mistaken in the name of the party to the story, calling him Jonathan (see history of Greene county, page 425) instead of John. "Jonathan Paul entered the land that is now called the John B. Lucas farm (see Vol. No. 1, Deeds, page 542) and erected his cabin near where now the home of John B. Lucas stands. Jonathan Paul bought of Thomas Parker and his wife Sallie, of Frederick county, Virginia," and the deed is dated October 8, 1808. So it can readily be seen that John and Jonathan were not one and the same person. Jonathan was the youngest brother of Colonel John. Mr. Paul in his generous gift of the one and one-

half acres of ground to the town of Xenia and county of Greene for public buildings was not exorbitant in his price for the balance of the land, which he sold to the parties representing the new county seat for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the two hundred and fifty-seven and three-fourths acres which constituted the original corporation of Xenia. Yet while Mr. Paul was liberal, there is evidence to show that while he was a good clerk of courts for Greene county he was also a man of good business qualifications, and had an eye to reaping benefits in the future as the new town would grow and improve. We have evidence to show that he was what is called to-day in the west "a town boomer," and that he had much to do in having the county seat of Greene county located at this place.

In a map of Xenia which the compiler of this sketch has in his possession a number of lots all over the town are marked as the property of John Paul. Josiah Grover, his agent, was his brother-in-law.

From the best information that can be obtained Mr. Paul, soon after he resigned as clerk of courts of Greene county, removed to the present site of the city of Madison, Indiana, and became the founder of that city.

Among the records of this county is a transcript taken from the courts of Jefferson county, Indiana, in the year 1816, and certified to by John Paul, clerk of courts of Jefferson county, Indiana. In comparing the hand writing it is the same as our John Paul's, ex-clerk of courts of Greene county. In addition to this is evidence taken from the Cincinnati Gazette of some correspondent who had been a former resident of this county (and who does not give his name),



but does give some very interesting pen pictures of some of the early residents of Xenia. Of Mr. Paul he says: "He was the original proprietor of Xenia, Ohio, and also of Madison, Indiana, and that he was a pioneer from Kentucky. A man of great enterprise, and was for several years the intelligent and active clerk of courts of Greene county, Ohio." He was also the father-in-law of Governor William Hendricks, who was an honor to the state in which he lived, and filled the office of a legislator, governor, representative and senator in congress with ability and rare integrity; and who, with his pioneer father-in-law, John Paul, the proprietor of two flourishing cities in Ohio and Indiana, sleeps in death in the cemetery in Madison, Indiana.

Many of the early settlers of Greene county followed Mr. Paul to Madison and located there and in that vicinity. Major George Gordon moved him to that place in 1809.

In fixing the date when Mr. Paul first came to Greene county, Ohio, we quote from his family history: "In 1794 he was married to Miss Sarah Thornberry Grover, sister of Josiah Grover, the second clerk of courts of Greene county, at Danville, Kentucky. They had four children, the first child, Mary Berry, dying when quite young. The next child, Ann Parker, was born in Kentucky (Hardin county) March 18, 1799. John P., the next child, was born in what is now Greene county, Ohio, December 23, 1800, which is near the time he first came and purchased of the United States the land known to-day (1900) as 'Trebein's,' three miles northwest of the Little Miami river. And it was Colonel John Paul who was the

first to harness the waters of the aforesaid river to get power to run his grist and saw-mill at that point, and it was then known as "Paul's Mill." At the close of the year 1802 the territorial government was overthrown, and the state government established. Accordingly representatives were chosen to formulate a state constitution, and take steps for admission to the union of states. Mr. Paul, then living in that part of Hamilton county which was soon to be Greene county, was chosen as one of the representatives, and helped to formulate the first constitution of the state, under which we lived for nearly one-half a century. Colonel John Paul was also a member of the senate of the first legislature that convened at the town of Chillicothe, March 1, 1803. He had also a near neighbor of his in the house of the legislature in the person of William Maxwell, who was chosen as one of the first associate judges of Greene county." This brings his history down to the time he was chosen as clerk of courts May 10, 1803.

Colonel John Paul was the fourth child and second son of Michael Paul and Ann Parker, who were married at Germantown, Pennsylvania, about the year 1751 or 1752. Michael Paul was a native of Holland. The time and place of his birth are unknown, as is also the date of his emigration to this country, and the fact as to whether he came alone or with others of his family. However, it is known that he had two brothers who lived at the same place, Germantown, Pennsylvania. He left Germantown in the year 1766 or 1767 and went to Red Stone (Old Fort) now Brownsville, Pennsylvania. From there he went to what is

now West Virginia, and from there in 1781 to Hardin county, Kentucky, where he died in 1801.

Ann Parker, wife of Michael Paul, was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, in 1724. She belonged to the order of Dunkards. She was a cousin to Rev. Samuel Davis, D. D., a noted Presbyterian preacher of that day, and president of one of the early theological schools of Pennsylvania or New Jersey, perhaps at Princeton. She died in Hardin county, Kentucky, in June, 1813, at the age of eighty-nine. They were the parents of seven children, John, the subject of this sketch, being the fourth. He was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1758, and died June 6, 1830, in Madison, Indiana. He went with his father to Brownsville and to Virginia, and afterward to Kentucky. In the year 1778 he went with the expedition of Gen. George Roger Clark, in the campaign against the Indians in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The expedition went by boats from Louisville, Kentucky, to Kaskaskia, Illinois. When they debarked at Kaskaskia the soldiers had to walk for a good distance in water up to the armpits, carrying their guns and powder horns above their heads to keep them dry, before reaching the fort. In 1794 he was married to Miss Sarah Thornberry Grover, at Danville, Kentucky. She was born in or near Baltimore, Maryland, March 21, 1775, and went to Kentucky with her parents somewhere in the decade of 1780. They had four children, Mary Berry, the oldest, dying when quite young. In 1809 Col. Paul left Xenia and came to the Indiana territory, landing with his family at the point where Madison now stands, October 6, 1809. Previous to this he had gone to the "Vendue" of public

lands at Vincennes, where he bought the land upon which New Albany now stands. Upon this trip home from that sale he stopped at this purchase to fix a home, but concluding that it was an unhealthy locality he prospected along the river for a more healthy situation. He decided upon the present site of Madison as being the best suited to his wishes, and went home to Ohio to await the opening of the sales at Jeffersonville, where this land was to be sold.

In the spring of 1809 he went to the sale and bought the land, and returned home and arranged for the immediate removal of his family to this place, where he afterward lived until his death.

Colonel Paul was a man full of the milk of human kindness. His benefactions in the way of property for public uses are seen all along the pathway of his life. In Xenia, Ohio, he gave the site for the courthouse. In Madison, the ground for the old graveyard, on Third street, the site for Wesley chapel, now the opera house. In Ripley county, Indiana, the ground for the graveyard in Versailles, and ground for the academy.

He was a practical surveyor and a very good judge of the quality of the land, as is proven by the fact that a great many tracts of the best land in this county and Ripley were bought by him from the United States Government. He was a man endowed by nature with all of the elements of a leader among men, and he was one. In this day and generation he would have been called an athlete on account of his activity, strength and powers of endurance. He was tall, of fine, attractive physique; he had a commanding appearance; kind-hearted; he was gentle in manner to all, tender to those in dis-

tress; magnanimous, he was generous to a fault, always a friend to the poor and helpless, and ready to lift up and help forward young men. He was beloved by his friends and respected by all who knew him, even by his enemies, for like all men of positive character, he had them. He was an energetic business man, and engaged in farming, milling and real estate business.

He was the first representative in the territorial assembly from a part of Clark county, Indiana, and was a member of the legislature after that county was organized. He was elected a senator from Switzerland and Jefferson counties, Indiana, to the first legislature of the state, which convened at Corydon, Monday, November 4, 1816. He was called to the chair of the senate as chairman *pro tempore*, and was the first presiding officer of the senate. He was the first clerk and recorder of Jefferson county, Indiana, which office he held for many years.

Col. John Vawter, in a letter written in 1850, says of Colonel Paul: "He was one of George Roger Clarke's men in the expedition against the British posts at Detroit, Michigan, and Kaskaskia, Illinois." He was at the capture of Vincennes, February 24, 1779.

At the time he located in this county his family consisted of himself, his wife, Miss Ruth Grover, who was a niece of his wife, and who made her home with them, and their three children. The eldest, Ann Parker, was born March 18, 1799, in Hardin county, Kentucky. John P., who was born in Greene county, Ohio, December 23, 1800, and Sarah G., who was born March 21, 1802, in Greene county. Ann Parker was married May 29, 1816, to William Hendricks. From this union were born nine

children. She died September 12, 1887, in the eighty-ninth year of her age. John Porter Paul was a graduate of Washington College and became a surveyor. He was married to a Miss Eliza Meek. He died in September, 1835, in Clark county, Indiana, in the thirty-fifth year of his age. Sarah G. Paul was married three times. Her first husband was Dr. Robert Cravens, who died leaving one son, Judge John R. Cravens, of Madison, Indiana, who is now deceased. Her second husband was Dr. Samuel M. Goode, who died leaving one son, now living in Madison, Indiana, and known as Dr. Goode. Her third husband was B. C. Stevenson, a Methodist preacher. She died in September 14, 1877. Mrs. Paul, the mother of the family, died May 8, 1866, in the ninety-second year of her age.

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### GENERAL JOSEPH C. VANCE.

#### A SKETCH OF THE MAN WHO SURVEYED AND LAID OUT THE CITY OF XENIA.

An eventful life of usefulness, filled with exciting incidents. He was one of those sturdy old Scotch Presbyterians, and previous to emigrating to the Northwestern Territory was a resident of Washington county, Pennsylvania. A few years after the close of the war of the Revolution, he, with his family and property, embarked on a raft and commenced the journey down the Ohio. The trip was a dangerous one as well may be supposed. They were at times obliged to dodge the arrows shot at them by the wandering Indians, which came spinning over the water and fastened themselves



in the side of the boat. They frequently would wish themselves back in the old Keystone State, but to return would be as dangerous as to go ahead, which they did, and the southern shore of Kentucky was finally reached, and here for a time he resided. The war whoop and tomahawk and scalping knife were the greetings the savages gave to strangers, and the warmth of their receptions was hardly such as to lend enchantment to the whites. The first matter to attend to on landing was the erection of a block house, and here the neighbors met whenever there was an attack by the red men, which was oftentimes the case. At such times the General's family would be enlarged by the gathering of his neighbors for refuge and assistance.

In the early spring of 1797 Daniel Wilson (one of the early settlers in what is now Sugarcreek township, Greene county, Ohio), as he was returning to settle permanently on land near the village of Clio, which he had previously entered, overtook Joseph C. Vance and John Vance in the valley south of where Lebanon now stands. They were on their way to this locality, and hence were the first settlers where now is located the town of Bellbrook. Joseph entered the land extending along the east side of what is now Main street, Bellbrook, being part of Sections 31, 32 (3.5). He erected a log cabin on the site that used to be occupied by Willoughby & Davis as a carriage manufactory, on the southeast corner of Main and Walnut streets. This was the first building that was erected on the site now called Bellbrook, and it was built in the year 1797. It was the building which was to become historic on account of the use that was afterward made of it. This was the build-

ing that James Clancey a few years afterward purchased of Joseph C. Vance, and ran his first tavern—the place whereon the organization of the county into townships was selected as the place of holding elections, and where on the aforesaid occasions would assemble the pioneers, from one-half mile east of the present village of New Burlington to the Montgomery county line on the west to cast their ballots for the men of their choice for the different offices. And in that cabin was the place where Rev. Robert Armstrong, the pioneer associate preacher, preached the word of life in the fall of 1804, and on that occasion was for the first time sung the beautiful songs of the sweet singer of Israel, in that part of Greene county. Among the number on that occasion was Gen. Joseph C. Vance and family, John Vance, John and James McKnight (cousins of the McKnight's that came later); William and James Tanner, John Gowdy, Sr., and his son, Andrew, who was the father of Alexander, who is yet living (1900) on West Main street, Xenia; two Snodgrasses, two Snowdens (Jacob and James), Capt. Robert McClellan, John Torrence, John Hutchison, Abraham Van Eaton, Capt. Nathan Lamme, James Collier and others. In the first organization of the county into townships May 10, 1803, Joseph C. Vance was the first clerk of the Sugarcreek township. He was also one of the number that was selected to sit as a grand juror "on the body of Greene county," as the old records express it. August 3, 1803, Joseph C. Vance was appointed to survey the county seat, and lay off the town of Xenia. This he did the same season, and at the December term of the Court of Associate Judges received \$49.25 for his

services. He furnished chain men in making the survey, made a plat of the town and sold some lots. He was selected to act as director of said town and served in that capacity until Tuesday, August 27, 1805, when he resigned and William A. Beatty was appointed in his place. Mr. Vance previous to his resignation as director must have taken his departure from Xenia, for we find that according to our records Champaign county was organized February 20, 1805. In the history of said county it is said that Joseph C. Vance was selected as clerk of courts, and was the founder of the city of Urbana. His military title was acquired on account of services under Gen. George Roger Clarke against the combined British and Indian forces at the time of the Revolution. He lived a useful life, died and was buried at Buck Creek churchyard, six miles southeast of Urbana, Ohio. His son, Joseph Vance, was governor of Ohio from 1836 to 1838. At the time of his canvass for that office some of his boyhood companions in Bellbrook, Greene county, remembered "Joe," who used to drive an ox cart over the Pickney road, when he was a boy at home on the site of where Bellbrook was afterward built.

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### FRANCIS DUNLAVEY,

FIRST PRESIDING JUDGE OF GREENE COUNTY.

Francis Dunlavey was born near Winchester, Virginia, December 31, 1761. His father, Anthoney Dunlavey, came from Ireland about the year 1745, and afterward married Hannah White, sister to Judge Alexander White, of Virginia. Of this mar-

riage there were four sons and four daughters. Francis was the eldest of the sons. About the year 1772 the family removed from Winchester to what was supposed to be western Virginia, on the west of the Alleghany mountains, and settled near Catfish (Washington) in what is now Washington county, Pennsylvania. In this frontier settlement when the Revolutionary war broke out there was great exposure, as we have already seen, to Indian depredations. The men of the new settlements were constantly called upon to serve in longer or shorter tours of militia duty, which were considered essential to the safety of the frontiers. Mr. Dunlavey volunteered as a private on the 1st of October, 1776, under Capt. Isaac Cox; his lieutenant was David Steele. His company encamped in the woods at Holliday's Cove, on the Ohio river, opposite a large island in what is now Brooke county, West Virginia, now known as Brown's island, above Steubenville, Ohio, but below the mouth of Yellow creek. Here the company erected a chain of log cabins, block houses, and scouted in pairs up and down the river for the distance of twelve miles. This fort or station was on the line of defense from Fort Pitt to Gravel creek, erected as a protection to the border against the Indians. Mr. Dunlavey afterward remembered that he frequently saw at this post Col. John Gibson, of the Thirteenth Virginia Regiment, who supervised the several stations on the river. His tour of duty expired on the 20th of December, and he was then discharged. During the latter part of the service of this tour he, with others, was detached and sent down the river about twelve miles, where Decker's Fort was erected, and where a small settlement was protected while the



inhabitants gathered their corn. In July, 1777, Mr. Dunlavey served fourteen days in the militia at Fort Pitt as a substitute for his father, Anthoney Dunlavey, who had been drafted for a month and had served the first half of it. General Hand had just arrived at the post, unaccompanied by any troops. Notwithstanding Mr. Dunlavey was a militia man, he did duty in garrison under officers belonging to the regular army. Capt. Harry Heath had command of the post upon the arrival of Hand. Col. John Gibson and some of his regiment, Thirteenth Virginia, were in the garrison a short time. Captains Scott, Bell and Steele, well known about Pittsburg before, during and after the Revolutionary war, were in Fort Pitt at this time. Simon Girty was also present, then a subaltern. He seemed wholly taken up in intercourse with the Indians, many of whom were in and around the fort.

Mr. Dunlavey volunteered upon the 1st of March, 1778, for one month's service. The rendezvous was at Cox's Station, on Peter's creek. Colonels Isaac Cox and John Canon attended to organizing the men; but in eight days the militia relinquished their arms to some recruits for the regular army, who relieved them and they returned home to attend to putting in their crops.

On the 15th of August, 1778, Mr. Dunlavey was again drafted for one month, the place of meeting was Pittsburg. He served this tour under Lieut. John Springer, the troops being attached to the command of Captain Ferrol, lately from the seaboard, who had a company detached from the Thirteenth Virginia Regiment. This body of men ranged the woods, visiting the stations on the frontier line between Pittsburg and Wheeling, and finally relieving a com-

pany of militia from Hampshire county, Virginia, at the latter place, commanded by Capt. Daniel Cressap, brother of the celebrated Mike Cressap. Mr. Dunlavey was discharged at Pittsburg at the end of the month's service.

About the 5th of October he again entered the service. He went this time as a substitute for Andrew Flood, joining the company of Capt. John Crow. His battalion commander was Capt. Hugh Stevenson; regimental commander, Col. William Crawford. The army was then under the command of Brig.-Gen. Lachlin McIntosh. Mr. Dunlavey afterward remembered that Colonel Evans was commander of one of the militia regiments, and that there were also present Col. John Gibson, of the Thirteenth Virginia, and Daniel Broadhead, colonel of the Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment. It was this army that built Fort McIntosh at the mouth of Beaver creek. The army marched into the wilderness on the 5th of November, crossing the forks of the Muskingum, and building Fort Lawrence on the west bank of that river. He afterward returned to Fort McIntosh and was discharged on the 20th of December.

Mr. Dunlavey was again drafted on the 25th of August, 1779; the rendezvous, Fort Pitt. He was in camp three days at the "King's Orchard," on the Allegheny river. He then marched up that stream under Colonel Broadhead as chief officer, Colonel Gibson next in command. His captain was one Ellis. In this army were Lieuts. John Hardin, of the Thirteenth Virginia, and Samuel Brady, of the Eighth Pennsylvania, both afterwards famous in Indian warfare. John Monteur, a half-blood (son of Andrew Monteur, a Frenchman), a man of informa-

tion and education, but a great savage, accompanied the expedition, which consisted of about seven hundred whites, including some light horse, and about sixty Indians. Proceeding up the east bank of the Allegheny they crossed the Kiskiminitas, at its mouth, and a crooked creek, and came to Kittanning, where there was a garrison. The army lay several days at an old Indian town on the river about twelve miles above the Kittanning. They then marched up the river and crossed about fifteen miles below the mouth of French creek. They then crossed the latter stream and moved toward the Monsey towns, meeting and defeating a small body of Indians, some thirty or forty in number. Four or five of the Americans were wounded, among them Jonathan Zane, who was acting as pilot to the expedition. The Monsey villages were deserted. The army lay in the abandoned towns nearly a week, destroying several hundred acres of growing corn on the banks of the river. On their return a young man named John Ward was badly injured by a horse falling on a rock in a creek. This accident occurred in what is now Butler county, Pennsylvania, where there is a township and post office called Slippery Rock. Mr. Dunlavey was discharged September 29.

In the spring of 1782 Mr. Dunlavey was a student in Rev. Thaddeus Dodd's Latin and mathematical "log cabin" school at Ten-Mile, in Washington county, near Amity. He was then considered "a young man of superior talent and amiable disposition." He did not remain long in this school, for, in April of that year, he again volunteered against hostile Indians under a call from James Marshall, lieutenant of his county.

The men rendezvoused at Decker's Station, or Fort, on the east bank of the Ohio, one mile above Cross creek. After a few days the men were dismissed, a sufficient number to have undertaken any important movement not having assembled. He was absent from home only ten days. No sooner was the expedition against Sandusky announced than Mr. Dunlavey once more shouldered his rifle. By the 15th of May he had returned to Decker's Station. He soon after crossed the Ohio to Mingo Bottom, and, upon the organization of the army, was made a lieutenant in Capt. Craig Ritchy's company. After the return of Mr. Dunlavey from the Sandusky campaign, and as soon as the peace of the country permitted, he was sent to the Dickenson College. He was afterward a student of divinity under Rev. James Hoge, of Winchester, Virginia, and finally taught a classical school in that state, having several pupils who subsequently were distinguished for their talents and learning. About the year 1790 he moved with his father's family to Washington, Kentucky, or that neighborhood. In 1792 he came to Columbia, near Cincinnati, where he opened a classical school in connection with the late John Reiley, of Butler county, Ohio. This school was continued for several years. He afterward moved to Lebanon, Warren county. Mr. Dunlavey was twice a member of the legislature of the Northwestern territory. He afterward was elected to the convention that formed the first constitution of Ohio. He was a member of the first state legislature, and was subsequently chosen presiding judge of the court of common pleas of the first circuit, which office he held for fourteen years. The

counties of Hamilton, Butler, Montgomery, Greene, Warren and Clermont composed the first district.

In the old graveyard at Lebanon, Ohio, near the middle of the north boundary line, is the grave of this old hero. A modest looking monument bears the following inscription: "In memeor of Francis Dunlavey, who died October 6, 1839, aged seventy-eight years." He was among the first white men who entered the territory now forming Ohio, was a member of the territorial legislature and of the convention that framed the constitution of Ohio.

GEN. BENJAMIN WHITEMAN.

One of Greene county's first associate judges died July 1, 1852, at his residence near Clifton, Ohio, at the age of eighty-four years. He was born on the 12th of March, 1769, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; in 1782, and when about thirteen years of age, he emigrated to Kentucky about seven years after the first white settlement had been made there by Colonel Daniel Boone, and settled near Limestone, or Maysville, as it is now called. He was associated with Boone in defending the white settlements from the ruthless hands of the savages, enlisting and serving as a volunteer in General Harmer's campaign, and also in General Anthony Wayne's army, after the appointment of that gentleman by Washington as a successor of General St. Clair to the command of the army engaged against the Indians on our western frontier. In the month of March, 1792, he was in a desperate engagement with a party of Indians, headed by the gallant warrior, Tecumseh, in what is now Brown county, a few miles above where

the town of Williamsburg is now situated. Some horses had been stolen from Mason county, Kentucky; a party of men numbering thirty-six, commanded by that veteran Indian fighter, Simon Kenton, started in pursuit, General Whiteman being one of the party.

On the morning of the second day, after crossing the Ohio river, twelve of the men gave out and returned, the weather being extremely bad. About noon, the same day, they came on the Indian camp, and found them so numerous that the attack was deferred until night. They lay concealed until midnight, when the attack was made in three divisions, but the Indians stood their ground and returned the fire. The watch word of the Kenton men was "Boone," which being familiar with the Indians the name was shouted on all sides, and the combatants became blended together, as was also the watch-word. The night was dark and the flashing and roar of the rifles, the yells of the savages and the shouts of the attacking party made the scene awfully appalling. The Indians being re-enforced from a neighboring camp, Kenton ordered retreat, which was effected with the loss of but two men. The Indians had about one hundred men lost, fourteen killed and seventeen wounded.

In 1793, when about twenty-three, General Whiteman married the daughter of Owen Davis, the old miller down on Beaver creek, owner of the house of Peter Borders, Greene county, Ohio's, first court house, with whom he lived for a period of about fifty-nine years. The fruits of this marriage was a numerous and a very respectable family.

In the fall of 1799 he removed with his



young family to Greene county, Ohio, and settled near the mouth of Beaver creek, in the vicinity of what is now known as the Harbine farm. In this neighborhood he lived about five years, and in 1799 he built the house in which the first court was held in the county. In this connection it will not be amiss to introduce the testimony of General Whiteman himself as to when he first settled in Greene county, and while it will throw light on matters that have been settled, yet from his evidence will show conclusively that errors will sometimes be accepted as truth.

A court of the master commissioner (Josiah Grover) was being held at the house of Amassa Reid, at old Chillicothe, or Old Town, for the purpose of taking depositions of some of the oldest pioneers, to be used in suits of ejectment against different parties then pending in the court of Greene county. General Benjamin Whiteman, in answer to the question "At what time did you become acquainted with the old Chillicothe, on the Little Miami river?" said: "In the month of October, 1790. In 1792 I, together with a detachment of militia from Kentucky, encamped on that point of land that lies just beyond Old Town, between what is now known as Massies creek and the Little Miami river. It was then generally spoken of as an island amongst us, and I always believed it to be an island until I became a resident of this county, in 1799. About one year after I settled in this county I had occasion to go to the falls of the Little Miami, and, traveling up between the Little Miami and Massies creek, I found them to be separate streams, and as to the island below the mouth of Massies creek, at which I have since understood Jamison's entry com-

menced at or called for, I have no knowledge of nor never heard of such a one until several years after I settled in this county. I first settled on Beaver creek, about six miles from the Old Chillicothe, in what is now the bounds of Greene county, and there was no settlement at that time above Davis' mill, above Beaver creek, except three families on the Little Miami, in the limits of what is now Greene county, and the settlement on what I then lived on Beaver creek, and it did not exceed six or eight families."

The three settlements spoken of above were those of James Galloway, Sr., George Galloway, cousin of James, Sr., and Robert Boggess, the last named near the falls of the Little Miami, and the first two spoken of were located, James Galloway, Sr., on the left of the road across the Little Miami, going north, and George Galloway on the right opposite what is now (1899) the Miami Powder Works. General Whiteman was asked "How often had you passed through or near Old Chillicothe?" and he answered, "I passed through that point of land three times in three different years, between the years 1790 and 1794, once under the command of Colonel Edwards, with about four hundred volunteers, and twice on small scouts."

General Whiteman resided in Beaver creek township for about five years, and there built the house in which the first courts were held in the county. In 1805 he removed to a tract of land which he had purchased in the vicinity of Clifton, and on the spot where his old mansion now stands he lived for a period of forty-seven years. He was present at the naming of the new county seat of Greene county, when the forks of the Shawnee creek was chosen as a per-



manent location, and was one of the first associate judges of the first court held in the county. He was associated with Generals Gano, Findley and others in first organizing the military system of Ohio, and held a commission of lieutenant colonel in the militia of Greene county in 1805, and was also at the time president of the court of inquiry of said county. When the war between this country and Great Britain broke out he was appointed brigade general of this division, and having entered upon the active duties of his office he continued to serve his country to the end of the war.

After the war closed he retired to his country residence, in the vicinity of Clifton, where he spent the remainder of his days in educating his children, and enjoying the sweets of domestic life. He was one of the early pioneers of Greene county, his name being associated with the earliest recollections of the old settlers. It is incorporated with our social, civil and military affairs in their earliest history. He lived to witness the origin, progress and development of our county and state from the time she was rocked in the cradle of infancy until she took her stand as the third state in this great confederacy. General Whiteman was both a soldier and a patriot, as well as a dignified gentleman of honest and high-minded principles, who scorned a mean action, was a good citizen, a pleasant neighbor and a kind father.

We have the assurance also from the testimony of Rev. Moses Russell, to whom we are indebted for part of this sketch, that among the last acts of his life was a distinct avowal of the principles of Christianity, and especially the doctrine of justification by faith in Christ, and the expression of a hope

that through his death he might obtain salvation.

How much has been lost to Greene county in the death of this grand old pioneer. Could his biography have been written of the many facts of local history, which he had in reference to the early times and settlement of this county, it would have made a large volume, almost priceless in value. In the cemetery at Clifton, Ohio, his body lies buried with the simple and modest inscription on his monument, "Benjamin Whiteman, born March 6, 1769; died July 1, 1852." Nothing to indicate his record as a soldier, or which would lead one to think of the brave and daring life that he lived as a soldier, the stirring events that have been his to share. May he rest in peace.

#### ASSOCIATE JUDGE WILLIAM MAXWELL.

On account of Mr. Maxwell's early death, which occurred in the year 1809, and his immediate friends and descendants having removed from the county, it has been a very difficult task to compile and pay anything like a just tribute to his worth as a brave and enterprising pioneer of Greene county. The facts that we have been enabled to gather here and there read almost like fiction. We learn from the early history of Hamilton county that he was a native of New Jersey, and not long after the organization of said county he came out and settled on the site now known as Cincinnati, Ohio. We also find that Mr. Maxwell had the honor of publishing the first newspaper that was published in that city, if not the first one that was published north of the Ohio river. He came to the front in that capacity November 9, 1793, being

encouraged he set up an office. It was a primitive affair, located in a small room in a log cabin, which stood on the corner of what is now known as Front and Sycamore streets, near the river. The settlement at that time contained not more than two hundred souls. His press was brought down the river from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The name of the paper was "The Sentinel of the Northwestern Territory." He was also the second postmaster of Cincinnati, the successor of Abner Dunn. It was along about this time that an event occurred which is related by his granddaughter, Mrs. Sarah Beath, of Normal, Illinois, who says: "My grandmother's (the wife of William Maxwell) maiden name was Nancy Robins. Her father was killed by Indians in Virginia, and her mother with two or three children escaping to Cincinnati took refuge in the block houses there, when the village was besieged by the Indians." Mrs. Beath's great-grandmother afterward became the wife of Ebenezer Zane, the founder of Zanesville, Ohio. And it was under trying times, as above stated, that William Maxwell, ex-representative to the first legislature that met at Chillicothe, to formulate and enact laws for the new county of Greene and state of Ohio, ex-associate judge and ex-sheriff of Greene county from December 7, 1803, until 1807, met, won and married Nancy Robins. From the old records we find that Mr. Maxwell and his little family in 1799 removed to the then more northern part of Hamilton county to what is now known as the Maxwell farm situated in Beavercreek township, Greene county, Ohio. Many facts which are a mystery are made plain by the aid of which we term the "old records." Many questions never could have

been answered had it not been for the light from them that is thrown backward down the road that leads back to the "long ago." For example, when the first legislature convened at Chillicothe to designate the temporary county seat for the new made county of Greene, how did they know about the house of Owen Davis on Beaver creek? The answer to that is, William Maxwell, the subject of this sketch, and a member of that body at that time, had been living for more than five years in sight of the house of Owen Davis, or, as it is sometimes called, the house of Peter Borders. His land adjoined, and in many places was the boundary line, of the land then known as the Owen Davis farm, now the home of our honored fellow citizen, Jacob Harbine.

Mr. Maxwell was also an officer and an active worker in helping to establish the militia in Greene county. As far back as 1805 he held the position of major. December 7, 1803, having resigned the office of associate judge, he was elected sheriff of the county in place of Nathan Lamme, who had resigned said office on account of his large land interests. Among the old relics of Greene county in the way of historical papers are three of the original bonds given by Mr. Maxwell for faithful performance of duty; two of said bonds are for the office of sheriff, the other is for the office of collector of taxes. After Mr. Maxwell's death his widow married John White. The children of William Maxwell and wife Nancy are as follows: sons, William, John, Elias, George, Ludlow, and daughters, Nancy, who married John Sayers; Eliza, who married Samuel Owens; and Levina, who married Baker Butler.

About one and one-half miles southeast

of the village of Alpha, not far down the Little Miami river from what is known as the "Indian Rifle Bridge," on ascending the hill can be seen the stones that were placed there by the hands of him of whom we write, as the foundation of his spring house. Not far from the spring was the first cabin which he erected as his home, and not far from the spring on a high point of land is the grave of William Maxwell, Sr., but where the spot is where loving hands laid him to rest in 1809 none as yet can tell.

JAMES BARRETT, ONE OF THE FIRST ASSOCIATE JUDGES OF GREENE COUNTY.

He was a native of the state of Virginia. The first notice of Mr. Barrett as a public man we find to be that on the 6th day of April, 1803, the two houses of the first legislature of Ohio, which had assembled at Chillicothe, met in joint convention and selected three associate judges for each of the then existing and newly organized counties. The gentlemen selected for Greene county were Benjamin Whiteman, James Barrett and William Maxwell. After his appointment Mr. Barrett served as such until the year 1810. He was at this time well up in years and the infirmities of age were growing upon him. He first purchased one half of a section of land in what was then known as Hamilton county, in the early part of the year 1802. This land was in the first entire range of townships, and in the second township and known as lot No. 32 in said township on the general map of the Miami purchase; the north part of said section was set off to James Barrett. Mr. Barrett's family at this time consisted of his wife Elsie and four children, two sons, James and Philip,

and two daughters, Eleanor and Hannah. His son James at this time was upwards of twenty-one years of age and his brother Philip was nineteen.

The family on first coming to Ohio in 1800 resided in that part of Hamilton county that is now known as Butler county, on Dick's creek. In the fall of 1801 Mr. Barrett started out to select a location for his future home, where he and his family could go to work and open up a farm of their own. He returned and told his boys that he had found a place which suited him, and he wanted them to go with him and see it. If they were as well pleased with it as he was he would purchase a half-section, and if they would go with him and settle upon it, it should be theirs. The result was the boys came with their father to what is now known as Greene county, and he purchased the one-half section of land in Sugarcreek township, now (1900) owned by Mr. Dinsmore Bigger, Hattie Bigger, Samuel Weller and, I think, what is known as the Robert Tate farm. April 12, 1802, they removed to it and commenced making improvements on the southeast half of said section, where they continued to live in common until September 1, 1808; Philip was married to Miss Elizabeth Barnes. Previous to this James, the elder son, had married Nancy Mantan, September 17, 1806. Eleanor was the first of his children to marry. She married Armstrong McCabe, April 12, 1805, and some time later they removed to Vigo county, Indiana. At a later date Hannah was married to David Wilson, son of Daniel, and they also removed to Montgomery county. After Philip's marriage he erected his house on the other part of said one-half section, and continued to live there until 1826, when



he died. Judge James Barrett continued to make his home with his elder son, James, until May, 1822, when he died leaving his wife, Elsie, a widow. Judge Barrett was buried on the old farm in one corner of the orchard in the rear of what is now the Dinsmore Bigger farm, and there is nothing to mark his grave. Near by is the grave of Nancy, wife of James Barrett, Jr., who died May 19, 1864, aged seventy-seven years. Her husband, James Barrett, Jr., died in Allen county. His house taking fire, he was found dead in the yard. The first half-section of land spoken of in this sketch was near Coldrain in Hamilton county, and was set off in Mr. Barrett's will for Eleanor and Hannah, his daughters. In the city of Xenia, in the old part, are three streets running north and south, from Water (or Third) street to Church street, that were named in honor of Greene county's first associate judges, James Barrett, William Maxwell and Benjamin Whiteman. The first street east of West street is Barrett, the next street east of Barrett is Maxwell and the first street east of Detroit is Whiteman. May their names never be changed is the prayer of the compiler of this sketch.

#### A VISIT TO THE GRAVE OF JACOB SMITH.

A good old-fashioned name, and strangely familiar, can there be any story connected with that lonely grave? Such was the thought that passed through the mind of the writer of this sketch as one day he was waiting at Harbine's Station on the Xenia and Dayton branch of the great Panhandle railroad for the train for Xenia. We had been conversing about the old pioneers of Beavercreek township and old graveyards.

My companion, Mr. John R. Ridenour, said, pointing in the direction of the building that was used as the first court house of Greene county, "About two hundred yards south of that building are two graves that are not marked. I do not know whose graves they are, but I have heard that one of them is the grave of one of the first settlers in Beavercreek township, but his name I cannot recall."

Looking at my watch, I found that I had one hour to wait, so concluded that I would go and investigate. Arriving at the place, I saw extending up the south line of the Harbine farm a strip of land apparently twelve feet wide by one hundred feet long, which looked as if it might have been used as a graveyard. Here and there were indications that someone had been buried. No mark—save about the length and width of a body—was seen. A hollow or depression of earth showed that someone was sleeping there, the long sleep of death. About the middle of this graveyard was the grave of our subject, Jacob Smith, and by his side that of his wife, Patience Smith. Removing the weeds and vines which grew in front of the stone, we observed at first sight that he was a Mason, on the face of the stone being engraved the square and compass, the gavel, the open book and trowel, and the following inscription: In memory of Jacob Smith, who died the 12th of December, 1819, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. For twelve years he represented the county of Greene in the state senate. He was a useful citizen and died lamented. His actions were squared by justice: he kept his passions within compass. In him faith, hope and charity were united." Patience Smith survived her husband till March 23, 1835, when



she also laid aside life's burden and was laid to rest beside her husband.

Although these were on the margin of an open field which had been cultivated from time to time, yet from the time that the land had become the property of Mr. Harbine, the graves had been respected. Yet there were indications showing by the near approach of the marks of the plow that it had been a great temptation to the different tenants to take just one more round from the rich earth which had had such a long rest. When the Masonic brethren were told of this lonely grave, and whose it was, they were not long in making arrangements to have the bodies moved to their own lot in our own beautiful Woodlawn, Xenia, which was done October 14, 1898, by the brethren of Xenia lodge. Dr. W. C. Galloway delivered a fine address at Woodlawn on that occasion. Never can the writer of this sketch forget the morning of the above date when the people began to assemble near the spot that will ever be historic on account of its being, as it were, the cradle of Greene county's judicial history, near the house of Peter Borders, the county's first court house. They met not to bury Jacob Smith, these Masonic brethren, but to remove whatever might remain of him to a more suitable place for the interment of one who had been of so much note in the county of his choice, and which he had so highly honored. Nearly eighty years he had been buried and his wife sixty-three. Would there be anything remaining of what had been placed there by loving hands so long ago? And while the cold wind of that early October morning came sweeping across the Beavercreek prairie, chilling those who were standing around and warning them of the near ap-

proach of winter, the men employed continued in silence their work. The remains of Mrs. Smith were first found at a depth of four feet and six inches to the bottom of the grave. Those of her illustrious husband were soon after brought to the light at a depth of six feet. Tradition says "as was the height of a man so deep should his grave be." Nothing remained in either grave of coffin or casket, except here and there small pieces of wood and a few brass buttons from Mr. Smith's coat. After the remains of Mr. Smith had been carefully uncovered they were seen to be complete, a perfect skeleton; the bones of the hands and arms were crossed just below the breast, the head turned slightly to one side and a small pyramid of bones at each foot. In removing the bones from the grave, of course the skeleton was taken apart. It was with peculiar emotions that the writer held the skull of Jacob Smith and gazed into the sightless eyes and at the mouth and chin which denoted that he had been a man of strong will and great firmness of character. In the "old records of the county" is to be found here and there the following story of his life in part: Jacob Smith was a native of Frederick county, Virginia. Late in the fall of 1798 he and his wife, Patience, with their family turned their footsteps from their old Virginia home to find a new home in the then far west country. In 1800, after having stopped for about two years at Red Stone and "Old Fort" in Pennsylvania, he reached the Miami valley and located his home in Beavercreek township, Greene county, near the present town of Alpha. There he reared a large family. His eldest son, John Smith, was a charter member of the Xenia lodge (Masonic) and was sheriff of

Greene county, Ohio, from 1819 to 1824. He removed to Springfield, Ohio, where he died May 4, 1852, and was buried with Masonic honors. The other children of Jacob Smith were: sons, Josiah B., Isaac, Seth and Jacob, Jr. His daughters were: Rachel, wife of James Collier, one of Xenia's pioneers; Ann, who married Samuel Kyle, grandfather of Harvey and Samuel Kyle, our fellow townsmen, and he was also the great-grandfather of Wilbur O. Maddux, of Xenia, who is also a Mason; Elizabeth, who married Joel Dolby, the grandfather of the Rev. Francis Clemens, who was present the day his grandparents were removed; Sarah was married to Henry Snyder; Lydia married Jacob Staley; Hannah married Rev. Edward Flood; Mary married George Taylor. In all, eleven children reached adult age and all were worthy of their illustrious father and good mother.

The political life of Jacob Smith was an interesting one. At the first meeting of the court, May 10, 1803, among the number present that day was Jacob Smith. In the meeting of the court, December term, 1803, we find the names of Jacob Smith and others attached to a petition for the laying out of a road from Springfield to Yellow Springs, thence to Owen Davis' mill to intersect the Pickney road. Although this was not the first road in the county it was the first to be established by the legal authority of the county. The act passed by the general assembly, February 14, 1804, creating the office of county commissioner. We find Jacob Smith one of the first commissioners chosen for Greene county. On October 8, 1805, Jacob Smith was chosen state senator at the annual election by a handsome majority. Altogether he served Greene and

Clinton counties as senator nine terms as follows: In fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, fifteenth and sixteenth general assemblies. The last canvass he made for that position was October 13, 1818, when he was defeated by the Hon. William R. Cole, of Clinton county, who was a son-in-law of Josiah Elam, a soldier of the Revolution. This was about one year before his death. He was also the owner of the Owen Davis mill, which he sold to our old townsman, James A. Scott, in 1815.

EX-COMMISSIONER AND ASSOCIATE JUDGE,  
JAMES SNOWDEN.

On the early records of Greene county, Ohio, the first enumeration taken by James Collier of the free white male inhabitants over the age of twenty-one years appears the names of James and Jacob Snowden. Of Jacob little can be learned, but of James Snowden there is much that has been left on record. It has been stated by one that he was one of the first associate judges of Greene county. That is a mistake, he was an associate judge, but not one of the first. He was one of the first commissioners of Greene county when that office was created, and served until 1808.

James Snowden settled first northwest of Bellbrook about 1799. He came from New Jersey and built a cabin just north of the present residence of Henry Harman, being southeast of center of section 2 (2.6). His lands embraced all of the east part of the above section, being then all the western part of Bellbrook, which he in 1815 sold to Stephen Bell and Henry Updyke. He was appointed associate judge first in 1809,

and his associates on the bench were David Huston and James Barrett. It is said in 1810 Presiding Judge Hon. Francis Dunlavey and Mr. Snowden differed somewhat in regard to an oath; Mr. Snowden refused to be sworn, whereupon the judge ordered the sheriff to lock him up. This Sheriff Collier refused to do, and thereupon the judge had them both put behind the "bars" for contempt of court. It is said that he was very punctual in attending court and had an aversion to riding and would walk all the way to Xenia and back through the then unbroken forest. He was once prevailed upon to take a horse, and on starting he neglected to mount, but slipping the bridle rein over his arm he proceeded to walk, leading the horse. The judge, no doubt, fell into deep cogitations of legal lore, and the horse concluding his company more ornamental than useful slipped his bridle and turned his attention to the more pleasing prospect of the then unexplored pastures of the Miami bottoms. In the meantime the judge pursued his way alone, until reaching the end of his journey he found the empty bridle hanging on his arm. It is said that Mr. Snowden after disposing of his land in 1815 removed to Indiana, where he died. His trips to Xenia on foot are thus graphically described by one of the early writers of the time, John A. Taylor: "Now James, the son of Jupiter, got him up early in the mornings, put a few unleavened cakes in his script, grasped his staff and setting his face toward the sunrising took up his march for the great city of X-Zeninia." These chronicles were at the time published in a paper printed in Xenia, and abounded, it is said, with much genuine wit and pleasant humor. The paper of which we speak was called

"The Greene County Gazetteer," and was edited by Nathaniel McLain. The office in which it was printed stood on Main street not far from the present book store of Mr. West. It had a good circulation in this part of the county, and was carried by a boy on horseback. When it was "muster day" in Xenia, General Whiteman was there bedecked in his glittering regimentals; and the newsboy for some unaccountable reason never arrived home until after dark.

JAMES GALLOWAY, SR., A SOLDIER OF THE  
REVOLUTION.

James Galloway was born in Pennsylvania, May 2, 1750. He emigrated to Kentucky shortly after the commencement of the war of the Revolution and to Ohio in the year 1797, settling in Greene county, about five miles north of Xenia, and west of the Little Miami river, opposite the present Miami Powder Mills. He died August 6, 1838, at the good old age of eighty-eight years, and was buried in the old Massies creek church yard, four miles northeast of Xenia. He was in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war eighteen months in the capacity of hunter for the army to procure game. Mr. Galloway is said to have possessed many of the traits of Daniel Boone. He was also with General Roger Clarke in his second expedition against the Indians at Old Chillicothe in 1782. Daniel Boone was also along with this expedition and in his narration states: "When General Clarke, at the falls of the Ohio, heard of it (the defeat of the whites at the Blue Licks), he ordered an expedition to pursue the savages. We overtook them within two miles of their town and we would



have obtained a great victory had not some of them met us when about two hundred poles from their camp. The savages fled in the utmost confusion and disorder and evacuated all their towns. We burned Old Chillicothe to ashes, Piqua, New Chillicothe, Willstown, entirely destroying their corn and fruits, and spread desolation through their country. We took seven prisoners, ten scalps and two whites." One time he came face to face with that arch traitor to his race, Simon Girty, who, observing that Galloway was unarmed, accosted him thus: "Now, Galloway, d—n you, we've got you," and instantly fired. Galloway received a dangerous wound, and was supposed by Girty to have been killed. He, however, wheeled his horse and made for camp, a mile distant, which he reached in safety, but in a fainting condition. The ball passed through his shoulder and lodged some place near the back of his neck. He carried the ball many years and it was extracted by Dr. Josiah Martin.

Mr. Galloway was first married to Miss Rebecca Junkin, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1778, and to them were given the following children: James, Samuel, William, Andrew, Anthony, and two daughters, Rebecca and Ann. Anthony and Ann were born after he came to Ohio. His first wife dying, he afterward married Miss Tamar Wilson, April 13, 1817. Of this later marriage there was no issue. He was honored by his fellow pioneers to an office of trust in the county, that of county treasurer, which he continued to fill from the first organization of the county in 1803 until the middle of June, 1819, when he gave way to Mr. Ryan Gowdy. In the year 1810 he erected the old stone house

that used to be on the hillside near the powder mills, and which many yet living remember to have seen. He was a man of deep religious convictions, and those convictions he carried out in life by doing acts of kindness to his neighbors and in working for the good of humanity. To him is the psalm singing portion of the community under obligation for his untiring efforts in bringing first to this county the Rev. Robert Armstrong and other preachers of that faith, and making his home theirs. During his long and useful life he was ever ready to help those deserving of help.

MAJOR WILLIAM A. BEATTY, FIRST TAVERN-KEEPER IN XENIA.

The granting of licenses for keeping tavern and selling merchandise was still retained as the duty of the associate judges, and at the first court of associate judges held in Xenia on the 15th day of November, 1804, four tavern licenses were granted, one to William A. Beatty for keeping a tavern in the town of Xenia, "for one year from the first day of October last past, on his paying eight dollars and fees." This was the first tavern in Xenia, and seems to have been opened on the 1st day of October, 1804. This house was a hewed-log, double structure, two stories high. It stood on the south side of Main street, very nearly opposite the middle point of the public square. The length was from east to west, and width from north to south, and its west end was about forty-five feet east of the southeast corner of Main and Detroit streets, where the Xenia National Bank now (1900) stands. This building was not only a dwelling house and tavern,



but it was also Greene county's second place of holding court. Courts were held in it from the 15th of November, 1804, till the completion of the first court house proper on the 4th day of August, 1809. The court was held in the west room of the second story. August 20, 1805, Xenia township was organized, and the first election for Xenia township and the town was held at the house of William A. Beatty. Previous to this Xenia was in Caesarscreek township and the few voters then in the town voted at Caesarsville, which was located near the home of the late Paris Peterson, southeast of Xenia. The first court was held in this building November 15, 1804, and continued to be used as such until the completion of the building that had been commenced by Mr. William Kendall in 1806, and was completed August 14, 1809.

Mr. Beatty was also director of the town of Xenia, being the successor of General Joseph C. Vance, who removed to Champaign county in 1805, at the organization of said county, and continued to act as such until 1817, at which time he removed to Brownstown, Jackson county, Indiana. He died intestate and insolvent in November, 1821, leaving, at the time of his death, his widow, Jane Beatty, who afterward married Robert Holmes, a resident of Scott county, Kentucky, also the following children, to-wit: John A., who died without issue; James F.; William S.; Josiah G.; Samuel M.; Mary L.; and Francis. Josiah and James F. remained in Xenia for some years. The balance of the family went to Kentucky after the marriage of their mother to Mr. Holmes. William A. Beatty came from Georgetown, Kentucky, to Xenia, Ohio, some time in the summer of 1803.

OWEN DAVIS, THE OLD MILLER ON BEAVER CREEK.

No name is perhaps of more historic interest than that of Owen Davis. In the early settlement of Greene county came men who had the courage and hardihood to face danger and even death, if need be, that this garden spot of the state that we now call Greene county might be reclaimed from its wild and primitive state in its condition as a wilderness and be made to bloom and blossom as a rose. They came, they saw, and as a result of their courage and perseverance we see the forest has disappeared and in its place we behold waving fields of grain, beautiful homes, towns grown into cities, with the sounds of industry on every hand, where used to be the solitary path of the Indian. We now behold roads, pikes, railroads and electric car lines leading from cities to towns and hamlets, and the surface of the earth that less than one hundred years ago was a wilderness, the habitation of wild animals, and a more savage race of people, now traversed by a net work of improvements, only excelled by that which we can see at night in the starry firmament above, which God, the creator of all, has placed there for our admiration and wonder.

Before the organization of the county came Owen Davis, and settled in what is now known as Beaver creek township. The earliest date that we find of the Davis family (those from Wales, who were related to the subject of this sketch) we find in Mr. John F. Edgar's "Pioneer life in Dayton and vicinity from 1796 to 1840." It is an able and interesting work of the pioneers of that section. On page 22 he says: "During the winter of 1795 and 1796 forty-six men

agreed to settle in Dayton. In the spring of 1796, when the time came to start, only nineteen responded, and they set out in three sections, two overland and one by water. On March 21, 1796, the party in which was the Davis family started overland and were about two weeks on the road. Thomas Davis, the senior member of the family, was a native of Wales. He was in the Revolutionary war, was taken prisoner and was exchanged at Philadelphia. He settled near the bluffs two miles south of Dayton, where he died in the fall of 1803, and Hannah Davis, his widow, was appointed to settle his estate. This Thomas Davis was a brother of Owen Davis, the old miller, who came later in the fall of 1799 and settled in Beavercreek township, Greene county. Owen Davis had married Letitia Phillips, and had but two children, a son, Lewis, who never married, a short sketch of whom will be found in this book, and a daughter, Catherine, who was the wife of General Benjamin Whiteman. They were married in Limestone (or Maysville), Kentucky, in 1793, Mr. Whiteman at that time being twenty-three years of age. Thomas Davis had a son, Owen Davis, named after his brother Owen, who was married March 16, 1809, to Miss Jane Henderson, by Rev. Joshua Carman, who was a Baptist preacher and lived in Sugarcreek township, Greene county. This Owen Davis was the grandfather of Mrs. Fredrick Beaver and Mrs. Stillwell, of Dayton, and James Popenoe, senior's, first wife, who died in 1820, was also of this branch of the family. After the coming of Mr. Davis and his son-in-law, Benjamin Whiteman, in 1799, it was not long until he had his historic mill erected on Beaver creek, and it is said that this mill

drew custom from a radius of thirty miles, and we know that the members of the Dutch Station in Miami county brought their corn here through the woods, camping out at night. Mr. Davis is spoken of by them as having been a genial, accommodating man, often remaining up all night to oblige them. This mill was finished in the winter of 1799. Two block houses were built a little east of the mill with the intention, should danger necessitate, to connect by a line of pickets so as to include the mill. Mr. Davis often started his mill on the Sabbath and ground corn for the customers who had come a long distance. To this some of his extremely religious neighbors protested, even threatening him with prosecution. Mr. Davis replied that as soon as steps were taken in this direction they would go without their meal and flour. This argument proved effective and the subject was dropped. The building known as the house of Peter Borders, where the first courts of Greene county were held, was erected by his son-in-law, Mr. Whiteman, a short distance south of the mill and about one hundred from the south line of what is now known as the Harbine farm, and about two hundred yards east of Beaver creek. A little to the northeast of this building was a small ten by twelve house, which was in the time of holding court used as a jury room. About two hundred yards northeast of the old court house stood the block house, which on the 19th day of August, 1803, was made use of for a jail, the first institution for that purpose in the county. Owen Davis and his son-in-law, General Benjamin Whiteman, in the year 1805 disposed of their property in Beavercreek township and removed to Miami township, where they spent the balance of their days. Mr.

Davis had not more than settled in his new home, the present site of the town of Clifton, Ohio, until he commenced to erect the first mill in Miami township, the stone foundation of which (1900) can be seen near the sawmill east of the present Clifton mill. Previous to his removing from Beavercreek township he had sold his mill property to Jacob Smith, who in 1815 sold the same to our old townsman, James A. Scott, and his brother John. Owen Davis was a soldier of the Revolution and a fearless Indian fighter, and at a meeting of the first court of common pleas proper, August 2, 1803, we find that he pleads guilty to a charge of assault, and is duly fined eight dollars for the same. The cause of the fight was Mr. Davis had charged a man from Warren county of stealing hogs. After the fight he went into the court room and addressing his illustrious son-in-law, General Benjamin Whiteman, who was one of the associate judges, said: "Well, Ben, I've whipped that hog thief; what's the damage?" and farther added, shaking his fist at the judge, "Yes, Ben, if you'd steal a hog, I'd whip you, too."

In enumerating the early settlers of Miami township, Greene county, the name of Owen Davis should not be forgotten. In the old historic graveyard, Clifton, Ohio, not far from the north line and near the middle of said graveyard, is the grave of Owen Davis, who was a native of Wales, and was born October 13, 1751, and died at his home near Clifton, Ohio, February 18, 1818, aged sixty-six years, four months and five days. And by his side his wife, Letitia Phillips Davis, who died September 8, 1824, in the seventy-fifth year of her age.

JOSIAH GROVER, SECOND CLERK OF COURTS.

The first trace of the Grover family, the ancestors of Josiah Grover, clerk of courts from 1808 till 1829, was when Josiah and Benjamin Grover had settled and were living near Harper's Ferry, Virginia. The former was the father of Josiah and Benjamin Grover, who in the year 1804 came and settled in Xenia. Their parents had emigrated to the state of Kentucky and had located near Danville.

Josiah Grover, Sr., married Miss Mary Anderson about the year 1720, and to them were given five children, two daughters and three sons. The eldest of these was Sarah T., who married Colonel John Paul, the founder of Xenia, Ohio, and Madison, Indiana (a sketch of whom appears in this book). The second, a daughter, Jemima, who married a Mr. Mockley. The third, a son, Josiah, who married Martha McClure. And in addition to these were two sons, Benjamin and Abraham. Benjamin came to Xenia with his brother Josiah, and was a useful man in the new town. On the lot now owned by Mrs. James Kyle (mother of Charles Kyle, Esq.), he erected the first school house of logs in 1805, and was the first to teach school in Xenia. He afterward served the county as commissioner in 1813 and 1814. Josiah Grover, the third child and first son of Josiah and Mary Anderson Grover, was born near Baltimore, Maryland, in 1770. Josiah Grover and his wife, Martha McClure Grover, had given to them eight children: Abraham, who married Miss Dunham; John Paul, who married Miss Juliet Beall; James Liggett, who married Miss Nancy Ann, youngest daughter



of Hon. John Alexander, and who also was the successor in office to his father as clerk of courts of Greene county, Ohio, for seven years, and was a minister of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal church, where he was a man of note and loved by all. He was for years the efficient librarian of the state library at Columbus from 1872 until the day before his death, which occurred May 5, 1897, at the age of ninety-one years. He was born in Xenia, December 12, 1806. His youth and early manhood were spent in Xenia; at the age of eighteen he had graduated from the Xenia Academy. The fourth child was a daughter, Sarah Paul, who was born in Xenia in 1810 and died at New Albany in 1873, aged sixty-three years. She married George H. Harrison, who was a native of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and who was born in February, 1809, died at New Albany in 1854. He is said to have been a teacher of rare ability. He was for some years a resident of Xenia, as his son, James G., was born here September 29, 1834, and they removed to New Albany in 1839. The fifth child was a son, Oliver Hazard Perry, who was killed in the Mexican war. The sixth child, a son, Benjamin Whiteman, married Letitia Sheets. The seventh and eighth sons were twins, Nelson Ira and Reade Ellis.

Josiah Grover is sometimes mentioned as Judge Grover. The reason for that was, under the old constitution of the state, the clerk of courts had all the work to do which the probate judge has to do to-day under the new constitution. In addition to the work of clerk of courts he was county recorder, master commissioner, that is held court at different points to take depositions, etc. And he was also one of the associate

judges for the years 1806, 1807 and 1808. The old Josiah Grover home is yet (1900) still standing, the house now occupied by Coleman Heaton. Mr. Grover removed from Xenia to Madison, Indiana, in 1830, to the city on the Ohio river which his honored brother-in-law, John Paul, had founded. On the hilltop near Malison is resting all that is mortal of this illustrious man and his loving helpmate, and by his side Colonel John Paul, the founder of the two cities, Xenia, Ohio, and Madison, Indiana.

REMEMBRANCE WILLIAMS, A SOLDIER OF  
THE REVOLUTION AND FIRST SET-  
TLER NEAR XENIA.

Remembrance Williams was born near the Potomac river, Harrison county, Virginia. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and was with Washington during that distressing winter at Valley Forge. After the close of the war in 1790, he, together with his family, emigrated to Kentucky, settling a few miles back of Louisville, in Nelson county, where he continued to reside until the year 1800, when he removed to Ohio, crossing the Ohio river at the mouth of Licking river, and from that point came direct to what is now Xenia, and entered a section of land, what is now known as the Silas Roberts' farm, and near what is called the middle spring he built his cabin. That was three years before Xenia was surveyed and laid out as a town. In the fall of 1803, when Joseph C. Vance came to survey and lay off the new county seat for Greene county, part of the north line of the new town was the south line of the land of this old pioneer. His family at this time consisted of his wife, Eleanor, and sons John, Remem-



brance, Garrett, Jesse and Robert. They had but two daughters, Margaret, who married Thomas Branham, and Hannah, who married Sidion Mericreif. In 1814 he removed with his family, with the exception of his eldest son, John, to Jefferson county, Indiana, and settled near Dupont. He had disposed of part of his land in Greene county, previous to removing, some to his son John, Ryan Gowdy, Samuel Gamble, and in 1817 he sold the remaining two hundred and sixty-nine acres to David Connelly. His son Remembrance, Jr., and Jesse later returned to Ohio and settled near Mechanicsburg, Champaign county. Remembrance Williams, Sr., died on his farm in Indiana February 2, 1843. John Williams, his eldest son, was born in Virginia, April 4, 1783, and died in Xenia, Ohio, April 6, 1826. He was the father of the following children: Mary, who was married to Samuel Gano; Elcanor, wife of David Medsker; Cassandra; Catherine, wife of Wilson B. McCann; Margaret, wife of James McCarty; Elizabeth, wife of William B. Fairchild. The last named is the only one now (1900) living. Four sons of the old pioneer were soldiers in the war of 1812, namely: John, Remembrance, Garrett and Robert.

#### JAMES POPENOE, SR.

His first visit to the present site of Xenia was in the year 1799, when he was one of a number of daring explorers and Indian fighters from Kentucky who paid this part of the country a visit and passed over the ground where Xenia is now located. Mr. Popenoe, with his brother, Peter, came to Greene county to locate permanently some time previous to 1803 and settled in Beaver-

creek township. His brother Peter took the first enumeration of all free white males over the age of twenty-one in 1803. Peter settled in what is now Clark county and afterward removed to the state of Missouri in 1806, and was killed by the Indians.

James Popenoe's political life was an interesting one. The first elective office which he held was that of coroner of Greene county, he being the first to occupy that position, which was in the year 1805. He was also a soldier in the war of 1812 under General Harrison. In the year 1815 he was elected sheriff of Greene county, being the successor of Captain John Hivling, which office he filled with acceptance until 1819, when he gave way to John Smith, son of Jacob Smith, who had bought of Owen Davis the first mill that was built in the county, and who was also owner of the house of Peter Borders, where the first courts of Greene county were held. While he was acting as sheriff in 1816 Mr. Popenoe built the well known home of Hon. R. F. Howard, which was located on Main street, lot No. 19, and which place, April 2, 1831, he sold and conveyed to Dr. Joseph Templeton. That house was the birthplace of many of his children, and is yet, in 1900, standing and in good condition. In the years 1819 and 1820 Mr. Popenoe represented Greene county in the Ohio legislature (in the house). In the year 1824 he was again elected sheriff of the county and continued to act as such until 1829, when he gave over the office to James A. Scott. It is said in history that Captain John Hivling and Mr. Popenoe were treasurers of the county. That is a mistake. The sheriff oftentimes acted as collector of taxes, for which he received a percentage in addition

to his pay as sheriff, and that fact must have missed the compiler.

Mr. Popenoe removed to Centerville in 1830. Peter, his eldest son, removed to Lawrence, Kansas, where many of his descendants are yet living. James Popenoe, Jr., is yet living at Centerville, Ohio, a hale, hearty, old man, aged eighty-two. And still another son, Willis Parkison Popenoe, resides at Topeka, Kansas, aged eighty-seven, who was born in the house before mentioned.

Mr. Popenoe in addition to other property owned what was called the "Indian Rifle farm," west of Xenia on the Little Miami. He was born August 20, 1777, and died at his home near Centerville, Montgomery county, Ohio, August 19, 1848, and is buried in the old graveyard near that place.

LEWIS DAVIS, MIAMI TOWNSHIP'S FIRST  
SETTLER.

In the history of Jefferson county, Indiana, is found the following history of Lewis Davis, which says that "he was one of the original proprietors of the town of Madison, Indiana; was a man of middle age when he met John Paul at the sale of lands at Jeffersonville in the spring of 1809. Where he was born or where he died is not known. He left Madison some time in 1812 or 1813 and went to Xenia, Ohio, to reside. Afterward he resided in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1817 he was there, as is found by a deed conveying his entire remaining interest of lands in Madison, Indiana, to Lewis White-man, bearing date of November 24, 1817. On October 8, 1813, Davis had sold one-

half of his interest in Madison to Mr. Jacob Burnett, of Cincinnati, he then being a resident of Greene county, Ohio."

From the history of Greene county, Ohio, and old records we gather the following about Miami township: Lewis Davis was perhaps the first settler in this township, as he came in the early days of this century. While at Dayton, then a small hamlet, he met an Indian just arrived from the Yellow Springs, by whom he was informed of the extraordinary natural advantages in its immediate vicinity. The savage further explained to him that the springs were located near a branch of the Little Miami river. Accompanied by a friend, he followed the instructions given by his dusky informant, and upon the discovery of the springs went to Cincinnati and entered the land. He was frequently engaged in surveying land, accumulated considerable property, and was considered an upright and enterprising citizen. Unfortunately he fell a prey to the wiles of King Alcohol and was completely ruined thereby. He finally removed to Bellfontaine, Ohio, where he ended his days. His last resting place is thus described by one who discovered it accidentally: "On the left hand side of the state road, six miles west of Bellfontaine in an open forest, in a sandy knoll surrounded by a rail enclosure and covered by an oval shaped boulder perhaps six feet in diameter; beneath this stone reposes all that remains of Lewis Davis, unhonored, unwept and unknown." For years he had lived the life of a pauper, and when he saw the grim vision of death approaching he expressed a desire that this spot should be his last resting place. He was the only son of Owen Davis, the old miller on Beaver.

RECOLLECTIONS OF XENIA IN 1809 BY REV.  
JAMES TOWLER AND JOHN MILLS.

Rev. James Towler was born in Prince Edward county, Virginia, April 18, 1768, and died on his farm northwest of Xenia, July 9, 1836, aged sixty-eight years. A pioneer in the wilderness, he built the second house that was erected in Xenia, what was known as the old Crumbaugh house, where now stands the wholesale grocery of Eavey & Company, Fredrick Bonner doing the carpenter work for the same in the fall of 1804. At the recent centennial of the settlement of Greene county held in Xenia in 1897 there were tools that had belonged to Frederick Bonner, Sr., on exhibition as relics, and some of them he had used in finishing this house. The records of the county show that James Towler, of Petersburg, Virginia, bought of John Cole, of Dinwiddie county, Virginia, three thousand acres of land situated on the waters of Shawnee creek, and at his coming to Greene county soon after he purchased of Joseph C. Vance lot No. 39, on which the aforesaid house was built, Mr. Towler was an earnest Methodist, and in the early records of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Xenia, his name appears as a member of the official board of said church. He afterward connected himself with what was known as the Radical or Protestant church. He was a preacher in that denomination, and used to go among the Indians, and at one time brought a couple of Indian boys home with him to have them educated. They remained in Xenia for some time, forming many acquaintances, and then returned to their tribes. Mr. Towler donated to the Radical

church a strip of land for a graveyard, situated near the present residence of Norman Tiffany, and nearly two hundred of the residents of Xenia were buried here.

He was the first postmaster of Xenia, Ohio. The following is a copy of a letter that was written by Mr. Towler to an eastern friend and is in the possession of Mr. Ira C. Harper, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. A copy was procured by Mr. Warren K. Moorehead, our young friend, who is searching around for all sorts of antiquities. Mr. Towler was at that time postmaster of Xenia:

"XENIA, OHIO, May 8, 1809.

"This town is the seat of justice of Greene county. It was laid out in the fall of 1803 by Joseph C. Vance, and contains at this time twenty-eight families and one hundred and fifty souls, a court house of brick, forty feet square, with a cupola. The town is washed by Shawnee creek, a branch of the Little Miami river, from whose mouth we are three miles, and fifty-five miles from Chillicothe. In the county are nine grist mills, nine sawmills, one fulling mill and one nail factory. Never failing and excellent springs are numerous. The Yellow Springs, which are deemed a natural curiosity, are nine miles north of this place. It takes its name from a yellow or pale red sediment, which it emits from the water, and of which a large bank is found below the spring, over which the water has a fall of seventy feet into a hollow. It is believed the spring affords a sufficiency of water to turn a grist mill the year round, and is said to be impregnated with copper, copperas and iron. It is considerably visited during the summer season, and affords relief for sore eyes, rheumatism, etc. It is diuretic, and the sedi-



ment when ground in oil, paints as well as Spanish brown. The falls of the Little Miami (which is about three miles distant, falls over a rock twelve feet perpendicular, and the whole distance, two hundred feet) are of considerable importance to this county. There are remains of artificial walls, and mounds, in several parts of the county.

"Our trade is chiefly in hogs and cattle, which are purchased by drovers for the eastern markets and Detroit. There are two stores in the town, which I consider a great evil, as they keep our neighborhood drained of cash. We have extensive prairies. Wolves have been bad on our sheep. Corn, wheat and rye are our principal crops. The soil is generally good and pretty equally divided into upland and bottom. The settlers are principally from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia and Kentucky. Religion, Methodist, Seceders and Baptist. The county is twenty miles long, twenty miles broad, and is about one hundred and ten miles from Lake Erie."

In connection with what has been said by Mr. Towler, of Xenia and Greene county at that date (1809) we will add yet another testimony, that of John Mills. His father, Jacob, was one of the first to settle near what is now called Greene county, whose coming was in the year 1796. The land he first entered was over the line in Warren county. He came from Kentucky with John Wilson, and his sons, Amos, Daniel and George, where they located as a colony. In the subsequent division into states and counties the purchase was found to be in the southwest corner of Greene county, near Clio, or Ferry, as it is now (1899) called, while the purchase of Daniel fell into Montgomery, and Jacob Mills' into

Warren county. And yet they worked together, assisting one another in providing themselves homes. In 1809 Jacob Mills came with his family from Warren county to near where Clifton is now located in Miami township, Greene county, bringing with him his three sons, John, Daniel and Thomas. History is silent in regard to his parting with his old friends, John Wilson and his sons, and why he had left that part of the state where he had spent some thirteen years of pioneer life. And yet the distance was not so great but what they could visit one another. We find that shortly after the coming of Jacob Mills to Miami township in 1809 a singing school had been organized in Xenia, and the teacher of said school was David Wilson, oldest son of Daniel Wilson, their old neighbor, and it was no wonder that John Mills, then a lad of fifteen, wanted to go; for three reasons, first, to see his old playmate, David; second, to see the Xenia girls; and lastly, to see the town, which was pretty much of a town at that time, with its about thirty log cabins and a brand new court house. The singing school was to be held in that new court house, and as John wanted to go he went. And we are very glad that he did, for it is to him that we are under obligations for furnishing us a description of Xenia as he saw it in the year 1809. He must have had a splendid time. Young folks in this age think that they have good times, not more so than they,—don't know whether John took his best girl along or not, but we will let him tell his own story. He says:

"The singing school was held in the new court house, and the girls came with their beaux on horseback, dressed in linsey, and a few of the elite appeared in calico, then the



extreme of fashion, aspired to by a few. And the boys arrived there all right, for the girls who had acted as guards of honor (rear guards) would not let them fall off. 'Oh blessed days' when horses were made that would carry double." John said that they had a grand time and returned home over about Clifton with enlarged views of life and creation generally. Years afterward, at his home in Jamestown, Ohio, John, then a steady old man, gives us from memory his recollections of the long ago. He says: "During the winter of this same year, 1809, while in Xenia, I saw a man selling cider at twelve and one-half cents a quart, in front of the court house. A large stump was standing in the street, by the side of which he had a fire, in which he heated several rods of iron, and when he would make a sale he would hold the iron rod in the cider to bring it to a drinkable temperature." He states also at that time all houses in Xenia were built of logs, except one frame dwelling that stood where now is located the grocery of Harner & Wolf, the property of James Gowdy, and the brick courthouse. In front of what used to be the Second National Bank, on the southwest corner of Greene street, fronting on Main, was a stagnant pool of water, a general rendezvous for geese, ducks and hogs. Opposite the courthouse was a two-story hewed log house kept by Maj. William A. Beatty as a tavern. On East Main street, on the present site of Trinity church, Henry Barnes, Sr., had built a log cabin in the woods.

In contrast with the price that dry goods are now selling for, and what they cost then, young men of this age are favored. Mr. Mills says the material of which his wed-

ding shirt was made cost a dollar a yard; same material can be bought to-day for six or eight cents per yard. The highest price paid for labor then was from fifty to seventy-five cents per day, and scarce at that, while every species of merchandise was from ten to twentyfold higher than at present. Salt hauled from Cincinnati was (four barrels by a four-horse team) four dollars per bushel.

#### THE COMING OF THE GOWDY FAMILY.

In February, 1845, James Gowdy (then sixty-eight years of age), being solicited by some of his children, gave the following account of his ancestry, and contemporary connections: "My progenitors on my father's side were Welsh and Irish. They emigrated from Ireland in A. D. 1707, and settled in the states of Delaware and Pennsylvania. My grandfather's Christian name was James. He had four children who lived to maturity, viz.: Adam, who died young and single; John (my father); Robert and Jane. My father was born on the fifth day of November, 1742, in New Castle county, Delaware, and removed, with some others of the family, into Pennsylvania, about 1760, where he married Abigail, the youngest daughter of John Ryan, about 1772, with whom he lived about forty-two years, and had eleven children, six sons and five daughters, all of whom lived to marry and raise families, except Mary, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of April, 1775, and died in Greene county, Ohio, the 9th day of June, 1812. James was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on the 20th day of May, 1777; Samuel, born 9th of January, A. D. 1780;

Robert, born on the 4th of April, 1782; Martha, born on the 27th of January, 1785, married John Jolly, and had one son, James; Jane, born on the 31st of May, 1787; John, born on the 3d of August, 1789; Alexander, born on the 2d of April, 1792; Ryan, born on the 3d day of February, 1795; Abigail, born on the 17th of July, 1797; Sarah, born on the 6th of March, 1803. This in brief is the beginning of the large connection of that name, coming to Greene county, Ohio, in 1805."

JAMES GOWDY, THE FIRST MERCHANT IN  
XENIA.

James Gowdy, the subject of this sketch, eldest son of John and Abigail Gowdy, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 20th day of May, 1777, and died at his home, in Xenia, Ohio, December 24, 1853, aged seventy-six years, and is buried in the old Associate Reformed graveyard, East Third street. The first trace that we find of Mr. Gowdy as a merchant, is when he entered into partnership with his brother, Samuel, in the mercantile and cabinet business in the fall of 1802 at Mt. Sterling, Montgomery county, Kentucky. The brothers carried on the above business on a moderate scale there for three years to some advantage, having the post office to keep part of the time. In the fall of 1805 James took part of the goods and removed to Xenia, Ohio. His brother, Samuel, having closed their business in June, 1806, also came, with the balance of their stock, to Xenia. They also had their younger brother, Ryan, to assist them in their work in the store, he then being a small boy. They were the first merchants who made a

permanent stand with store goods in Xenia. They continued in business as partners with mutual satisfaction for five or six years, and increased their store capital and gained some real estate in town, and land in the country, until the spring or summer of 1814, when they dissolved partnership by mutual consent, and each of them ran stores of their own for five or six years, when Samuel sold his store and settled on a tract of woodland near the town. James Gowdy continued in the business, with the aid of his younger brother, Ryan, and an apprentice, John Ewing, who was related to his first wife. When Ryan became of age, he left the store and a second apprentice was taken, William Perkins. Mr. Gowdy had several partners from time to time. John S. Perkins was also one of Mr. Gowdy's apprentices. John R. Gowdy (eldest son of Samuel) was taken in as a member of the firm on the 5th of July, 1833, which partnership continued until near the time of his death, in March, 1834. Then Alexander G. Zimmerman and John A. Gowdy (son of Robert) were taken into partnership under the firm name of Gowdy, Ewing & Company and continued until the 12th of August, 1836, when John A. Gowdy settled with the firm and moved to Illinois. The above firm continued until the 19th of July, 1838, when James Gowdy, Sr., sold out his interest in the firm to John Ewing and Alexander Zimmerman, and took the firm's share in a branch store which they had established in Jamestown, Ohio, about eighteen months before, in which store John McBride had an interest of one-half. James Gowdy attended the store. During the above time of thirty-six years in the mercantile business, he had reason to be thankful that he had had no serious misfortune in busi-

ness, excepting some considerable losses sustained by crediting persons who became insolvent, or proved dishonest. During this time he purchased several lots in Xenia, and his father's farm, two and one-half miles west of town, and a small farm between the two last mentioned places, and put up some valuable buildings in town, and some cheaper ones which he rented at a moderate price. Mr. Gowdy was a loser by his Jamestown store, and it was discontinued in 1844. Altogether he was in the dry goods business for forty-four years. He had married Joanna, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Townsley, January 27, 1814, with whom he lived three and one-half years until her decease and that of their only child, a daughter, which took place on the 25th of July, 1817. His wife was then twenty-eight years old. He married a second time, November 11, 1819, Miss Sarah Brown, who resided at the time in Clark county, Ohio. She was the daughter of John and Margaret Brown, late of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where she was born and reared, and with whom she lived nine years or more, until the time of her death, March 6, 1829, at the age of forty years. She was the mother of his children, six sons and one daughter, viz.: John Brown, James Ryan, George W., Abigail Joanna, Samuel Philander and his twin brother, not named. He was married the third time, on the 23d day of April, 1832, at Mansfield, Ohio, to Miss Jane Purdy, daughter of Patrick and Jane Purdy, of Richland county, Ohio. They lived a married life eleven years until her death on the 24th of July, 1843, aged fifty-one years. Of this marriage there were no children.

In the war of 1812 he was a soldier in the company of Capt. Daniel Reeder. He

was also treasurer of the Greene County Bible Society for over thirty years, and during all that time his labor was untiring and valuable. For twenty-three years he was treasurer of the Greene County Colonization Society, and his zeal in that cause was ardent. He had been a member of the Associate Reformed church since its first organization, and contributed of his means to the erection of three successive buildings for that church. In all the benevolent enterprises of the day for the relief of the suffering and the good of his fellow men, or the spread of the gospel, Mr. Gowdy could be relied upon.

And, now, in concluding this sketch of this old pioneer father, listen to his own words: "On a review of my past life, what shall I say, but that goodness and mercy has followed me all my life long? If I should count the instances, they are more than can be numbered by me. Upon the whole review of my eventful life, I have much reason to set up my Ebenezer, saying: 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped me,' and trust that He will not leave me when I am old and gray-headed grown, till to this age His strength and power to all to come, I have shown."

RYAN GOWDY.

He was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, on the 3d of February, 1795, and died near Francona, June 6, 1863, aged sixty-eight years. He came to Xenia, Ohio, with his brother, Samuel, in the spring of 1806. His eldest brother, James Gowdy, had come to Xenia the year previous, and had established himself in the mercantile business near the corner of what is now known as Greene and Main streets. He had



purchased lot No. 34, and had his cabin store opened and ready for trade. Young Ryan, then a lad of eleven years, accepted a clerkship in his brother's store, and there continued until he was of age, when he commenced business for himself. He made his mark in improving Xenia. In 1827 he built that large and substantial brick house on the southwest corner of Main and Detroit streets, known as the "Nummemaker corner," (present site of the "Allen building). His next move was to the northwest corner of Detroit and Market streets (present site of the Reformed church), where he opened a store and made more improvements. Subsequently he purchased a large brick house on Main street, opposite the courthouse (the same building that was burned on the night of the 3d of August, 1845, and in which two young men, James Kenney and William Steele were murdered). Here, in partnership with his brother, Col. John Gowdy, he opened another store. A few years later he went to Missouri, but did not remain long in that state. Returning to Xenia he opened a grocery and provision store on the northeast corner of Main and Whiteman streets (present site of William Hannon's grocery). In 1833 he was elected commissioner of Greene county, and on the 4th of July, 1836, he met with the board for the last time. While he was a member of the board a costly and for those days a very superior county jail, was erected, a little back of the northeast corner of the public square. It was also mainly through his efforts and influence that a large two-story brick market house on the north side of the public square was built. He was also in the years 1819 and 1820 treasurer of Greene county. In 1848 he wound up his business in Xenia,

sold out, and the next year went to California by the overland route, and from thence to Oregon, a flying trip, but soon returned to San Francisco. He was unfortunate in the land of gold. In a letter he wrote in 1851, he said he had traveled hundreds of miles in California, and could find nothing which he could do. He returned in 1852. Though a business man of early training and mature experience, he preferred teaching school, and became a successful instructor. In this pursuit he was so successful that he never lacked for employment. He had been teaching in Richland county some three years previous to his death. He was taken ill of typhoid fever. During his sickness of five days he was conscious to the last, expressed a desire to see his brothers, naming one of them. His last words in declining to take medicine, were: "No use; it would not do any good." Of his prospects in another state of existence he was entirely reticent. In his younger days without being foppish he went generally elegantly dressed, the "glass of fashion and the mould of form." He had some eccentricities, was versatile, fluent in conversation, of ready wit, original and mirth-inspiring humor, and when he chose, of pungent sarcasm. He had transacted much business, traveled far, gone through many ups and downs in his journey through life, and was well versed in the knowledge of human nature. After life's fitful fever he sleepeth well.

JOHN HEATON, SR.

In the first enumeration of Caesarscreek township, taken in 1803, appears the name of John Heaton. From the old records we find that his place of nativity was Vir-



ginia; that previous to his coming to Ohio he married Sarah, daughter of John Warden; he had also purchased in Caesars-creek township eighty acres of land. Some time in the year 1823 he died, and was buried in the "Old Mercer graveyard," about four miles south of Xenia, on the Bulls-knife pike. He left his widow, Sarah Heaton, with the following children: three sons and six daughters, namely: Ebenezer, John and Joseph Heaton; Elizabeth (Heaton) Millard, Sarah (Heaton) Worrel, Lydia (Heaton) Eaton, Phebe (Heaton) Elam, Parmelia (Heaton) Rogers, Hannah (Heaton) Peterson. His will was recorded May, 1823, in Book E, page 70.

His wife was later buried at his side in the "Mercer graveyard." These are the ancestors of the Heaton family, in Greene county.

JAMES COLLIER.

James Collier was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, on the 4th day of January, 1774, and died in Xenia, Ohio, April 17, 1851, aged seventy-seven years. In 1786 his family emigrated from Virginia, their destination being Kentucky, but on account of his mother's health, they stopped on the River Holston, in what is now East Tennessee, and there remained until the following summer, when the journey was resumed until they reached their destination in Kentucky, some eighteen miles north of Crab Orchard. Here he passed his early youth and manhood on the frontiers of what has been so aptly called the "dark and bloody ground," among a people who, for enterprise, hardihood and self-reliance and true heroism of character, have never been surpassed in the annals of the human family.

It was a nursery that produced soldiers and men equal to the days of chivalry.

SERVES AS A SPY.

In 1794, being twenty years of age, he served as a spy in the *Nich-a-jack* campaign. He was with Col. William Whitley, who had organized in Lincoln county, Kentucky, some six hundred brave Kentuckians. Mr. Collier's place as a spy was in advance of the army that was advancing against the Chikamongas Indians while General Wayne, with a well appointed and disciplined army from Ohio, was marching to join them. The result of Wayne's victory, at the Maumee Rapids, in Ohio, is so well known that it is needless to repeat. But it is a fact of local history that it is well worth preserving that he who is the subject of this sketch and whose body is now laid to rest in our own beautiful Woodland, was also there two years later, March 15, 1796.

ARRIVES AT MIAMISBURG.

At Holes Station, in Montgomery county, Ohio, on the 11th of April, 1796, Amos Wilson raised his log cabin, the first ever erected for the residence of a white settler, within the present limits of Greene county, and soon after he assisted to raise the third house built in the same neighborhood. This is conclusive evidence that our old pioneer friend and fellow townsman of Xenia was well acquainted with John Wilson and his boys, and his coming into Greene county was at the time the Wilsons first settled here.

These houses or cabins were erected near the present village of Ferry, southwest

of Bellbrook, Ohio. Two months later Mr. Collier made a trip to Fort Defiance, in June, 1796, traveling on Wayne's trail, or military road. He performed the journey alone and on foot, sleeping on the ground, with no shelter but his blanket; he was well armed, and had no other dependence for self-protection but his trusty rifle, and his courage and presence of mind. The object of his lonely journey through the wilderness was the recovery of stolen horses, an object which he failed to accomplish. He returned some time during the same month and took up his residence in this county, at which time there were not more than a dozen settlers within its present borders, nor was the county organized until seven years afterward.

There can be no doubt but what Mr. Collier made his home for a while in the Wilson and Mills settlement, near Clio, or Ferry, as it is now called. We next find him located on the farm of Capt. Nathan Lamme, a soldier of the Revolution, whose land was north of the present town of Bellbrook. We have also from the old records of the county evidence that he was present at the house of Peter Borders, on Beaver, when the county was first organized, and was appointed to take the enumeration of Sugarcreek township. He received that appointment May 10, 1803, and commenced the work August 3, 1803, and finished on the 10th of the month, reporting the names of seventy-one, who, at that time, were residents of what is now Sugarcreek, then comprising all of Spring Valley and a portion of what is now Xenia township, that were over the ages of twenty-one years.

Seven days' work! We are filled with wonder and surprise when we read his report. And think of the condition of the coun-

try at that early day! Covered with the primitive forests, no roads, or pikes, as now—nothing but bridle paths for pack horses, that led from one settlement to another.

#### FIRST ELECTION IN SUGARCREEK.

On the 21st of June, 1803, the electors of Sugarcreek township held the first election in the township, at the house of Mr. James Clancey, whose cabin at that time was located on the present site of the town of Bellbrook. Our honored old pioneer was one of the candidates for the office of township lister, and Joseph C. Vance, the father of Governor Vance, was a candidate for clerk at the same election.

#### MOVES TO XENIA.

In the spring of 1805 he takes his departure from Sugarcreek township, and moves to Xenia. He was at this time acting as deputy sheriff, under William Maxwell, who had on the 17th day of December, 1803, resigned his position as associate judge, and had been elected sheriff of the county. Capt. Nathan Lamme had previous to Mr. Maxwell's election been the sheriff (by appointment), but finding that it interfered too much with his large landed interest, had resigned. Mr. Collier continued to act as deputy until 1807, when he was elected sheriff.

#### SHERIFF OF GREENE COUNTY.

Mr. Collier served out the constitutional term. While he held this office the county was the temporary residence of certain desperate characters, whose lawless acts of vio-

lence and crime, had driven them to the frontiers beyond the jurisdiction of laws, or out of reach of the ministers of justice. Numbers of them were confederated together at different points, forming a chain of communication, all the way from Kentucky to Canada. They would warn each other of approaching danger; would mutually assist each other in rescues, escapes and concealments. They would receive, conceal and convey stolen property from one to the other, which rendered detection and conviction very difficult. Several daring robberies were committed in the county. It was no unusual circumstance in those days for citizens, on retiring to rest, to bar the door securely, and place a gun and ax at the bedside ready for self-defense in case of a nocturnal attack. An instance of their audacity and success may suffice to illustrate the state of the times.

#### JOHN WOLF ROBBED.

Thirteen robbers, armed to the teeth, with faces concealed with black crepe, one night entered the house of John Wolf, Sr., a citizen near the site of the village of Byron, and robbed the owner of about four hundred and fifty dollars in specie. Not satisfied with the amount of booty obtained, they threatened the owner of the house with torture, proposing to pinch his fingers in a vise, unless he informed them where more money could be found. They would have carried their threats into execution but for the opposition and influence of one of their number, more human than the rest.

Mr. Collier was instrumental in breaking up their association and driving them from the county. His vigilance, intrepidity and

perseverance was such that they had neither rest or security. He, with his assistants, hunted them from their hiding places, surrounded their houses in the night season, and arrested every one he could lay his hands on, until, finally, they were all either captured or driven from the county, and the citizens were left in peace and security of life and property.

Mr. Collier continued to act as sheriff until the election of 1811, when he gave way to Capt. John Hivling.

#### CORONER OF GREENE COUNTY.

He was, in 1814, elected coroner of Greene county, and continued in that office until the year 1820, when he was succeeded by David Connelly. He was again chosen coroner in 1826, and continued in that office until 1830.

#### REMOVES TO XENIA.

We will now return to the time when Mr. Collier removed from Sugarcreek to Xenia. It is said that the first person buried in the pioneer graveyard at Bellbrook was the wife of James Collier. He afterward married the daughter of Jacob Smith, who was a man of note in the early history of the county. The same Jacob Smith, whose body our Masonic brethren removed from the Harbine farm and reinterred in Woodland cemetery, Xenia, in 1898.

It must not be supposed that Mr. Collier had not been in Xenia previous to 1805; his duty as deputy sheriff would oftentimes bring him to Xenia, and besides that we find in the old records of the county the following: "On the 15th day of November, 1804, Joseph C. Vance conveyed to James Collier lot



No. 60, see book 3, pages 3 and 4, Records of Deeds; and again a year later on the 8th day of November, 1805, William A. Beatty, director of the town of Xenia, conveyed to James Collier lot No. 58, book A, page 156.

#### ERECTS HIS CABIN.

On lot No. 60, facing on Detroit street, about twenty feet back from the inside line of the sidewalk, Mr. Collier erected in the summer of 1805 his cabin, a one-story, hewed-log, with two windows down stairs, and with a door in the center, with what is called one-half window up stairs over the two windows to give light into the attic room above. That building is still standing in Xenia to-day (1899) and belongs, I believe, to a Mrs. Middleton, and is the first house east of the colored high school building, East Market street, Xenia. It has been weatherboarded outside, and is still in pretty good condition. When they were removing the old Collier house the original home of Mr. Collier was just back of it, and was bought by Mr. Middleton and removed to its present site. It was in this building that Mr. Collier and his young wife, nee Rachel Smith, daughter of Jacob Smith, commenced their married life.

We find the following in the records of the probate court, under date of June 5, 1805: "Married by the Rev. Joshua Carman, James Collier to Rachel Smith."

#### A SOLDIER OF THE WAR OF 1812.

It seems quite natural to see the name of James Collier enrolled among the nation's defenders in the war of 1812, as will be seen from the following taken from the official

records: "I do hereby certify that James Collier did volunteer under the proclamation of the governor and the circular of General Harrison, on the 15th day of September, 1812, and the said Collier did act the part of a faithful soldier during his continuance in my company, and is hereby discharged. Given under my hand this the 5th day of January, 1813. Daniel F. Reeder, captain."

#### THE OLD COLLIER HOUSE.

This house was built the summer after his return from that tour of duty in the army. When first erected it consisted of one room and hall fronting on Detroit street, with two rooms in the rear. It was a wooden frame, built over with brick; as was jokingly said at the time of its erection, it was "a frame house weatherboarded with brick." It was opened as a public house before being finished, the front room being the bar-room. In 1814 the south end was built. Reuben Hixon, who removed to Lebanon, made the bricks, and some brickmasons from Kentucky put them up. Mathew Alexander, the father of Captain John Alexander, did the wood work. The north end was built some years later. At the time the first part was erected there were two other brick houses in Xenia, besides the court house: one of them stood where (1859) John F. Patton's drug store used to stand, and the other on the ground now occupied by John Knox's saddle shop, or near that.

The court and bar put up at the Collier House from the commencement, and it was far known and noted as a tavern. Recruiting officers boarded at the Collier House in the time of the war of 1812, and a British



officer and his servant, who were prisoners of war, were there on parole. Court marshals, courts of inquiry and courts of appeal were frequently held in this house by militia officers. The office of commissioner of insolvents was kept in it until the law abolishing imprisonment for debt went into operation. The first regular ball in Xenia came off at the Collier House. Such was the scarcity of females who could, or would, dance that girls were enquired after, and brought to town from a distance of eight or ten miles. It was kept by Mr. Collier as a public house for twenty-nine years, and for a while the regular mail stage stopped there.

The building next to where now stands the Reform church, and which formed an addition to the Collier House, was built by Phillip Good, father of Judge Good, of Sidney, Ohio. Dr. Joshua Martin lived in it when he was first married, and continued to live there until he had a house built, which he occupied until the time of his death.

Peter Pelham, Esq., one of the Greene county commissioners in 1812, and for several terms afterwards, and also who was the first auditor of Greene county in 1820, also lived in this house. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1747, and he was noted for his ardent piety, benevolence and numerous charities. He died in 1822. Many of the oldest citizens of Xenia still remember the old land mark, extending north from the Galloway buildings to the south line of the present Reform church on Detroit street. In the files of the Torchlight, of July, 1859, appears a notice that it is to be sold, "this noted property will be sold at public sale by the executors of the estate of the late James Collier."

No building in Xenia has a history which

equals in interest the history of this now dilapidated structure. It is a relic of the old times, the times of bridle-paths and corduroy roads, of horseback traveling and saddle bags, dating before turnpikes had entered in the imagination of men in the west. Mr. and Mrs. Collier never had any children to brighten their home, and the ones we have had in our county by that name were the children of his younger brother, Moses, who was ten years younger than James, a sketch of whom will appear further along. And as so much could be said of James Collier, we will for fear of wearing the patience of the reader close this history by adding a tribute to his memory as furnished by his old and intimate friend, Thomas Coke Wright, who says, when asked if he had anything to say, after the death of his old friend, in the year 1851: "He, like many of the old pioneers, had his strong points of character, which stamped him with originality. The incidents of his early life evinced that he was enterprising and resolute. He originally had a good constitution and much hardihood and powers of bodily endurance, which enabled him to endure cold and the inclemencies of the seasons with impunity. If while hunting in the tall woods of the west, night finding him far away from any human habitation or shelter it made little or no difference to him. Kindling a fire from a flint and steel, he would pass the night without a tent or blanket, or other covering than the canopy of heaven. He possessed much firmness and decision of character, and when his mind was made up, his purpose fixed, it was no easy matter to turn his determination. He possessed the faculty of concentration in a great degree, and whatever he engaged in he pursued with all his mind and all his

might. If employed in some out-door labor and it came on to rain, and his mind intent on the business on hand, he has been known to continue on as though unconscious that any rain was falling. In all his dealings he was strictly honest, and truth was an idol with him. Not one particle would he swerve from the literal naked facts and would tolerate neither ideality nor embellishments, but adhere to the simplicity of truth in all his narrations and statements.

"Most cordially did he detest falsehood and meanness in every station in life; he was always the good honest worthy citizen, discharging every duty as a public officer and private citizen to the best of his skill and ability, faithfully and honestly. In his friendships he was sincere and true, and his attachments ceased only with life. His memory was very retentive, and was richly stored with a vast number of facts and incidents, historical and biographical, concerning early times in the west, which he could relate with an accuracy and minuteness of detail that was truly surprising. He could point out and correct more errors, which have found a place in western history, than perhaps any other man now living, and could his biography have been written, connected with all the information he possessed, it would have proven a treasure to western history. It would have preserved numerous facts, now lost forever, and corrected divers errors in accounts already given to the public, which will now go down to history as true. For instance, Butler in his history of Kentucky says: "In the attack of Colonel Bowman made on Old Town in July, 1779, the Indian chief, Black Fish, the one who had headed an expedition against Harrodsburg, and had taken Boone prisoner, was

killed." Whereas, that same Indian was killed in Kentucky early one Sunday morning, within three miles of where Mr. Collier was at that time. He had broken into a settler's house, and was engaged in a desperate struggle on the floor with the owner of the premises, when his daughter, a brave young woman, seized a hunting knife, flew to the assistance of her father and stabbed the Indian. The Indians were ashamed to have it known that their famous war chief had fallen at the hands of a white squaw, concealed his rank and name at the time, and afterwards countenanced the report that he had fallen in battle.

"Judge Burnet in his notes says that early in 1796 the British government surrendered the northern post, including Miami and Detroit. The posts were delivered to General Wayne, while Mr. Collier was at Fort Defiance in June, 1796. General Wilkenson one morning reached that post and sat upon his horse in company with his staff officers on the banks of the Auglaize river opposite the fort until a salute of fifteen rounds had been fired from a twelve pounder. He had been to Detroit, and in conversation with Mr. Collier informed him that the inhabitants of Detroit treated him with coldness and reserve, except one young Frenchman, who invited him to his mother's house, where he was received with kindness and treated with hospitality. And farther the post would have been surrendered to him, but for the want of men he could not take possession. In the following September he saw General Wilkenson on his way to Detroit with part of two regiments of men to take possession; the surrender was made of course to him in pursuance of the stipulations of Jay's treaty made in 1793."

## HIS LAST ILLNESS.

For a year or so previous to his death he had been infirm, and was frequently subject to severe attacks from which his recovery seemed doubtful, and it was a common remark among his friends that the old pioneer was failing fast. Still from every attack he recovered again, so as to be up and about, until about seven weeks previous to his death he was again prostrated with dyspepsia. As the days progressed his system wasted away to a mere shadow; he took not a particle of nourishment for twenty-three days, yet he continued to live with a tenacity beyond any example ever seen by the many friends who were in attendance or daily visited him. He continued perfectly in his senses, and was not only resigned to die, but willing and impatient for that event to take place. At length worn out nature yielded, and he fell asleep without a sigh or struggle. And thus he has gone, one of the early pioneers of Greene county, who was here nearly when the first improvement was made within its limits. On each memorial day in our own beautiful Woodland can be seen two flags and the flowers that are still put there to commemorate the brave acts of the two brothers who were both soldiers in the war of 1812, James and Moses Collier.

## MOSES COLLIER.

The younger brother of James Collier was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, on the 4th day of January, 1784. In 1786 when he was but two years old his family emigrated from Virginia, their destination being Kentucky, but in consequence of his

mother's health they stopped on the river Holston, in what is now east Tennessee, and there remained until the following summer, when the journey was resumed until they reached the place of destination in Kentucky some eighteen miles north of Crab Orchard. Here he continued to reside with his parents in Lincoln county and spent his early youth. The next we hear of our old pioneer friend was in 1797, when he was making his home with his brother James on the land leased from Captain Nathan Lamme. He was then a mere boy, thirteen years old, and his brother James twenty-three, and it is said by a Bellbrook historian that they lived in a cabin near the present residence of John Kable, north of Bellbrook, being central part of section 33-3, 6. Moses is said to have been remembered as the first assessor of the township. (That is a mistake, as the book which contains that enumeration has been found, and is now in the vault of the auditor's office, and shows that it was James and not Moses.)

In the fall of 1805, at the October election, we find for the first time the two Collier brothers, James and Moses, voting in Xenia township. This was the first vote cast by Moses in Greene county, and he was now twenty-one years old. A year previous he had bought of Joseph C. Vance, director of the town of Xenia, lot No. 128, now owned by President Fay, as the Miami Powder Company. He was one of the best surveyors that Greene county ever had, and he served the county in that capacity from 1817 until 1829, when he was elected to represent Greene county in the lower house of the legislature.

He was afterward elected surveyor of the county in 1834, and continued to act



as such until the year 1840. He was married, September 19, 1810, to Miss Elizabeth Small, by Rev. Joshua Carman. The result of this marriage was six sons and four daughters: Franklin, David, James, Jr., Albert, Theodore and Ira, sons, and daughters, Mrs. Pugh Sterritt, Mrs. Daniel Job, Miss Ruth Collier, residing at Yellow Springs, and Mrs. Joseph Linkhart, of Xenia. After little more than half a century of married life he died at his residence on Clifton road, November 28, 1861, after a brief illness. For more than half a century he resided here, and during the long period had ranked worthily among the best men in the county.

In addition to what has been said before, Moses Collier filled the position of clerk of the court of inquiry of the militia of Greene county. Away back in the years 1810-11-12, when the county was under the old system of valuation, he was assessor of real estate, making his last assessment in 1840. He was among the first men in the then town of Xenia in 1816 to enroll his name as a stockholder in the first library association that was organized in the town. Later on, upon the organization of the old Xenia Lyceum, he contributed many valuable works, and contributions were more important in that day when books were scarce than it would be now. Of the early settlers of this county Mr. Collier was about the last one left, and he was at the day of his death standing almost alone as the representative of the men who felled the forest and opened the fields of the Miami valley. He was a soldier for a brief tour in the war of 1812, under Captain Robert McClelland, to go to the relief of Fort Wayne. At his funeral a large concourse of neighbors and friends

followed his remains to the last resting place in Woodland cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

#### SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP.

So much can be written of this township that one is at a loss where to commence. We find that on the 10th day of May, 1803, Greene county's first associate judges met in the house of Peter Borders, in Beavercreek township, on the farm known at this time (1900) as the Harbine farm, for the purpose of laying off the county into townships. This township was the place of commencement; Sugarcreek was designated as No. 1. It was and had been the gateway into the county of almost all of the early pioneers. And in order to avoid repetition of what has been written in the former part of this book as to its organization and boundaries and who were the people that were living in the county at that time would refer the reader to that description. Most of this work has been compiled from the old records of the county that had been carted away to different out of the way places in the court house which was this year (1900) torn down, as well as in the one that was torn away in 1842, and which had been built in 1806. It has been said that "Moses Collier was remembered as being the first to take the enumeration of Sugarcreek township." That is a mistake. James Collier was the one who made that enumeration, as his book has been found, and in it he says, "I commenced the work August 3, 1803, and completed it August 10, 1803." In this connection we quote from a statement furnished by John L. Elcook, assisted by Silas Hale, in 1874. He says: "Some seventy years ago the spot where



Bellbrook now stands was a wild unbroken wilderness. Herds of deer roamed through the forest and occasionally a bear was to be seen. The first house in the county had not long been built, and stood about half a mile north of the present village of Clio, or Ferry, on what is now known as the Abner Wilson farm."

#### FIRST HOUSE IN GREENE COUNTY.

It was raised on the 7th day of April, 1796, and belonged to Daniel Willson, one of the early pioneers of the county. It was constructed of unhewed logs, and like the other cabins of early days had no floor but that afforded by the broad breast of mother earth. Other cabins of the same kind were, however, soon built.

#### FIRST MILL IN GREENE COUNTY.

A mill stood on the southern part of the farm now owned by Thomas Brown and was the first mill of which we have any record in the county. It was a hand mill, and the neighbors from six or seven miles around came here to grind their grist. Sometimes as many as seven and eight met at the mill, and this number in those days was a crowd; but by "spelling each other at the crank" they soon got the grain ground and left contentedly for home. One of the stones of this mill is now in the possession of Mr. Brown, who has collected quite a cabinet of curiosities and relics, and has, it is said, one of the finest collections of mineralogical and geological specimens in the state. This mill stone is about fourteen inches in diameter, and three inches thick on the circumference.

#### FIRST SETTLERS.

Among the first settlers in the vicinity of what is now known as Bellbrook were Joseph C. Vance, Captain Nathan Lamme, John McLean, John C. Hale, Ephraim Bowman, James Barrett and a few others. (For a complete list see Sugarcreek township, first part of the book.) Joseph C. Vance located and settled on the land lying east of the street that leads to Alpha. Here he built a cabin, which was the first dwelling erected on the ground that was long afterward laid out for the town. It was built of rude logs and stood a little to the rear of where Ephraim Bungardner's paint shop used to stand. This cabin was afterward sold to James Clancey, and was used by him for a kitchen, he, to meet the growing wants of trade, having erected a finer and more commodious log house, in which he kept tavern.

#### EX-GOVERNOR JOSEPH VANCE.

And here we may remark that Joseph Vance, the ex-governor and son of the above Joseph C. Vance, is remembered by the school children of that day as a young man in "buckskin breeches" and the driver of an ox cart on the "Pickney road." What visions of future glory haunted his mind while engaged in this humble occupation we shall never know. But that he was not entirely disappointed in his aspirations we may safely judge. The "Pickney road" derives its name from "Pickney pond," near Harbine's, by which it ran. It is the same road that is mentioned as leading to Alpha.

## CAPTAIN NATHAN LAMME

Entered the land now owned by David Clemmer, John Nave and the widow Lamme. The compiler of this sketch has in his possession a list, or roll, of the officers of the sixteen Virginia regiments of the Continental army who had received land bounties in the Virginia military district in Kentucky and Ohio, and among the number is the name of Captain Nathan Lamme, who received four thousand acres. He came to Sugarcreek township in the year 1797, and entered his land in sections 33 and 27 (3.6), north-east of Bellbrook. He built a cabin on the hill north of the Washington mill. He served as a volunteer in the Lord Dunmore war and participated in the battle of Point Pleasant, at the mouth of the Great Kanawha, under General Lewis, which lasted from dawn of day until sundown, and it was a hard fight and bloody battle. And during the war of the Revolution he was found wearing for eight years the uniform of a captain with honor to himself and country. At the organization of Greene county, Ohio, Nathan Lamme was appointed sheriff, but on account of his large land estate he only served three months and resigned. William Maxwell, who was at the time serving as one of the first associate judges, resigned that position and accepted the place made vacant by Mr. Lamme. Mr. Maxwell with his able deputy, James Collier, served two terms, when Mr. Collier was elected. Thus from away back we have the precedent for the deputy to take the place of the principal, which has been kept up with few exceptions to the present time. It is said of Captain Lamme that he was intimately ac-

quainted with Simon Kenton, whom he had often entertained for weeks in his log cabin as the old pioneer passed to and fro from Kentucky to his lands in Champaign county.

In the pioneer graveyard in Bellbrook is buried this grand old hero of the war of the Revolution. He died in 1834, aged eighty-nine years. Men of higher rank and less worth have had expensive monuments erected by a great government, while this one is almost forgotten.

Mr. Lamme had five sons, Josiah, William, James, Samuel and David; also two daughters, Anna and Martha. Of the five sons, all of them took part in the war of 1812. The following is a sketch of his youngest son:

## DAVID LAMME, SOLDIER OF 1812.

Mr. Lamme was born in Kentucky, January 1, 1791, and removed with his father to the late residence on the banks of the Little Miami in 1797, where he was residing when the tocsin of war was sounded between this country and Great Britain. He joined the citizen soldiery first as a substitute under Captain Robert McClelland at Xenia, from whence he was marched to Upper Sandusky to meet the northern invaders and their red allies. After his discharge he volunteered under the immortal Harrison to the relief of Fort Wayne, then besieged by the Indians, after which he volunteered twice, thus serving four distinct campaigns during the war. Notwithstanding his pioneer and Kentucky heroism placed him in the front ranks in defense of his country, he was emphatically a man of peace, a good soldier, a good citizen, a dutiful son, a provident husband, an indulgent parent and

a kind neighbor. It appears that while the Lammes were Virginians, yet like many from that state who came to Ohio in the late Civil war they were true to the "stars and stripes." We find from good authority that Captain Lamme after the war of the Revolution was shortly afterward in Kentucky, and it is no doubt but that is where he became acquainted with Simon Kenton.

#### FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE IN BELLBROOK.

On the site of the present beautiful residence of Jacob Haines, Jr., and surrounded by a forest of stately oaks and sugar trees stood the first school house in the community. It was a large log building and had a huge fireplace at either end. Here the future village fathers droned over their dog-eared spelling books, and between the "rule of three" and the master's "birch" spent many miserable days. The seats were not the varnished comfortable affairs with which school houses are now furnished, but rude plank or puncheons resting on pins at a slight angle. The writing desks were ranged around the walls and were made by driving wooden pins into auger holes bored in the logs, so that they stood at a proper angle; on these pins were placed boards or planks to serve as a rest for the copy book. Glass was very scarce, and altogether too expensive an article to have in a school house, and this temple of learning was innocent of sash or pane, but necessity is the mother of invention, and a large greased paper was stretched over the window, which in a measure supplied the deficiency and admitted some light at least. This house was afterward torn down by Stephen Bell, and a dwelling erected in its

stead. The master of this backwood's school house was James Bain.

#### JAMES BAIN.

In a sketch written, I think, by Rev. Thomas Beveridge, of the life of Rev. Robert Armstrong, as to the cause of his coming to America, he says: "Four members of the Associate church having settled in the same neighborhood in the vicinity of Lexington, Kentucky, in 1796, namely: James Bain, Adam Goodlett, Thomas Robinson and James Pringle, took council together at a prayer meeting on the best means of obtaining a dispensation of the gospel among them. Among the early records of the county James Bain's name appears on the aforesaid records in 1804. He settled in Sugarcreek township, Greene county, the same year as Mr. Armstrong, which was on the 2d day of September, 1804, which was the date Mr. Bain came into Sugarcreek township. He settled the land now owned by Archibald Berryhill's heirs, north of Bellbrook, northeast section 32 (3.6). He built a cabin near the present farm house. Subsequently he erected a malt house west of the cabin. He was a school master, combining the two avocations of teaching the school and brewing beer. He is a man remembered as combining many other seemingly uncongenial professions. It is related of him that he would rise very early in the morning, proceed to his "clearing," work until his good wife, Sarah, who died November 17, 1818, at the age of forty-five, would blow the horn for breakfast, after which he would proceed to his school, and the faithful horn would call him to dinner, and at evening the sound of the horn echoing through the woods gave welcome warn-



ing to the boys and girls that the dreary hard day's work of school was done, but called the master to his clearing and the maul and the wedge.

He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was in the company of Captain Animi Maltbie, which was a part of the First Regiment, Second Battalion and First Division, and the fact that he was the owner of a private "still" is no reflection upon him. The most of the old pioneers, leading men in the church and other good works, did not at that time think it a sin to have about and make their own liquors. It is said of him that while teaching that, in addition to that, he would make one hundred rails a day by his early rising. He laid out and sold to the Associate or Seceder congregation the site for the church and burial place, the strip of land now known as the "Pioneer Associate graveyard." It had been the opinion of some in the neighborhood that this lot was donated with certain peculiar conditions, but this is a mistake: the deed reads thus: "This indenture made and concluded this 8th day of June, 1816, between James Bain, of the county of Greene, etc. Witnessed that said James Bain for and in consideration of the sum of three dollars to him paid doth grant, bargain, etc., a certain lot of ground enclosing the church, known by the name of the Sugarcreek meeting house. The deed is given without reserve." And in that place, first line of graves, near the east line, south corner, he sleeps the long sleep of death. Mr. Bain was born in the year 1748, and died August 9, 1832, at the age of seventy-five years.

#### THE PICKNEY ROAD.

One reason why Sugarcreek township

was the gateway by which so many of the early residents of the county entered was on account of this road. It was the first beaten track through the wilderness leading from Cincinnati through Lebanon extending north through what is now Main street, Bellbrook, north toward Alpha, past what was then known as Pickney pond, from which the road is supposed to have taken its name. Over this road the early settlers received their supplies of salt and iron and such other commodities as they could not produce for themselves. It required long absences from home and laborious travel to go to Cincinnati then with a load of ground corn and exchange it for salt and return home again. After a time this road became more of a thoroughfare, the demand for supplies for the growing settlements continued to increase, and large teams of belled horses began to make regular trips carrying loads of flour and returning with merchandise.

Another road leading from this one was called the "Beer road," because it was used mostly by our old pioneer friend, James Bain, to transfer from his place in the hollow, back of what is known as the Pioneer graveyard, to Dayton his beer. The main road crossed the Miami at what is now the "Upper" mill and passed north of where Bellbrook now is, and extended toward Centerville. Over this route the mail was carried weekly to Xenia.

THE OLD ASSOCIATE, OR PIONEER, GRAVEYARD.—MRS. JAMES COLLIER.

It is said the first body buried here was the wife of Colonel James Collier, which must have been some time in the year 1804



or 1805, as Mr. Collier removed from Captain Nathan Lamme's farm to Xenia in the summer of 1805. No stone or marker can be found of her grave.

JOSEPH ROBINSON, SR.

The oldest tombstone standing has inscribed upon it the name of Joseph Robinson, Sr., who died March 6, 1806, aged seventy-two years. This tombstone is of great historical interest to some who are descendants of his, who were at this time living in Xenia. He was the grandfather of the grandfather of our ex-deputy clerk of courts, Miss Edith Robinson, and was the great-grandfather to William F. Trader, attorney at law, and others. Mr. Robinson, Sr., has two sons also buried here, one of whom Joseph, Jr., was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his brother, Edward, who died October 17, 1845, at the age of seventy-three years.

MAJOR WILLIAM ROGERS.

Not far from this lot where the pioneer Robinson family are buried is another grave. It also is of local interest to some living at present in Xenia. It is the grave of Major William Rogers, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, and who was the father of Annual Rogers and his brother Luke. He was the grandfather of Mrs. Joseph Milburn. On his tombstone is the following record: "Born September 7, 1774. Died December 3, 1815." He built what was called the Roger's mill, the first water power mill erected in Sugarcreek township.

ALEXANDER BERRYHILL.

This soldier of the Revolutionary war

was a native of Augusta county, Virginia, and at the age of nineteen years volunteered in the American army, under the command of General Nathaniel Greene. At the battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina, in the heat of the engagement his company was surrounded by the merciless, victorious British, commanded to give up their arms, and on doing so he was struck on the head with a sword which produced a severe wound, the scar of which remained until the day of his death. He was held a prisoner by the captors two years, then exchanged, returned to his home, and after some years he married and settled on a farm. Mr. Berryhill's wife was a niece of Charles Thompson, of Revolutionary fame, and secretary to the first continental congress, a man of some executive ability and a lover of liberty. To them were born eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. Their names were James, William, John, Alexander, Margaret, Samuel, Archibald, Rachel, Matthew, Elizabeth and Franklin. Mr. Berryhill's father, John, was a native of Ireland, who settled in Virginia at an early date and there reared a family.

We have lingered longer at these two historic graves, the graves of those illustrious representatives, than we had intended, so with feelings of almost reverence we take our departure from the tombs of Alexander and Rachel Thompson Berryhill, only stopping long enough to copy the inscriptions that tell of the time of their death. Alexander Berryhill died in September, 1823, aged fifty-nine, his wife, Rachel, in 1838. They came to Ohio in 1814.

The next grave that we visited, not far from Mr. Berryhill's, is the grave of

## JAMES BAIN.

Along the east line near the south corner apparently in the first tier of lots, hidden by a cedar tree whose branches reach the ground, is the grave of James Bain. After parting the branches his tombstone appears in sight, and by his side are buried some of his children and his faithful wife, Sarah. As you stand and gaze involuntary you listen if perchance to hear the sound of the horn that called him from labor in the school and from his work in the clearing. Mr. Bain died August 9, 1832, at the age of seventy-five years. As we have a sketch of his life elsewhere we will proceed to the next, which is the grave of

## WILLIAM M'CANLAS,

Who first came into the county in 1817 and was related to Mr. Bain. He died August 9, 1835, aged forty-seven years. He had also a brother Robert. Not far from this lot, going north, is the grave of

## WILLIAM BAIN,

Who was a son of James Bain, Sr., and was well known in Greene county, and is still remembered by some of the older inhabitants as a genial and well disposed man. Not far from his grave toward the west is the grave of another well known pioneer,

## WILLIAM LAW, SR.

Mr. Law first came into Greene county in 1804 from Kentucky and settled in Sugar-creek township. He has a number of descendants yet living. His son, Jesse Law,

who was a soldier in the war of 1812, and who was for years a resident of Xenia township, is still remembered by many in Xenia and throughout the county. William Law, Sr., died January 26, 1826, aged seventy-six years. Not far from where Mr. Law is buried is the grave of

## GEORGE WATT, SR.

This grave is of more than usual interest, and as we take our place in front of the stone that marks the last resting place of this hardy old pioneer, George Watt, listen to the story of his life.

In the year 1820 he left his home in Belfast, Ireland, with his family. His destination was the United States of America, state of Ohio, county of Greene, where they arrived the same year. His brother, Hugh, had preceded him to this country. Hugh, who was six years younger, and who was the father of the late Dr. George Watt, of Xenia, had settled in 1817 not far from Cedarville, whilst George, the elder, settled in 1820 on the hilltops west of the Little Miami river between what is known as the "Indian Riffle" and the old Eureka mill. George Watt, Sr., was the father of George Watt, Jr., who lived in the house on the southwest corner of Market and West streets (present home of Mr. Collins; the carpenter), whilst two other sons, Hugh and Andrew, removed to Indiana. James Watt, the fourth son, died in Xenia; he never married. James and Andrew made applications to become citizens of the United States in 1840, which were granted. He had also four daughters: Mrs. Betsey Dodd, wife of John Dodd, Sr.; Mrs. Samuel Smeigh; Mrs. Jane McClellan, wife of William, of

Sugarcreek; and Margaret, who was single. Of his children, I think, Mrs. Samuel Smeigh, mother of Mrs. George Kendall, is the only one living. Mr. Watt, who was born in 1765, came to America in 1820, and died in 1845, aged eighty years.

#### THE GOWDY FAMILY.

Not far from the grave of George Watt, Sr., is the grave of John Gowdy, as the name is spelled on the tombstone. Along side of him is buried his good wife, Ann Gowdy. What time Mr. Gowdy came and settled in Sugarcreek township is not known. This much is known: He was there previous to 1803, as his name and that of his son, Andrew Gowdy, appear on the first enumeration taken of the aforesaid township in 1803. Mr. Gowdy died November 15, 1807, at the age of seventy-seven years. His son, Andrew Gowdy, was married to Mary McConnell, February 7, 1806, by the Rev. Robert Armstrong, and from his tombstone we learn that he was born April 2, 1777, and died September 25, 1818, aged forty-one years. There are living in Xenia (1900) one son and one daughter of Andrew Gowdy, namely, our venerable and respected townsmen who has spent so many years of his life in our midst, Alexander Gowdy, now in his eighty-seventh year, living on West Main street, and his sister, Mrs. Jacob Miller, residing on East Main street, mother of Mrs. Joseph M. Milburn. John Gowdy, Sr., was a native of Pennsylvania, removing from there to Kentucky, and thence to Ohio at the date given. Other children he had beside Andrew: One son, John, who was a soldier from Greene county in the war of 1812, and William Gowdy, who went to

Kentucky, and removed Rev. Armstrong to this place in 1804. John removed to Franklin, Indiana, as did two other sons, Robert and Thomas. His daughter, Ann, November 8, 1804, was married to Mr. James Bull, and it was an event that was made historical by our old pioneer friend, Hugh Andrew, who was one of the guests at the wedding. He says: "They were there from Dan to Beersheba." Another daughter of John Gowdy, Nancy, born August 14, 1817, was married to Jesse Law, a well known pioneer of Greene county. The children of Andrew Gowdy were John, Jane, Adam, Susanna, Alexander, Mary Ann and Eliza.

But to mention all of the illustrious dead that are buried here would make this article too long, so we pass these graves and go to the next and last that we shall mention, which is the grave of Captain Nathan Lamme, a gallant soldier of the Revolution, and by his side his son, David, a soldier of the war of 1812. A brief sketch of both will be found elsewhere in this book.

#### THE HUTCHISON FAMILY.

One of the early settlers of Greene county was John Hutchison. He came from Bourbon county, Kentucky, in 1806. He and Mr. Frazier had married sisters by the name of Finley in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and because of slavery they only remained in Kentucky some ten years. John Hutchison bought a farm one mile southeast of Bellbrook, the east line along the Miami, now known as the Morris farm. He was a weaver and while he worked at his trade his sons George, John, Andrew, Samuel and William cleared and cultivated the farm.



George and Sarah, John and Andrew, William and Martha (Sterrett) were twins. Samuel, May (Jobe) and Jane (McClure) were "not in it." John cultivated the farm after marriage to Ellen Clancey, April 24, 1822, until he bought one hundred acres near Xenia, a half mile northwest of the fair grounds, now the "Shoup farm," which he sold in 1835 and moved to Shelby county, near Sidney, and died in Sidney at the age of eighty-six years. His father and mother died in the same week of fever and are buried in the "Upper graveyard," he at the age of fifty-five years. He belonged to the first board of trustees of the First United church of Xenia, and the family came on horseback to church. And what a task in the absence of conveniences must have been the rearing of such a family. The mother dare not leave one of a pair by itself when she went to the spring to carry water, but carried one on the back, another under one arm, leaving one hand for the bucket. Andrew came to Xenia to learn the tailor trade with Mr. Currie, and pursued it until the last day of his life. He died in 1865 at the age of sixty-nine years. He was the father of W. C., the merchant, Mrs. George Ebright and Miss Emma, who are still living in Xenia.

#### SAMUEL LOGAN

Died at Bellbrook, Ohio, November 21, 1873, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was an old bachelor, and had made his home with Mr. Samuel Pogue for a long time past. He was one of the most eccentric and peculiar men of our age. One of his oddities that we have no record of any one else copying was that he would not accept any more

than seventy-five cents per day from any one for doing work. He was a good workman, and made a good hand at carpenter work. But he always said that seventy-five cents was all that a day's work was worth, and would not accept any more. He began life a poor boy without a dollar, was always industrious, made a good living, wore good clothing and saved six thousand dollars, which he earned by a day's work at seventy-five cents per day. In the western and southwestern part of this county are still standing in fair condition houses that he built years ago. He would go to some of the farms where the residents were living yet in their cabins, cut down the trees and hew the timbers for the frame of a house, and in the fall would have the aforesaid families living in their new homes. The old maxim would hold good in his case, "It is not what we make, but what we save that makes us wealthy." "Old Honesty" would be a fit inscription for his monument. In his will he gave Mrs. E. Pogue seven hundred dollars; William Duck five hundred; Miss Kate Hawkins two hundred dollars; and one hundred dollars to Miss Bell; and the remainder to the Parker heirs.

#### JOHN TORRENCE, A SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION.

He was a pensioner under the act of June 1, 1832. Application was made for same September 15, 1832, he being then seventy-four years of age. The pension was granted May 3, 1833. He was a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. At the outbreak of the war of the Revolution in this country he was a member of Colonel Dunlap's regiment, Captain Askew's company, of the



Pennsylvania militia. He was then a private soldier in that regiment. July 28, 1777, the United States government called his regiment into actual service; he was then promoted to the position of orderly sergeant of his company, which position he filled with honor for seven months and fifteen days. After the war was over he emigrated to the state of Kentucky, locating near Lexington, and from Kentucky he removed to Ohio, where he arrived in 1804, settling in Sugarcreek township, Greene county. The old records of the county show that he was a useful man both in church and state, and lived to a good old age, when he died and was buried in the Associate church yard, West Market street, Xenia, the site now covered by the school house of that name. He was afterward taken up and buried on the lot of his son, Aaron Torrence, in Woodland cemetery, Xenia. His oldest son, William, was a soldier in the war of 1812. He had beside William three sons, Aaron; John, who was the father of Henry Torrence, ex-recorder of Greene county; and David, who was the father of Finley Torrence, of the firm of McDowell & Torrence; also four daughters, namely: Elizabeth, Ann, Mary and Clarissa.

#### JESSE SANDERS, A SOLDIER OF 1812.

He was born on the 3d day of September, 1794, in Stokes county, North Carolina. His parents were Jesse Sanders and Sarah Reddick. They were both natives of North Carolina. On the 15th day of December, 1804, the father of Jesse with his family and household goods departed from old Carolina in wagons via Virginia and

Lexington, Kentucky, to Cincinnati, arriving in Greene county on the 13th day of February, 1805, and immediately settling in Sugarcreek township (now Spring Valley township) on what was then called military lands. He bought his land (two hundred and forty acres) of Colonel Nathaniel Massey, one of the first settlers of Ross county, Ohio. In 1806 he died. In December, 1807, his wife followed him. The oldest of the children, Forace, died in Laporte, Indiana, in 1869, having been through life a farmer and mechanic. John died in 1812 in Spring Valley township. Jemima married Jeffrey Saulsbury, a farmer of Warren county, Ohio, and died in 1814. Jane married Isaac Beason, a farmer of Wayne county, Ohio, and died in 1809. Susanna never married, and died in 1809 in Wayne county, Ohio. Jesse, the subject of this sketch, died at his home in Spring Valley township, May 21, 1880, aged eighty-eight, and is buried in Woodland cemetery, Xenia.

During the war of 1812 Mr. Sanders performed a conspicuous part as a member of Captain John Clark's company. He had through life followed farming. He was married, on the 5th day of November, 1840, to Elizabeth Simerson, a native of this county. Her parents were natives of Maryland, and very early settlers of Greene county, coming in 1801. They were the parents of four children. Politically he was a Democrat; voted first for General Jackson. Religiously he was by birth and early training a Quaker, but on account of joining the army was expunged, and ever afterward preferred to have a creed not circumscribed by the doctrines of any church. Mr. Sander's name will forever live as one of the pioneers of Greene county, Ohio.

## JOSIAH ELAM, A SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION.

Josiah Elam and his wife, Sarah A. (Porter) Elam, settled in what is now known as Spring Valley township in the spring of 1803. Mr. Elam was a native of Culpeper county, Virginia, and was born in 1753. He had in 1801, previous to his settling in Ohio come out and selected a place for his future home, entering one thousand acres of land on Caesar's creek. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and in the French and Indian war held a captain's commission under General St. Clair in the Indian campaign of 1791. He died February 28, 1821, aged sixty-nine years, and is buried in the Elam graveyard in the orchard in front of what was known as the Ambrose Elam farm. The old home is situated five miles south of Xenia near the Burlington pike. His family consisted of six sons and four daughters; one of his sons, John, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The wife of Josiah Elam died September 25, 1850, aged seventy-nine years, and is buried at his side; also his wife's mother, Susanna Porter, who died October 21, 1821, aged eighty-four years.

## THE THREE ORIGINAL FOUNDERS OF BELLBROOK, HENRY UPDYKE, JAMES CLANCEY AND STEPHEN BELL.

Henry Updyke was the eldest son of Captain Albert Updyke, a soldier of the Revolution, from New Jersey. Henry was born in Bethlehem, New Jersey, November 16, 1774, and came to an untimely death by an accident in 1825. While digging a well on the Steele farm a mattock fell on him

while he was down in the well. He was buried in what was known as the Methodist Episcopal church yard, which was on the southwest corner of Thomas White's farm. Afterward his body was removed with other deceased members of the family to the cemetery at Dayton, Ohio.

He built the brick house on the farm and owned the land on which the west part of Bellbrook now stands. He, with Stephen Bell and James Clancey, laid out the town in 1815. In another place in this book is a notice inserted in the "Vehicle," a paper published in Xenia in 1815, Samuel Pelham, editor, in which notice is given of the sale of the aforesaid lots. It is said there was some trouble in selecting a name for the place, but at length Mr. Updyke suggested the name of Bellbrook, which was at once agreed upon and adopted. As can be seen, the town takes its name in part from the name of one of its founders, Stephen Bell, and the latter part of it from the numerous streams and rivulets in that vicinity.

## JAMES CLANCEY.

In tracing the history of the old pioneers of the county it is a source of regret that our records do not extend farther back than 1803. James Clancey's name appears on the roll of the first enumeration that was taken of the free white male inhabitants over the age of twenty-one. He was a native of Virginia, and had located in what is now known as Sugarcreek township, Greene county, and on the present site of the village of Bellbrook some time previous to 1803. It might be truthfully said of him that he was a tavern keeper from "away back." As has been said elsewhere he had

purchased the first cabin that had been erected by Joseph C. Vance, in 1797, to be used as a kitchen to his new tavern, which he had completed, to accommodate his large and growing trade. His bar-room was the resort of the choice spirits, in more senses than one, of the surrounding country. On the long winter evenings they would congregate around the huge fireplace and after sundry visits to the bar would while away many hours in recounting their adventures with the Indians and bears as the case might be. Many a weary traveler slaked his thirst and found a comfortable bed beneath their hospitable roof. Captains Robert McClelland, Ammi Maltbie and Captain John Clark had each recruited and taken from the township full companies of men, and during the war of 1812, and after, Clancey's tavern was made "headquarters," they would often meet here with the rank and file of their companies and fight over their battles again and again. So much can be gleaned and gathered here and there even after so long a time of this historic old township that one hardly knows when to stop. One petition of our subject, Mr. Clancey, to keep tavern in Bellbrook, the original of which the compiler of this sketch has in his possession as custodian of the county, we will here copy:

"To the honorable judges of the court of common pleas of Greene county. The petition of the undersigned free holders of Sugarcreek township humbly represent to your honors that we conceive a public house of entertainment in said township would conduce to the public convenience. We therefore recommend James Clancey, one of our citizens, as a man of good character and in every way calculated to keep a public house. We therefore pray your honors

would grant him a license for that purpose and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray. Signed, January the 22d, 1816, John Hutchison, Andrew Bird, Joseph Gillispie, James Gillispie, David Lamme, William Standley and Alexander Armstrong."

Rev. Robert Armstrong, on his first arrival from Kentucky in answer to a call to become pastor of the Associate or Seceders, as they were then called, preached first at the house of James Clancey, present site of Bellbrook, to the following families: Esq. John and his brother, Joseph McKnight, John and Joseph C. Vance, whose son was afterward governor of Ohio; Captain Nathan Lamme; William and James Tanner; the three Snodgrass brothers, William, James and Robert; two Snowdens, James and Jacob; Abraham Van Eaton and others. A few of these were members of the Associate Reformed and Presbyterian churches, but were glad to listen to Mr. Armstrong.

About 1820 Mr. Clancey removed to near Flat Rock, Indiana, with his family, all but his son, Dr. James Clancey, Jr., who had about one year previous formed an alliance for life with the daughter of Dr. William Frazier, which event reads as follows: "August 12, 1819, married at the home of the bride, Mr. James Clancey, Jr., to Miss Sarah Frazier, daughter of Dr. William Frazier."

James Clancey, Sr., on his arrival at his new home, Flat Rock, Indiana, purchased eighty acres of land, and not far from the creek erected his cabin, where he continued to reside near two of his former Greene county neighbors, Mr. Van Pelt and Mr. Avery, until 1822, when his life's work was done and he was called home, and was buried in the graveyard not far from his home, where Conn's creek empties into Flat Rock.



Back from the mouth of Conn's creek in the fork thus formed was the graveyard in which was put away all that was mortal of James Clancey, Sr. After his death his two sons, George and William, returned to their old home. Rev. J. F. Hutchison, of Xenia, is a grandson of Mr. Clancey, and many other citizens here and elsewhere are the descendants of this grand old pioneer. The first election ever held in Sugarcreek township was by order of the court held in the house of James Clancey, and it was for years the voting place of the township.

#### STEPHEN BELL.

Stephen Bell was born in New Jersey, August 18, 1774, and was married to Miss Hannah Scudder in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1795. Of this union there were born eleven children, viz.: John S., William, Charles, Aaron, Rebecca, Mary, Naomi, Permelia, Casander, Benjamin and Franklin J. Little is known of his early days except that he learned the trade of a millwright in the east, and there being a demand for that kind of skilled labor in the west he with his family moved to Ohio in the early part of 1812, stopping for a short time on the James Towler farm west of Xenia.

About 1813 or 1814 he bought out and moved on the farm now owned by Jacob Haines, living on that property at the time of the marriage of his five daughters, so you can imagine the old property has seen some fun within its walls. He worked at his trade while living there and helped to build several mills on the Miami river, and also built a mill for Henry Updyke on Sugar creek just above the Esq. Ferguson property. The older Bellbrook "boys" can yet

remember the old frame where so often they have played "hide and seek" after it played out as a mill. About the year 1815 Stephen Bell and Henry Updyke purchased of James Snowden the southeast of center of section 2 (2.6); the lands embraced all of east part of the above section, being then all the western part of Bellbrook. The town had been surveyed and laid off in lots and a notice sent to Mr. Samuel Pelham, editor of the *Vehicle*, a paper published in Xenia, calling attention to the new town, and also to the date when the sale would take place.

#### THE VILLAGE OF BELLBROOK.

Taken from the "*Xenia Vehicle*," a paper published in Xenia, 1815, owned by James Galloway, Samuel Pelham, editor:

#### NOTICE.

The subscribers having laid out the town of Bellbrook in the county of Greene, Sugarcreek township, on the great road that leads by James Clancey's tavern, leading from Lebanon to Urbana, and where the road crosses leading from Franklin to Wilmington. The lots in said town will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder on Saturday, the 7th day of October, ensuing. The terms of the sale will be made known on the day of sale. The situation of the town is healthy, and convenient to springs which can be easily conveyed through the town. Saw and grist mills within a mile. Adjoining the town lands is a stream of water on which all kinds of machinery may be erected. Signed, September 19, 1815.

STEPHEN BELL.

HENRY UPDYKE.

JAMES CLANCEY.

Sale to be October 7, 1815.



The limits of the town as then laid out extended north to the alley that runs between the properties of George Webb and Samuel Willoughby. On the west to the street that runs from this alley south. On the south to what is known as the lower street. And on the east to the street that runs from the southeast corner of David Rape's lot north to a large rock that still is to be seen a little west of the two apple trees on "Hopkin's Hill." The lots were in No. 84, each four rods wide and ten rods long on each side of Main street. The first sale of lots on the date above stated took place; Aaron Nutt, an old pioneer of Centerville, Montgomery county, Ohio, was the auctioneer on this occasion.

Mr. Bell about the year 1832 or 1833 sold this farm where his children had grown up to manhood and womanhood and bought a farm across the road (reaching from the south line of the new cemetery to the north line of the Lewis Kemp farm, and on which is built all that part of the town east of North Main street) from the venerable Judge John McLane, on which stood the tavern then kept by William Edwards, where the young men and maidens often met to while away the evening hours in the country dance.

In 1838 Mr. Bell had a severe attack of western fever, and Iowa then being the Eldorado of North America he sold his farm to Captain John C. Murphy, intending to move there, but his wife dying in May, 1839, changed his plans for his future course in life. He served one term in the legislature of Ohio as a representative from Greene county. From 1822 to 1828 he served Greene county as one of her county commissioners. In 1839 he married the widow

Daughterty, of Springfield, Ohio, and made that place his home, where he was an honored citizen, serving as the first mayor of the city, and afterward living a quiet, unassuming life until the time of his death, May 14, 1852. It is said that Mr. Bell in his old age, knowing that time with him would soon close, and having a mental dread of being laid away in the cold, cold ground, where no kindly eye or loving friends could ever see him again, he had a vault built in the Green Mount cemetery east of the city, corner of Main street and Green Mount avenue, Springfield, Ohio. He was placed therein and there he is to-day resting to all appearances as natural as the day he fell asleep. One of his great-grandsons visited the vault a few days ago, and on coming home remarked, "How much grandfather looks like Uncle Benedict." The body was petrified. Mr. Bell was also a soldier in the war of 1812, under Captain Robert McClelland.

#### EX-ASSOCIATE JUDGE JOHN MC LANE.

John McLane entered the land on which William Huston now resides. His cabin, which was erected near the site of the present residence, was rudely constructed of rough logs. He was a bachelor, and here with no other companion but a dog and his rifle he lived. Often at night, while reposing on his lonely couch, he heard coming from the depths of the forest solitude around him the piercing scream of the wild cat and the hungry howl of the wolf. To protect himself from these beasts he each night made and kept a large fire in front of the entrance to his abode. Even at that day he was known as a "queer genius," and many

are the anecdotes told of his eccentricity. One of these we will relate. While at various log rollings in the surrounding country he had heard the settlers boasting much of the prowess of their dogs in fighting wild cats. This made McLane feel a little envious, and one day while out hunting his dogs treed one of these animals. Nothing could have pleased John better, and he immediately set about to see what kind of wild cat dogs his were. Setting his gun by the side of a tree he began to climb the one "enter was the cat," but he had not climbed within more than ten feet of the "varmint" when it rolled up its back, set its hairs all the wrong way and looked him right in the eye. He tried to draw off its attention, but no, said he, "No whar would it look but right in me eye." He began to descend the tree slowly and cautiously at first but more rapidly as he neared the ground. Once again on solid earth he grasped his rifle and, after quieting the "buck ager" that had taken possession of him, brought it to his shoulder and sent the ball crashing through the brain of his foe. He used to say when relating this adventure that it was the only time in his life that he was "skared," and that it was the first and last time that he ever tried to shake a painter "offen" a tree.

John McLane came from Lexington, Kentucky, and entered the land where his body lies buried. He came some time previous to 1803, as his name appears on the records at that date. The associate judges appointed him on the 15th of November, 1804, to be one of the commissioners in place of John Sterritt, who had resigned. We also find that he was one of the associate judges of Greene county, and while he may not have been a well educated man, he was

a man of good judgment and sterling worth. It is said of him that being a bachelor, and having no children of his own, he used to speak his mind pretty freely when speaking of our legislators, who would enact a law that would compel him to pay for schooling other people's children, and denominated such as "a set of dung-hill gods," from which he prayed to be delivered.

#### VISIT TO THE GRAVE OF JOHN MC LANE.

The compiler of this sketch paid a visit to his tomb one bright day in June, 1899, and was well repaid for the visit. Leaving the cars at Shoup's Station, on the Panhandle Railroad, I started from there due south toward Mt. Zion church, which is about two miles from said station. I stopped at the home of Capt. Benjamin Darst to inquire as to where was the tomb of John McLane, and was told that it was at least three miles from his home, and "Yonder is my horse and in that shed is my buggy; you shall not walk," and, in almost as short a time as it takes me to write about it, the captain had me seated in his buggy. "And now for the direction: keep right on the direction south, that you have been in coming here; cross the pike that leads past Mt. Zion, continue the same direction until you come to another pike that leads toward Dayton; turn to the right and go about two miles, which will lead you to where, on your right hand, you will find a building that used to be the "toll-gate house;" at that place near you will find a narrow lane on the right; drive north about one-half mile and in the woods on the left you will find it." I did not forget a single direction that the captain gave me, and was soon there. And, climbing the

fence, soon had transferred from the tombstone to my book the following: "Here lies the remains of John McLane, who died October 21, 1848, aged eighty-three years and eleven months.

Let no one disturb my humble cot, nor  
break my peaceful rest,—  
Till corrupt earth shall be no more, and  
saints be continuously blest."

With the words that I have copied from his broken tombstone still ringing in my ears "Let no one disturb my humble cot", it looked as though his wish had been respected, and for fifty-one years no one had been near that lonely grave. Back from the lane, over the fence I had worked my way among the thick underbrush and vines, and there about twelve feet from the fence was a stone enclosure about four feet in height, the walls two feet thick, the end next to the east about eight feet from out to out, and twelve feet long from out to out, the one acre of ground that had been reserved for a burial place. It looked as though in the past the primitive forest had been cut off, and the present growth of trees had grown to their present height.

The walls that kind friends had erected around where his body had been laid were broken and had fallen inward from either side, and had hid from view the grave of John McLane. Out from among the stones had sprung up grape vines at least two inches in diameter. The tombstone was broken, one half of which was supported and kept from falling by the vines aforesaid. The wood in which this one acre of ground had been reserved and in which was the tomb, does not look unlike it did when its owner

used to travel through it near one hundred years ago. 'Tis true the white man has destroyed the wild game that was so plentiful in the days of Mr. McLane but the face of nature remains unchanged; as you stand and gaze, the silence of this spot seems unbroken and while standing alone you almost expect to see some of the objects that used to be seen, to hear the cry of the wild cat, or the howling of the wolf. 'Tis a scene both wild and wierd and well repays a visit.

JOHN C. HALE, SR.

John C. Hale was a son of James Hale, who was born in England in 1737. He first settled in Baltimore county, Maryland, in 1767. He removed to Blair county, Pennsylvania. How long he resided in the latter state is not certain. He removed from Pennsylvania to Mason county, Kentucky, where he died in 1801 or 1802. His home in Kentucky was on Clark's run not far from Brant's Station, nine miles from Maysville. John Hale had taken to himself as wife Miss Catherine Baird, who was born in 1774, and was of Welsh descent. Of this marriage there were born eight children: Rebecca, Joseph, Lydia, John, Hannah, James, Thomas and Silas.

In 1802 the widow came to what was then the Northwestern territory with her children and settled in that part that is now known as the great state of Ohio, county of Greene and Sugarcreek township. In the first enumeration of the male inhabitants over the age of twenty-one taken by James Collier and completed August 10, 1803, we find the names of three of Mr. Hale's children, who were of the required age, namely: Joseph, John and Thomas. James



Hale's name appearing first on the list of voters October, 1805, and Silas, the last son, voting for the first time in April, 1826. After 1810 none are left in the county save John and his son, Silas Hale, Jr. In the year 1802 John Hale built a log cabin on the present site of the residence of William Lansing. In this cabin our late venerable friend, Silas Hale, Jr., was born, and near it, when a child, he made a narrow escape from being devoured by a hungry bear, but through the efforts of his mother he was rescued. The floor of this cabin was made of planks sawed out by hand, there being at that time no sawmills in the neighborhood, and but few in the county. This cabin was afterward torn down, hauled to Bellbrook and re-erected by Joseph Gillespie at the rear of the house in which Mrs. Vaughn used to live. The method of sawing plank in that day was novel; the log was first hewn square, then lined on two opposite sides, one end of it was raised to a scaffolding, so that it stood on such an incline as to admit of one standing under and another on top of the log both using the saw with ease. Those days have passed and gone, and the savage "swish" of the saw as it is drawn by steam or water power is now heard in the land. John Hale, the subject of this sketch, removed from the county to Kosciusko county, Indiana, in 1838. He was born November 25, 1775, and died in Kosciusko county September 25, 1845, and was buried in the Dunkard graveyard in Jackson township, that county.

Silas Hale, Jr., son of John, took unto himself as a wife, Miriam Updyke, daughter of Henry and Catherine Updyke. A sketch of Henry Updyke as one of the founders of the town of Bellbrook appears in

this book. To Silas Hale and his wife were born ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Mr. Hale was born August 26, 1803, and died June 20, 1889. Mrs. Hale, the widow of Silas, was born February 5, 1814, and was in 1899 still living, and it is hoped that she will be left for many years to be what she ever has been, a source of pleasure to her numerous friends, children and grandchildren. To the descendants yet living of this family it is a pleasure to meet them, and kindly thoughts of them you will have when you say goodbye.

MOSES WALTON.

Moses Walton, one of the pioneers of Greene county, was born on the 27th day of June, 1809, in what is now Spring Valley township. His parents were Edward Walton and Deborah Allen. His father was one of the earliest pioneers of Greene county, coming in 1806 from Virginia. He was born on the 30th of January, 1777, in Shenandoah county, Virginia, and belonged to a family who bore their part in the Revolution. The Walton family, of four brothers, originally came from England, and in 1664 settled near Philadelphia. They were the advance of William Penn's Quaker colony. The Walton family to-day, on both sides, hold to the creed of their forefathers. The father of the subject of this sketch departed this life on the 10th day of April, 1867, in Spring Valley township, having reached the advanced age of ninety years and seven months, and was buried in the Caesarscreek Friends' churchyard, south of New Burlington. He had through life been a farmer, and a man of stanch integrity and usefulness in society. At the age of twenty-two



Moses began life on his own resources as a farmer, in Spring Valley, where he ever afterward resided. On the 30th day of October, 1834, he was united in marriage to Mary Cook, a daughter of John Cook, one of the first pioneers of Warren county. She died March 15, 1844, aged twenty-eight years, leaving five children. On the 1st of October Mr. Walton was united in marriage to Rachel Reagon, a daughter of Reason Reagon, one of the early pioneers of Warren county, Ohio. She died April 26, 1844, aged twenty-three years, leaving one child. Mr. Walton was united in marriage to Deborah Johnson, a daughter of Joseph A. Johnson, an early pioneer of Highland county, on the 19th of September, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Walton were the parents of eight children. Mr. Walton died January 8, 1887, in his seventy-seventh year.

RICHARD CUNNINGHAM, A SOLDIER OF THE  
REVOLUTION.

His name is found upon the records of Greene county, Ohio, first in the enumeration of the inhabitants of Sugarcreek township of the year 1820. At that time he was the owner of lots Nos. 9, 10 and 28 in the town of Bellbrook, and afterward ran a hotel in that place, and was also constable in Sugarcreek township. "On the 30th of April, 1827, personally appeared in court (the court of common pleas for the county of Greene, being a court of record in the seventh circuit of the state of Ohio) Richard Cunningham, a resident of said county, aged seventy years, who first being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath say and make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the

acts of congress of the 18th of March, 1818, and the 18th of May, 1820, "That he, the said Richard Cunningham, enlisted for the term of three years, some time in the spring of the year 1777, in Franklin county, in the state of Pennsylvania, in the company commanded by Captain Crawford, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Dunlap, in the line of the state of Pennsylvania on the military continental establishment. As well as his recollection serves him, he knows that at the battle of Brandywine he was commanded by Colonel Dunlap, but at the battle of Germantown he was under the command of General Armstrong. Then when that part of the army to which he belonged went into winter quarters at Valley Forge he was detained to drive a public team, which he followed for a considerable time, after which he was attached to and did duty in a rifle company under various officers, in scouting or spying parties; the names of these latter officers he does not now recollect. That he continued to serve in this latter species of service until the expiration of his term of service, when he was honorably discharged at the town of Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania, having previously received a certificate in the state of New Jersey. Soon after his discharge he volunteered his services for one year, and served as a rifleman for that time in scouting, spying, etc. He was afterwards out for nine months in General McIntosh's campaign against the Indians as a pack-horse man, and served one year in the late war (1812) under Lieutenant John Hopkins, of the corps of rangers (I think from Warren county, Ohio)." He had one son by his second wife, Richard S. Cunningham, who at this time (1827) was fifteen years of age.

His pension was allowed, and he was placed on the roll May 4, 1833. His pension commenced March 4, 1831, at the rate of eighty dollars per year.

SACKETT FARM, IN ONE NAME, FROM 1799  
TO 1899.

The following is taken from the "Bellbrook Moon:" "One hundred years ago Cyrus Sackett, accompanied by his wife and three children, came from Kentucky and settled on what has been known in later years as the Alexander Sackett farm. Mr. Sackett bought this farm of one hundred and fifty acres at two dollars per acre. They arrived there on October 17, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The land was then covered with dense forests. He, however, cleared a small space, where they pitched their tents made of bed clothes, in which they managed to live for some time. Mr. Sackett then built a log cabin, which was called a round-log cabin, in which they lived for several years. He then built a large hewed-log house, which was at that time considered very fine. Here Mr. Sackett and wife spent the remainder of their lives. After their death the farm was divided into two parts and sold. Alexander Sackett bought the eastern part containing eighty acres, and Preston Poague bought the remainder of the farm, which is now owned by the heirs of the late Benjamin Vaughan. Alexander Sackett held this farm in his possession until his death, which occurred April 10, 1893. The farm was then purchased jointly by Phineas Wilson and Emily Sackett, grandchildren of Cyrus Sackett. The farm remained in their possession until the end of the year 1899, when they sold it to Jacob Carey. Thus it passed

out of the Sackett name after being in their possession one hundred years, two months and eighteen days. This is a very rare occurrence."

In the old Baptist graveyard about one mile south of the village of Bellbrook lies all that is mortal of Cyrus Sackett, Sr. Many more of historic worth also are buried there; among the number are Rev. Josiah Carman, the veteran pioneer Baptist preacher, Captain Ammi Maltbie, who made a name for himself in the war of 1812, Andrew Byrd, Sr., and others. Mr. Cyrus Sackett, Sr., died at his home July 13, 1846, aged eighty-three years, leaving his wife, Nancy, and the following children: sons, Alexander, Joseph, Samuel and Cyrus Sackett, Jr.; daughters, Sarah Hand, Mrs. Anna Hoblet and Mrs. Poague.

GEORGE HINEY, A SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION,

Was born in 1754 and died May 21, 1849, at the good old age of ninety-five years. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and at the time of the Revolutionary war was a private soldier in the Pennsylvania militia. The records on file in the pension office at Washington, D. C., show that he was drawing a pension, and was then a resident of Greene county, Ohio. His annual allowance was seventy-six dollars and sixty-six cents. He applied for the pension May 4, 1831, being at that time seventy-nine years old, and he was placed on the roll October 12, 1833. After the close of the war he removed first to Virginia, and from that state in 1820 to Ohio, settling in Greene county, where he continued to live until his death.

He had quite a large family. His sons

were a hard-working,\* honest set of men. Just over the line in Clinton county, near Lumberton, is a beautiful little cemetery; in that lies all that is mortal of this old hero, George Hiney. At his side lies his wife, Mary, who died September 22, 1858, aged eighty-one years. His son Henry also lies there; he died September 24, 1869, at the age of eighty years.

#### FIRST COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

The gathering of the pioneers of Greene county in what is known as Beaver creek township, August 2, 1803. The wheat harvest had been gathered by many of the early pioneers in the young county. Work by many had been laid aside, and some had received notice to appear at the house of Owen Davis, which was situated five and one-half miles west of the now city of Xenia, on the farm now (1900) known as the Harbine farm. Others came out of curiosity; some few had come in the night before, and were the guests of mine host, Peter Borders, who was at that time the tenant of Owen Davis, who was ready to supply the wants of both man and beast with the necessities of life and comfort. Some had traveled far through the trackless forest. Tomorrow would be a great day in the history of the new made county and of Beaver creek township. Three months previous there had been a gathering, May 10, 1803, for the purpose of organizing the county into townships and other matters pertaining to starting the wheels of the county government. But this day had been spoken of among the few hardy settlers as they would meet to assist each other in the erection of their cabin homes in the few townships then organized;

tomorrow would be a chance to meet hardy men like themselves, representatives from the four townships which constituted Greene county. This day was to be a county reunion.

It was to be a great day in the county, and the people were gathered in large numbers; here was the presiding judge, and his associates, prosecuting attorney and grand jury; here was the court house and jury room, and also the tavern of Peter Borders, whose bar was well supplied with whisky. What was the meaning of this gathering? The first court of common pleas for the new made county of Greene was to meet to-day. And it had been said on one occasion previous to this, "there were giants in those days," so could it be said of the court and grand jury truthfully that had assembled at the house of Owen Davis on this occasion. And as the court has met, and the business of the day commenced, we will step inside and proceed to introduce the members of the court. First, the presiding judge is the

HON. FRANCIS DUNLAVY, OF WARREN COUNTY.

This is his first visit to Greene county, which is one of the points on his circuit, which he continued to travel until 1817. A Virginian by birth, he was born near Winchester, December 31, 1761. His father, Anthony Dunlavy, came from Ireland in 1745, and took for a helpmate Hannah White, sister of Judge Alexander White, of Virginia. Of this marriage there were four sons and four daughters. Francis was the oldest son. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, was also twice a member of



the legislature of the Northwestern territory, and also a member of the convention that formed the first constitution of the state of Ohio, and was also a member of the first legislature of Ohio. The next member of the court is the

HON. WILLIAM MAXWELL,

One of the associate judges, who was not unknown to the presiding judge, for both of them had been members of the first legislature of Ohio, which had met March 1, 1803, at Chillicothe. Mr. Dunlavy was a member of the senate and Mr. Maxwell a member of the house, but in matters which called for a joint session were brought face to face. This explains another item of history, Mr. Maxwell being a member of the body that formulated and passed the act creating the new counties of Butler, Warren, Montgomery and Greene, whilst in the legislature had received the appointment of associate judge, along with Benjamin Whiteman and James Barrett, and while there had taken the oath of office. When the court met May 10, 1803, he administered the same to his two associates. Mr. Maxwell was also a soldier, and he is said to have published the first paper printed in Cincinnati. He was a resident of what is now known as Beavercreek township, Greene county, at the time he is credited as being a representative from Hamilton county, Ohio.

Mr. Maxwell resigned as associate judge and accepted the office of sheriff of Greene county, in place of Captain Nathan Lamme, who had first been appointed and served six months. He continued to act as sheriff until 1807, when he was relieved by Colonel James Collier, who had been his faithful

deputy. It was while Mr. Maxwell was sheriff, in 1806, that the notorious fight occurred between Ben Kizer and Aaron Beall. Mr. Maxwell in his attempt to uphold the majesty of the law rushed into the ring to stop the fight, received a blow that sent him reeling and bleeding from the ring.

The next one sitting near Mr. Maxwell is one upon whose face if you once gazed you would look again, attracted by his fine military look and bearing; that man was the companion of Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton, and is well known by all present as a brave soldier,

GENERAL BENJAMIN WHITEMAN,

Another of the three associate judges of Greene county, and son-in-law of Owen Davis, the owner of the building in which the court is being held, which building General Whiteman had erected for his father-in-law in 1799. He is at this time in the prime of life in his thirty-fourth year. He was born on the 12th day of March, 1769, in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. When but thirteen years of age he had emigrated to Kentucky, about seven years after the first white settlement had been made by Colonel Daniel Boone, and settled near Limestone (now Maysville). He himself says he came to Beavercreek township in 1799.

The next and last associate judge sitting near Mr. Whiteman is

JAMES BARRETT, OF SUGARCREEK.

He was a native of Virginia, and on coming to this township in 1802 his family consisted of his good wife Elsie and four



children, two sons, James and Philip, and daughters Eleanor and Hannah. He was at this time well up in years, and the infirmities of age were beginning to show that he had reached the top of the hill and had commenced going down. In coming into the township he located on the land better known as the farm of Robert Tate, northwest of the present village of Bellbrook, being south part of section 9 (2.6). His boys were hale, hearty fellows, James at this time being twenty-one years old, and Philip nineteen, and as they all had their home in common the father and mother were well cared for. Mr. Barrett and his family in first coming to Hamilton county settled on Dick creek in what afterward was Butler county.

The next member of the court that attracts our attention is that distinguished looking man that is present to act as prosecuting attorney, the

#### HON. DANIEL SYMMS,

A former native of New York, who had emigrated early to the Northwestern territory, and had settled in what proved to be Hamilton county. He had been chosen to represent Hamilton county in the first session of the legislature which met at Chillicothe, March 1, 1803, and was a member of the senate of said body, and here it was that "Hon." was first prefixed to his name. He makes the fourth member of that honorable body that is now present at this first court of common pleas, which met at the house of Peter Borders. The others are His Honor Francis Dunlavy, of Warren county; John Paul, the efficient clerk of the court and whose home was at this time at what is now known as Trebein's Station, where he

first settled when, in 1800, he came to Greene county. Here Mr. Paul had, as it were, harnessed the waters of the Little Miami to run his sawmill, and it was known at the time as "Paul's mill." These three, a short time before, were members of the senate, and William Maxwell, of whom we have spoken before, was a member of the house of that first legislature.

Over the hill southeast of where the honorable court is now sitting is the home, and was when he was in this first legislature of Ohio, of William Maxwell. "Honor to whom honor is due." History says that Messrs. Paul and Maxwell were members from Hamilton county, which was in part true, nevertheless they were residents at the time of what is now known as Greene county.

Mr. Symms continued to represent Hamilton county, and was the speaker of the senate for the years 1804 and 1805.

#### THE FIRST GRAND JURY OF GREENE COUNTY.

Over in the corner sit the members of the grand jury, a fine looking body of men. Sugarcreek township is well represented on said jury. Out of the fourteen, Sugarcreek has seven, namely, Joseph C. Vance, John Wilson, William Buckles, Abraham Van Eaton, James Snodgrass, Robert Marshall and Alexander Armstrong. Mad River township for some cause was not represented on this first "grand jury." Caesarscreek was represented by William I. Stewart, who was chosen as foreman, and Martin Mendenhall and Joseph Wilson. Beavercreek township, in which the court was being held, was represented by John Judy, Evan Morgan, John Buckhannon and Harry Martin.

## REV. MOSES SHOUP,

Son of George and Charlotte Shoup, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, on the 1st day of October, 1793, and emigrated to Greene county in the spring of 1805. His life was one of usefulness, and his kind and genial disposition won for him the good will of all. He was a faithful minister in the German Baptist church for more than fifty years. He was married to Elizabeth Miller in the year 1818, and with whom he lived more than fifty years. She died in 1877. Mr. Shoup died May 7, 1880, in his eighty-seventh year, and is buried at Mt. Zion churchyard. His grandfather, Martin Shoup, was a native of Switzerland, and his three sons, George and Solomon settled in Beaver creek township, whilst Samuel made his home in Bath township the short time that he lived after coming to Ohio. He died at his home in Bath township, July 18, 1812, aged forty years, and is buried along side of his wife, Dorothy, who died March 28, 1837, at the age of sixty-four years. Both are buried in what is known as the "Cost graveyard," in sight of Fairfield, Bath township, Ohio. George Shoup, Sr., father of Moses Shoup, was the father of the following children: Moses, George, Solomon, David, and one daughter, Mary Hawk, living in Frederick county, Maryland. Rev. Moses Shoup's children who arrived at adult age consisted of the following: One son, Daniel M. Shoup, and daughters, Mrs. Charlotte Coy, Mrs. Catharine Gearhart, Mrs. Sarah Wampler, Mrs. Harriet Brubaker and Mrs. Rebecca Ann Darst.

## SAMUEL ALLISON, SR.

Mr. Allison was a soldier in the war of

1812. He was married to Miss Mary Cadwell in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1816, and in the fall of 1820 he, with his wife and two children, emigrated to Ohio, settling first in Franklin, Warren county. They came in true emigrant style with wagon and four horses attached, and were six weeks making the journey. After residing in Franklin two years the family removed to Beaver creek township, Greene county, in the year 1822, and settled near what is known as Harbine's Station, and continued to live there until the year 1834, when they removed to Shelby county, Ohio, into what might be termed then the back woods of Ohio, and for a number of years endured all the hardships of frontier life. Mr. Allison died and was buried in Shelby county. For a while when they lived in Beaver creek township they resided in that ever to be remembered house, the house of Peter Borders, Greene county's first place of holding courts. And here in this house some of their children were born. After the death of Mr. Allison the mother was left with a family of nine children, the care of which was thrown upon her, and well did she do her part. Mrs. Allison's parents emigrated from the north of Ireland in 1782 to Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and were of the highest type of Scotch Presbyterians, and she inherited all the traits of character peculiar to that race of people to a very high degree. In 1882 six of her children were living, three sons and three daughters. James, the eldest, when quite a boy, learned the mercantile business with Samuel Puterbaugh; William, the well known insurance agent; and Samuel, manufacturer of binder twine; also another son, Robert, who emi-

grated to Kansas, settling at Olatha, thirty-five miles south of Kansas City, Missouri.

#### THE COMING OF THE HARBINES TO GREENE COUNTY.

Few families have been as successful in tracing their ancestor's back to "the long ago" as has been the case with this honored family. The history as gleaned here and there reads almost like the beginning of fiction. The Harbine family descended from the Huguenots, and their early ancestors were driven from their native France to lands where they might worship according to the dictates of their own consciences. Three families of that name left their native lands about the year 1700. One family settled in Algiers, where a small town now now bears their name. The other two came to the United States, one settling in West Virginia, and the other in Berks county, Pennsylvania. Peter Harbine was at the head of the last family spoken of, and was the ancestor of our Greene county Harbines. Briefly following out the Scriptural form, we would say of John Harbine, he was the son of Daniel, who was the son of Adam, who was the son of Peter Harbine, who in 1749 purchased a tract of land from Thomas and William Penn in the then province of Pennsylvania. Daniel Harbine, Sr., had removed to Washington county, Maryland, where, January 17, 1804, the subject of this sketch, John Harbine, was born, and there continued to reside until the year 1828. He was married in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1827, to Miss Hester Herr, and the year following, with his young wife, started for their new home. They drove through in a carriage, and not long

after Mr. Harbine's arrival he purchased the land on which stood the first court house for Greene county, in Beavercreek township. They moved into the building thus obtained, and the husband occupied himself as miller and owner of the Owen Davis mill, the first that was built in Greene county. He continued milling for some years, and finally built extensive oil, flour and woolen mills, together with the store, and became largely interested in the grain trade in Xenia. He also had two mills on the Miami river, where was erected the first cotton factory of this section, and was largely interested in the development of the turnpike system, besides being instrumental in securing the building of the Little Miami road. He was warmly interested in the establishment of schools. Politically he was a Whig, and later a Republican. Religiously he was a prominent member of the Reformed church. To him and his estimable wife there was born a family of eight children, all of whom grew to mature years: Daniel R.; Jacob H., who is still a resident of the old home; Mary E., who was married to David G. Steele; Hattie M., who became the wife of the Hon. John Miller; Sarah J. married Dr. William Hagenbaugh; Anna C., the wife of George Smith; J. Thomas; and B. F. Harbine.

June 8, 1873, after a life of usefulness, the father, John Harbine, died. At the age of eighteen he was received into full communion with the Reformed church at St. Paul's church, near Clear Springs, Maryland. The esteem in which he was held as a citizen and neighbor was evinced by the large procession that followed his remains to their last resting place in Woodland cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.



## THOMAS DAVIS, A SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION.

At the September term of the court of common pleas of Greene county, Ohio, in the year 1821 personally appeared in open court before the court of common pleas Thomas Davis, aged sixty-five years last January, a resident of Bath township, in the county of Greene aforesaid, who being sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, as follows: "I served as a private in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Young, Western Battalion, in the regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Crockett, in the service of the United States." Mr. Davis had previous to this made application and was receiving a pension of eight dollars per month under what was termed "the law of 1818," which pension was granted him at the rate of eight dollars per month. He made that application in Clark county, Kentucky, previous to his coming to Ohio. The date of his certificate under the law was No. 7258. He had at the time of making his last application two children living, a son, John Davis, who was then thirty-six years old, and was a cripple in his left arm, not able to help his parents; and one daughter, Nancy Davis, aged sixteen years, who was acting as housekeeper. He farther states that he served five years in the Revolutionary war and three years under General Anthony Wayne.

## WILLIAM READ

Died at "Read's Hill," near Fairfield, December 25, 1862, aged sixty-nine years. He was born in Paris, Kentucky, January 21,

1793, and was the second child of Andrew and Catharine Read. During the year 1799 he removed with his parents to Ohio and settled on Mad river, four miles north-east of Dayton, thence removed in the spring of 1802 to near Fairfield, settling upon what has been called "Read's Hill." During the war with England in 1812 and 1813 he served as a teamster, carrying commissary stores from Dayton to Urbana, Bellefontaine and stations far beyond. Still later he served as a private under Captains Stevenson and McClellan, and was stationed at Fort McArthur, guarding the open frontier and keeping a line of communication open to Fort Meigs. After his return home he was married, in 1814, to Miss Mary Tatman, eldest daughter of Rev. Joseph and Rebecca Tatman. There were born unto them six children. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was justice of the peace for many years, and a commissioner for six years. He lacked just twenty-eight days of being seventy years old at the time of his death.

## NIMROD HADDON.

During the year 1800 Nimrod Haddon started from Virginia with two pack horses and came to Chillicothe, Ross county, and while traveling at Deer creek met an old friend from Virginia, with whom he stopped over night, and liking the surroundings he prolonged his stay over winter. In the following spring he and five other families moved up Deer creek to Lamb's purchase, and squatted on it. After having made a little improvement, learning that his nephew had settled on the Little Miami, he came to visit him, and finally moved in with him.



After remaining here a couple of years he learned that his mother and family had moved to Kentucky, and he determined to visit her. Packing up, he started; and about three miles below Dayton he fell in with another old friend from Virginia who persuaded him to remain all winter and teach a school in the vicinity. In March the smallpox appearing in the settlement he moved across the river and began making sugar. Having good success in this direction, a fine lot of sugar was the result. About this time the great flood took place. The water began to rise and he was compelled to cross the river with his sugar to a cabin on higher ground. The water still rising, he moved to a house owned by a Mr. Taylor. This, also, being surrounded by water, he put his sugar in the loft, and they all paddled across to an elevated spot and camped for the night. Mr. Haddox was placed on watch, and about midnight the water reached them and they were compelled as a last resort to cut trees and fall their tops together and climb them, and remain on them from Friday till Monday without food or drink. On Monday the water began to subside, and soon they descended from their perch and went to the house, which was turned around. They rowed their boat to the upper window and crawled in, and finding a large iron kettle in the loft and some meat they made a fire in the kettle and broiled some of it; and also finding a sack of meal stowed away in the loft they mixed this with water and baking it also in the impromptu oven soon had a good meal. On looking for his sugar, he found that it had mostly disappeared. Fully satisfied with his visit, he returned to his nephew's house,

traded a horse for an improvement, and became a citizen of our county.

#### WHAT BECAME OF PETER BORDERS.

From the old files of the "Torchlight" under date of October 23, 1851, we find the following: "Died at Irish Grove, Menard county, Illinois, Sylvia Borders, wife of Peter Borders, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Borders kept the first public house in Greene county, Ohio. And the first courts of said county were held in his house. He was at the time his wife died an old man eighty-four years of age, in good health, and astonishing activity for one of his age.

#### STEPHENSONS OF BATH TOWNSHIP.

William Stephenson, Sr., with his wife and four children, namely, William, James, Peter and John, left the state of Kentucky some time previous to 1803 and settled in Bath township, Greene county, one mile and a half east of the present town of Osborn on land which in later years came to be the home of John Dispenett. His son, William, was a soldier with the rank of captain in the war of 1812.

#### JOHN HOSIER, SON OF FREDERICK.

Mr. John Hosier, of Osborn, Bath township, Greene county, Ohio, died on Friday, December 24, 1869, at the mature age of eighty-one years. He was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, in 1789, to which place his parents had removed and where they made their home until 1797. They brought up a family of seven children, of

whom John was the youngest save one. In 1797 the family removed to this state, which was then but a part of the "Northwestern territory," and in a wilderness condition, inhabited or rather occupied by the "red men of the forest." They made a halt in Mason county for about four years, where they rented some land and lived as most "backwoodsmen" lived in all new countries in a primitive way, with wants few and easily supplied. There were the carcasses of wild animals, many varieties of which abounded in every part of the great Northwest. The bread was made from corn meal, which was ground in little hand mills, somewhat like those in eastern countries, as in Bible times "upper and lower mill stones," the upper being turned by a pin of wood or iron inserted in the top, and near the outer rim or edge, for the hand of the operator to take hold of while the other hand supplied it with corn. It was sifted through a primitive screen, made of untanned deerskin, with holes made with the tines of a common table fork, which had been made red hot for the purpose. This process of burning the skins, through which the heated fork tines passed, prevented it from resuming its original shape again, and the seared and crisp material served the purpose for which it was designed for long periods, and was certainly a good substitute for the wire sieve of to-day, though the process, like the grinding, as above described, was decidedly slow and tedious, compared with the method of doing the same work in our old settled country. At the end of the four years the family made another journey toward their present home, and halted at a point near Cincinnati, called Columbia, at that day. Here they stayed more than two years. In coming

from Shenandoah they stayed one entire winter in a rude camp which they hastily constructed for the purpose at the mouth of the Little Kanawha river, and where they had expected to embark on a flat boat for their coveted western home, with their two horses and two cows and household goods and provisions, but with no wagon or other vehicle to facilitate land transportation. The boat did not come as anticipated, and they had no recourse but to make "virtue a necessity," and winter where they were, in their rude cabin, three miles from any white inhabitants and under the necessity of wintering their animals on browse, which they cut for the purpose in the surrounding forests, together with a little corn which they secured from the nearest settlement. They had no meat on their table with the exception of a large fat bear, which one of the larger boys had killed, with now and then a wild turkey. Their bread during the long winter was made from corn that was pounded in the hole of a large stump, hollowed out for the purpose with fire, a spring pole pestle being used for the purpose of mashing it. The next spring they embarked on a flat boat, according to their original plan, and finally landed on the shore of the Miami river near Cincinnati. At this place, three miles from Cincinnati, they occupied a farm which was owned by a Mr. Isaac VanNess. The house was back from the river, on the "second bottom," though some of the improved ground was on the "lower bottom," nearer the river. They were yet on this farm of Mr. VanNess when the great flood of 1803 occurred and where their cows got surrounded with a wide waste of whirling waters, while they had a little more than sufficient standing room on a little patch or

knoll, just enough to keep them from being swept away by the seething flood. At one time, during the progress of the flood, our subject, with another brother, came near being drowned by the upsetting of their narrow, shapeless log of a canoe, with which they were striving to convey some food to their imprisoned animals, an eddy in the seething flow brought them into collision with a log which was being whirled along at a rapid rate and which upset them; however, he managed to grasp a branch of an elm tree and to climb among its branches, where he rested until his brother got safe to land, and returned with another raft of the same kind, and which had been dug out just the day before, as if to be providentially ready for the occasion. There were no levees to confine the accumulated waters of the spring freshet within the legitimate banks of the river and, of course, they spread themselves out into the forest on either side of the stream proper until the Miami valley was like a vast lake, or an inland sea, or like the great father of waters in width and volume.

They came here in the valley of Mad river in 1803, and settled upon the eighty acres of land upon which our subject resided until his death, midway between the village of Osborn and Fairfield. The land had been pre-empted by John Hunt, as were most of the government lands in that immediate locality by different individuals. They paid Mr. Hunt two shillings per acre for his pre-emption rights and then paid the government agent two dollars per acre, with five years payments. But the land was in a state of nature, covered by a thick growth of plum and hazel bushes. Fairfield had but a single hut at that time, and there were but

few inhabitants anywhere in the vicinity. Their household goods were unloaded in the woods, where they had no shelter but the canopy of the heavens, until they could hastily construct a tentlike structure of their bedclothes on short sticks set in the ground. After they had made their first payment on their land they found themselves destitute of available means, and, of course, depended upon their good constitutions, their acquired skill in battling with the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and, of course, on the blessing of God. They had all of their provisions to procure by their labor in working for others who needed their services. Wages were low, and prices of provisions were correspondingly low. The price of a day's work with sickle in harvest was only four shillings, yet there was an active demand for it; all of the grain of the country had to be cut with the sickle for several years, and until the grain cradle was invented and brought gradually into use. They got their grain, corn and wheat ground sometimes at McCormack's mill on Mad river, nearby on the "chopping mill" of the late John Knisley, sometimes at Mr. Steel's mill at Midway, near the site of Mr. Felix Wise's present woolen factory, and sometimes at Mr. Davis' mill near Clifton. The flour wherever made was bolted by turning the machinery by hand. This was usually done by the owner of the "grist" so as to accelerate the process of making the wheat into flour and bran. This vicinity to Tattman's prairie near Fairfield enabled them to share with others in cutting the grass of that prairie for their cows and horses in the first winter.

Mr. John Hosier was married, in 1819, to Miss Mary Haddix, sister of John Had-



dix, of Osborn. She was the mother of thirteen children. Mr. Hosier was converted to the service of God in 1840 and connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. His opportunities for attending religious meetings had been few and far between. The first meeting that he attended was at "Read's Hill," east of Fairfield village.

He lived to see many changes, and was one of the most useful men that lived in his day and generation. He was not the man to make himself too conspicuous in the neighborhood where he lived, unless it was that he was known for his modesty and moral worth, for his honesty and integrity could not be called in question; he would be known as a good man, good citizen and a good Christian, and such he was in the judgment of charity. He had lived to see our country pass through conflicts with foreign powers successfully, and then the great rebellion which threatened the life of the nation. He lived to see peace restored to our country. When his time came he was ready to go.

JAMES MCPHERSON'S APPLICATION TO KEEP  
TAVERN IN MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP.

"To the Worshipful Court of Greene county, humbly sheweth:

"That whereas your petitioner hath been solicited from time to time by travelers from remote distances as well as adjacent, that hath been and now continue to explore the flourishing and fertile lands of Mad river, to ask license from the Honorable Bench to keep a public house of entertainment. That for want of such a place of convening for a recourse for shelter hath often sufficed in their recognizing in the said tour

through this extensive country, and being yet almost unsettled for many miles from my dwelling. And beside all this he farther adds that without said lawful indulgence to obtain said license, must sustain great loss: for at times am much crowded with sojourners to the dissatisfaction of private life, with no man near of profit, but an entire fatigue. His habitation being north from Springfield twenty miles, from Chillicothe sixty miles, Ottawa Town forty miles northwest, from Mr. Isaac Zane's ten miles west. Your petitioner hopes to obtain and of your clemency the said license, and as in duty bound will ever pray. Signed by

"JAMES MCPHERSON.

"May 20, 1804."

The petition was also signed by Simon Kenton, Peter Oliver, Thomas Davis, Joseph Sutton, John Fisher, J. T. Galloway, Lewis Davis, Lewis Sutton, George M. Smith, William Moore.

The author of this remarkable petition, James McPherson, or Squa-la-ka-ke, "the red-faced man," was a native of Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. He was taken prisoner on the Ohio at or near the mouth of the Big Miami at the time of Loughry's defeat, and was for many years engaged in the British Indian department, under Elliott & McKey. Married a fellow prisoner, came into our service after Wayne's treaty, 1795, and continued in charge of the Shawnees and Senecas of Lewistown until his removal from office in 1830, since which he has died. His nearest neighbor at this time was Isaac Zane, living ten miles east. Our own grand old pioneer, Major James Galloway, was up in that part of the state in the year 1800, and there can be no doubt but that he was intimately acquainted with

McPherson, Zane and others of the pioneers of that section of the country. Years afterward he gave from memory his recollections of that part of what is now Logan county, and which had been from 1803 until 1805 a part of Mad River township, Greene county, previous to the organization of Champaign county at that date, thus circumscribing Greene in its northern limits. And again in the fall of 1817 we gave to Clark county a part of our northern territory, yet we have historically the satisfaction of knowing that all of their early inhabitants or pioneers were first ours. And when Logan and Champaign counties point with pardonable pride to the home and place where the body of Simon Kenton was laid to rest "after life's long and fitful sleep," we can open our little poll books and the enumeration of the pioneers of Mad River township in Greene county from 1803 to 1805 and see the name of the aforesaid Simon, and we listen as he is being interviewed by John Daugherty, "lister" of Mad River township for the year 1803, and we hear him say in answer to the questions that are asked him: "This mill here on Mad river is worth, I suppose, one hundred and fifty dollars." Any cattle? "Yes, I have three horses and twenty-two cattle."

At the first election held in said township, June 21, 1803, at the house of Griffith Foose, town of Springfield, John Daugherty and Robert Loughry, clerks, and James Woods, Thomas Redman and John Clark, judges. At this election appears the name, among others selected for the different offices, Simon Kenton, who was chosen to act as overseer of the poor. The subject of this sketch, James McPherson, was present and cast his ballot and helped to organize. The

compiler of this sketch has the original petition of James McPherson framed and ready to return to the new court house among a number of papers of historical interest. Among the signers of this petition is the autograph of Simon Kenton.

#### MAJOR THOMAS CARNEAL.

Major Thomas D. Carneal, founder of Caesarsville, Greene county, Ohio, and one of the earliest settlers of Cincinnati, but of late years a resident of Frankfort, Kentucky, died at the residence of Nicholas Longworth in Cincinnati, November 3, 1860, aged seventy-six years. In the early days of Ohio he was an extensive speculator in wild lands, and located many warrants in the Virginia military district. A few years since he set up a claim to sundry tracts of land on Caesar's creek in this county, but never pursued the matter to adjudication.

Like all others who invested in lands in the Ohio valley at an early date, he realized a fortune. He was the founder of the town of Caesarsville, which place was located four miles southeast of the present city of Xenia, on the farm where now (1899) resides our old friend, Pad Peterson. And strong hopes were entertained that it would become the permanent county seat of Greene county. Buildings were erected for that purpose and a house that was to be used as a "court house," and east of this building was the public well (that can be seen to-day, 1899), covered with a large flat stone, located in the barn lot of Mr. Peterson. And scattered here and there were some twenty-five or thirty cabins, which at that early date (1800) was to be the county seat of Greene county. At the organization of Greene

county into townships, May 10, 1803, by order of court this was to be the voting place of Caesarscreek township, and was until the organization of Xenia township, August 20, 1805.

William J. Stewart was acting as justice of the peace, a very important office at that day, as the tally sheets of elections will show more votes were cast for the candidates for that office than in the fall for governor of the state. Mr. Stewart seems to have been active in trying to help settle or to legalize methods that would have a tendency to build up and create a population, as the following record will show.

Married at Caesarsville at the house of William J. Stewart and by him, November 8, 1803, Mr. Samuel Bone to Miss Aletha Beason; by the same, May 10, 1803, Mr. Samuel Ruth to Miss Jane Wilson; again by the same, under date of July 12, 1804, Mr. John Price to Miss Hannah Davis; and again, April 19, 1804, Mr. Reuben Strong to Miss Anna Wilson.

JOSHUA BELL.

He was a native of Harford county, Maryland, but was raised in Baltimore county. He came to Caesarsville in April, 1807, and had not been in the village but a short time until we find in the records the following notice: "Married June 23, 1807, Mr. Joshua Bell to Miss Mary Bales by the Rev. Bennett Maxey. She was a sister of John Bales, and we find from the records that Mr. Bell was keeping tavern in the same house that had been erected for a court house and continued to do so until the year 1829, when he removed from Greene county first to Indiana, then to Henry county,

Iowa, in 1841, where he continued to live until July 1, 1856, when notice is sent back to his old home that at the above date he had died at the age of eighty-six years. Numerous receipts and papers in the old records will show that he was acting as agent for Mayor Carneal in collecting interest and other money that were due Mr. Carneal for lands sold to the early settlers, but who never was a resident of the county, but was largely interested in what was termed wild lands.

SAMUEL PETERSON.

In the spring of 1815 Samuel Peterson came from Virginia to this county for the purpose of assisting his brother-in-law, Joseph Bootes, on his farm. In company with a Mr. Hegler, he made the long journey on horseback, remaining all summer, then with a few friends returned to Virginia by the same mode of conveyance. In the fall following his father came to this county with his family of five sons and two daughters and located on a tract of five hundred acres on Caesar's creek, south of Xenia, which he had previously purchased. Soon after his arrival one of his daughters was married to Jonathan Ketterman, who had formerly lived in this county. When he started back to Virginia with his bride on horseback, his father-in-law sent Samuel to Chillicothe with them to buy the bride a new saddle, which was presented to her as a bridal gift. The father and his five sons, Samuel, Joel, Moses, Jacob and Felix, immediately began a vigorous assault upon the dense forest that surrounded them, the effect of which was soon visible in the sweeping crash of the mighty oak, the burning heap and the crackling brush. When a few acres were



thus cleared they were planted in corn, for which not finding a ready market in the ear they tramped it out on the puncheon floor, took it to a distillery, had it made into whisky, took the whisky to an iron-furnace, traded it for iron, which they sold, and thus realized a good price for their whisky.

Samuel was a powerful man, and on one occasion lifted a trip hammer weighing seven hundred pounds. He cut the timber and made four hundred and fifty rails in one day. When about twenty-one he and Samuel Hegler, Colonel Mallow and Peter Price, all young men, each took a four-horse load of flour from Oldtown mills to Cincinnati for William Beall. Starting early in the morning with ten barrels each, they succeeded, by doubling teams at every hill, in getting as far the first day as the present locality of Spring valley. Camping out all night, the next day they drove within a mile of Waynesville, when Beall hired another team, which enabled them to travel more speedily. Reaching Cincinnati, they were paid one dollar per barrel for hauling, and started for home, making the round trip in eleven days. Beall, not being able to dispose of his flour in Cincinnati, shipped it to New Orleans and walked back.

February 22, 1821, Samuel Peterson was married to Miss Hannah Heaton, who had come to this county a few years previous. He lived with his parents for some time, then moved to a tract of one hundred acres given him by his father, upon which he had previously built a hewed-log house, considered in those days one of the most imposing structures in the country. Being entirely alone, the labor of clearing out the forest proceeded very slowly until 1825, when he leased the premises and moved to

Xenia, where he engaged in the wagon-maker's trade. The first year he lived in a log house on Main street, near where the old pottery stood; the second in a house near the northeast corner of Second and White-man streets. The man to whom he had rented proving worthless, he returned to the farm in 1827, where he remained until 1849, in the meantime bringing it under a high state of cultivation, when, leaving it in charge of his son, he returned to Xenia. Bringing a span of good horses and a wagon with him, he followed teaming until 1865, when, having sold his farm to Jonas Peterson and bought another of a Mr. Tressler, five miles southeast of Xenia, he removed to it the same year. At this place his wife died suddenly of heart disease, April 22, 1872, aged seventy-one. After this Mr. Peterson spent the balance of his days with his son-in-law, William Rader, in Xenia. He died June 12, 1882, aged eighty-six, and was buried in Woodland cemetery.

GEORGE MALLOW, SR.,

Was granted a pension for services as a soldier in the war of the Revolution at the rate of ninety-two dollars and twenty-two cents per year. His first rank was as a private soldier, and he was afterward promoted to the office of ensign or second lieutenant. He was allowed his pension under the act of June 7, 1832. Date of his pension certificate was April 2, 1833. Lewis Cass was at that time secretary of war. He was a native of Virginia, but had been a resident of Greene county sixteen years at the time he received his pension. His place of residence was Caesarscreek township. He died April 17, 1837, and was buried in what is

now called the Boot's graveyard. Mr. Mallow had purchased two hundred and seventy-five acres more or less, which was a part of military survey No. 2383, situated at the mouth, north fork, of Caesar's creek. George Mallow, Sr., was of German origin, but from what part of the fatherland he came I know not. He had three sons who came with him from Rockingham county, Virginia, namely, George, John and Peter. His oldest son, Colonel George Mallow was a military man and made for himself quite a name in the war of 1812 and afterward. In the breaking out of the war of 1812 he volunteered his services in defense of his country, and during the summer of that year marched to Williamsburg, fifty-eight miles from Richmond, Virginia, and from thence to Hampton, near the bay, both towns of historic interest, where he remained in the service for a term of six months. After peace was declared between the two countries he, with his parents, removed to Ohio, and for some forty years resided in this county. Prior to his settling in Greene county he had settled in Warren county, near Springboro, and removed to Greene county in 1817. He was emphatically a military man. During his residence in this county he successively held commissions from the governor of the state in the peace establishment of the state, as first lieutenant and captain of the Volunteer Rifle Companies, and colonel of militia. It was in the latter he acquired the title of colonel.

His kind, social ways made for him many friends. As a citizen and a neighbor he was well respected. His numerous friends and acquaintances heard with regret of his sudden departure. On Friday, April 19, 1861, the whole community was shocked by the in-

formation that Colonel Mallow, of New Jasper township, had died very suddenly. During the day of his death he had been on horseback several places in the neighborhood, seemingly in as good health as usual. At five o'clock he took supper, as usual eating heartily. After supper he went to the corn crib to feed some hogs. About an hour afterward he was found prostrate on the ground in the yard, and was dead when found. Everything about him showed that he had been stricken down suddenly with disease of the heart. For some time previous he had shown symptoms of this disease, and had to some extent endeavored to fortify his system against it. He has left many honored descendants in this county. Both of these grand old heroes, George Mallow, Sr., and George Mallow, Jr., are laid to rest a little way south of what is known to-day as the Boots and Bickett stone quarry, near New Jasper.

#### STEPHEN SCOTT, OF CAESARSCREEK TOWNSHIP.

In January, 1879, an enterprising reporter of the "Xenia Torchlight," interviewed Mr. Scott. He was at that time supposed to have been the oldest man living in Greene county, and the result of that interview is worth reading as recorded. He was at that time in his ninety-fourth year, in good health, though totally blind, while his mental faculties seemed unabated. He was born in Bedford county, Virginia, June 5, 1785. He left Virginia at the age of eight years, spent the next twelve years with his parents in Kentucky, from which place he emigrated to Greene county, Ohio, locating on the Little Miami river near what used to be known as the Tresslar mill. His first

visit to Xenia was on the 8th of January, 1815, the day of the battle of New Orleans. It is scarcely necessary to say that Mr. Scott did not hang around the telegraph office to observe the progress of the battle as from time to time it was announced on the bulletin boards; in fact, it was six weeks before the results of that battle were known to the people of Greene county. Mr. Scott said that Xenia then had but three brick houses, a number of cabins and log houses and one tavern. The tavern was kept by one Connelly, and was the scene of many a fight just for the fun of it. He spoke of one to which he was an eye witness, which he called a drawn battle, in which a Captain Steele and a man by the name of Tucker were the principals. Both had imbibed rather freely at the tavern bar, and very naturally got into a quarrel, ending in a fight, in which Steele brushed up Tucker badly. Returning to the bar to drink and be friends, Tucker said he guessed it had not been fairly done and would like to try it over. They did, and the result was that Steele was as badly whipped as was Tucker in the first round; and all of this for the fun of it. Don't say that we have not advanced in morals since that day. Mr. Scott was a good man in his day and generation. He was a member of the Caesarscreek Baptist church away back in the year 1820. He continued to live some four years longer from the time he was interviewed, and died in February, 1884, aged ninety-nine years, and is buried near the Maple Corner churchyard in Caesarscreek township.

PEN PICTURE DRAWN IN 1852 OF HON. JOHN  
FUDGE,

Who at that time represented the counties

of Clinton, Fayette and Greene in the senate of Ohio. He is a Whig, of course, coming from that district. He is physically the largest man in the senate, weighing two hundred and forty pounds. His age is sixty-five, has been thrice married, and is by profession a farmer. He resides a few miles east of Xenia. He is a native of Botetourt county, Virginia, but has been a citizen of Ohio most of his life. He is the son of Christian Fudge, also from Virginia. He is a robust, hale man, with black hair, carrying his age well, looking young and not yet gray. His complexion is dark and his temperament bilious. In manners he is courteous and agreeable. Indeed he is remarkable for plain old-fashioned bon home. You will always see him in his place in a good humor, and ready to cast a vote intelligently and conscientiously. He has filled a seat in the legislature several times, and has seen sterling days in that service. As a senator he is something of a model, attending well to what is to be done, and taking no part or interest in the useless flourish of legislation. A senate and house of such men would do matters up in a reasonable time, bore nobody with their fancies, vote themselves fair wages, and go home and meet their constituents with a good face. As a candidate for office he comes up to the Jeffersonian ideal, honest, capable and faithful. He loves fun, but will not indulge in it at the expense of propriety. You would like him at first meeting and shake hands with him warmly at parting.

DANIEL HAVERSTICK, SR.

Died on the morning of April 10, 1858, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, and was buried in Woodland cemetery. He was a



native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Fifty years since he was married to Catherine Newman. The number of their children was sixteen, while his grandchildren at the time of his death were sixty-four in number.

ROBERT T. MARSHALL.

The death of Robert T. Marshall occurred at his residence in Urbana, Champaign county, Ohio, on the 25th day of October, 1875, at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. Marshall was the first male born in what is now the corporation of Xenia, Ohio, on the 4th of September, 1804. Here he spent his childhood and continued in the county living on the waters of Massies creek until the last ten years of his life. He united with the Massies Creek church under the pastorate of Rev. James P. Smart. In the spring of 1865 he removed to Champaign county in the vicinity of Urbana, where he continued to live until his death in 1875.

He was united in marriage to Elinor Weir, who still (1876) remains to mourn his loss. He was the son of John Marshall, who was one of the first settlers in what is now the city of Xenia, and built the first cabin home on lot No. 193, which is situated on the corner of Third and West streets. This cabin was raised April 27, 1804. He also owned the next lot east, No. 194. The lots when Mr. Marshall purchased them faced on Third street and extended south to the north branch of Shawnee creek. In the rear of the present residence of Mr. Rudolph Hustmire was the cabin of Mr. John Marshall, where our subject was born. An old pioneer says that he has stood in Mr. Marshall's back yard and

shot wild turkeys at the foot of the hill near the creek.

A BEAR STORY THAT HAS THE VIRTUE OF  
BEING TRUE.

A short time after Mr. John Marshall, Robert's father, had purchased his two lots, one day while engaged in clearing up a space upon which to erect his cabin and also ground enough for a garden, he was fortunate enough to capture a "cub" bear, at that time no larger than an ordinary cat, and as neighbors were scarce here was company for John, which he from that time adopted into his family, and it grew up under his care and became the pet of him and his wife. It is said that after it had grown to full size it became as docile as do our common domestic pets, the dog and cat, and would at times follow John to his work while engaged in clearing his land, and would at other times stretch himself near the fire in the cabin and sleep the sleep, if not of the just, of the bear. But there came a time after "Little Robbie" had made his advent into the cabin that John and his good wife came near losing faith in their efforts to tame the bear, and they had good reason to think that their pet, which was now full grown, had assumed and asserted its savage nature, and had destroyed or carried off little Robbie. The mother, in the morning spoken of, had tucked little Robbie up carefully in the cradle, and had put him to sleep. She went to the door, and seeing her young husband near engaged in planting the spring garden, and we must not blame her, if on this beautiful spring morning she was tempted by the beauty of the day and a desire to help her husband, and added to that also the

songs of the birds, to step outside and leave the babe in care of their pet, and join her husband in his labor in the garden. Before deciding she turned around, gave one glance at her sleeping babe, and bear, and joined John at his work. Becoming interested in her work, she forgot for the time little Robbie, and she toiled away with her hoe and time passed rapidly. All at once the mother's thoughts returned to her child that she had left sleeping. She quickly stands her hoe up against a tree and away to her little one. She enters the cabin, her eyes rest first on the cradle, as she sees the covers that she had so carefully tucked around the sleeping child now scattered in wild confusion over the floor. The cradle was empty, little Robert was gone, as was also the bear. For a moment she looked wildly around the room. Her eye is quick to take in the situation; she goes to the door and calls to John, "Oh, John, Robbie is gone, and the bear is gone." John drops his spade and rushes to the cabin, gives one glance at the empty cradle and the disordered state of the cabin, reaches up and quickly takes from over the door his trusty rifle, and followed by his wife they start on the hunt of the bear up Shawnee creek, back of what is now known as the U. P. Theological Seminary, then covered with a dense growth of forest trees and under growth, and back toward their cabin home. John continues the search, while the good wife enters the cabin with the hope that she may find her lost one there. She stoops down and looks under the bed, and sees something away back under the corner of the bed; she creeps under and there was the bear with little Robert hugged closely to its breast, and both bear and little Robert sleeping. She gives the bear a cuff on the side

of the head; it opened its mouth and yawned, stretched out its fore feet releasing the baby, which she soon had in her arms. The baby was not any the worse of the kind care of the faithful pet.

Two sons of "Little Robbie" are yet (1900) living in Xenia, William Marshall, janitor of the West Market Street school house, and his brother James.

#### GENERAL C. L. MERRICK.

Casper L. Merrick, one of the pioneer merchants of Xenia, died at his residence at Xenia, Ohio, March 12, 1882, peacefully, and at the ripe age of eighty-one years. Mr. Merrick first came to Xenia in 1824, when the town was young. He landed in Cincinnati with his father, Roswell Merrick and family, from Massachusetts, in 1820, and associated with his father he started the first horse ferry boat, it is said, over the Mississippi river at Cairo. He returned to Cincinnati and remained for about three years, engaged in the mercantile business. He was married, in that city, April 28, 1822. Thence he went to Lebanon, but did not stay long at that place. In 1824, as has been said, he removed to Xenia with his wife and child, and engaged in the dry goods business in partnership with his brother-in-law, L. P. Frazier. In 1828 he took charge of the Hamell tavern, which stood where Allison & Townsley's store used to be on Main street. In 1832 he removed to the old Hivling House. In 1836 he opened the Ewing House, then Merrick's Hotel, now (1900) the Grand Hotel. In 1847 he engaged again in the dry goods trade, in which he remained for nearly a third of a century. A week before he died he was on

the street in apparent health, but the next day, Thursday, he was stricken with paralysis and scarcely spoke afterward. Yet for two days after the stroke he recognized his friends and children with a pressure of the hand. His death was apparently painless and without a struggle. He had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since 1848. His military title, "General," he acquired in the service of the state militia.

#### MERRICK'S HOTEL. 1836.

That was the name of it. In the good old days of stage coaches Merrick's Hotel was a prominent institution. It was there we gathered the news that we could not do without till the issue of the weekly papers. Merrick's Hotel regulated the price of corn, oats and hay; it was there the stage stopped. How well the writer remembers the self same team of four gray eagles bounding into town, and up Main street; the driver's horn having suggested that food and rest were waiting for them at Merrick's Hotel. Well do we remember with what pardonable pride of the Jehu of that day bringing his four-in-hand to a stand still at the hotel. When two stages came loaded with passengers it was inferred that a convention was to be held at Columbus; or that an epidemic had broken out in Cincinnati.

If bricks could talk, these in the walls of the Ewing House building might describe lively old times, and detail interesting incidents occurring in what was, in the good of days, the pride of Xenia, Merrick's Hotel. Many of the pioneers will testify that in those days Merrick's was the most popular hotel in the state, being the favorite of the

traveling public, as it was the pride of proprietor and his fellow citizens of Xenia.

#### XENIA IN 1811, REMEMBERED BY SAMUEL WRIGHT.

Mr. Wright says they had been fifty-seven days on the way from their old Virginia home in Brunswick county to Xenia, Ohio. Of Xenia, at the time he remembered it as they passed through it to the place where they settled two miles out on the Wilmington pike, he says it was a little stumpy, struggling village. The first house in it was built by one John Marshall on the southwest corner lot of the then corporation of Xenia, lot No. 193. It was raised on the 27th day of April, 1804. On Main street there was at that time twenty-three structures; two of those were brick, four of frame, the balance hewed-log houses and four log shops.

#### ON DETROIT STREET

There were two log currying shops, seven one-story log houses, only two of them having shingle roofs and brick chimneys and two frame houses two stories high. It was in 1856 that Mr. Wright was relating this, he being then ninety years old, and he said that only two houses then remained on Detroit street. One stood on the present site of the mill south of the upper depot then belonging to Jonathan Wallace, the other stood on the corner of Second and Detroit streets, where Mrs. Frank McClure now lives (1900). That house is yet standing on West Main street, the first house east of John Lutz's blacksmith shop. It was bought by Major John Heaton and moved to that place.



## MAIN STREET.

On Main street was the Gowdy two-story frame house, afterward used as a tin shop by James Nigh. In front of this building was the only brick pavement in the place. The streets had no gravel on them, were level from side to side, without gutters to carry away the water, and in rainy weather were a mass of mud, deep at that, from one side to the other. There were two ponds of water on Main street, one opposite, or near where Charley Trader's grocery now (1900) is, and the other and larger one opposite the present residence of Dr. Clark M. Galloway, which extended north and west.

## REMEMBRANCE WILLIAMS.

Remembrance Williams erected the first cabin that was erected near what is now the city of Xenia. He emigrated from Virginia to Kentucky in 1790, thence to what is now Greene county, in 1800, crossing the Ohio at the mouth of the Licking. He entered a section of land where now is located the "Roberts' Villa," and north of that he erected his cabin and continued to live there until 1814, when he sold the largest part of that land to David Connelly and removed to near Madison, Indiana. He gave to his son, John Williams, a portion of the farm on the east side of said section. That cabin was built three years almost before Xenia was laid out, and he and his family were alone in what is now called Xenia.

## JOHN MARSHALL.

John Marshall had the honor of building the first cabin inside of the corporate lim-

its of Xenia. He purchased lots No. 193-194 and the 27th day of April, 1804, his cabin was raised on what is known on the town plat as lot No. 193. Two grandsons of the old pioneer are living in Xenia at this time (1900), William and James Marshall, their father, Robert T., was born in that cabin on the 4th day of September, 1804. He was the first white child born in the town.

## WILLIAM A. BEATTY.

William A. Beatty, who had come from Georgetown, Kentucky, some time previous to 1803, was the first to keep a tavern in Xenia. He was next to follow in the line of improvements, and yet it was a matter of doubt which house would be completed first, his or the one that was being built at the same time for the Rev. James Towler, both of which were two-story log houses. But the evidence seems to be in favor of Mr. Beatty's. One thing we do know that Mr. Beatty was doing all that he could to get his done first. Noah Strong was on hand with his two oxen that he had brought with him from the far away hills of Vermont, namely, "Buck and Brandy," and more than that the honorable court had engaged the west room upstairs in which to hold court, and they must have it by the 15th of November, 1804. The building was finished and opened as a tavern on the first day of October, 1804, on lot No. 14, opposite the public square, on the site that is known as the Leamon block.

## REV. JAMES TOWLER.

Mr. Towler did not have long to wait for his new building. He had purchased

lots No. 39-40. He was a native of Prince Edwards county, Virginia, and emigrated to Greene county in 1803. This house was better known as the Crumbaugh house, and stood on the north side of Main street, present site of Eavey & Co., wholesale house. He was the first postmaster of Xenia, Ohio.

#### JOSIAH GROVER

Was the second clerk of courts of Greene county, accepting that position in 1808, after his brother-in-law, John Paul, had resigned. His first cabin was erected on lot No. 192, West Third street, on the corner, present site of the home of Timothy O'Connell. He came to Xenia previous to 1803.

#### BENJAMIN GROVER,

Brother of Josiah, was the first school teacher of Xenia. The school house was on West Third street, and stood on the lot that now is the home of Mrs. James Kyle, mother of Charles Kyle, Esq. It was a one-story log house, and was built in 1805. It was used for a school house for some years. Mr. Hugh Hamill, who came to Xenia in 1810, taught in that house.

#### COL. JAMES COLLIER

Was one of the first to come into the Northwest territory in the year 1796; stopped first at what was called Holes Station (Mianisburg), from there to the Wilson settlement, thence to the farm of Capt. Nathan Lamme, and to Xenia, in the early summer of 1805. In that year he erected his cabin on lot No. 60, about the present site of Rall's meat shop, on Detroit street. When

he first built his cabin in 1805 he set it back about twenty feet from the in-line of the sidewalk so that in 1813 when he erected his noted tavern, that was in the rear and became the kitchen. When in later years the march of improvement made way with the old to be replaced with the new, that old hewed log cabin home, weather-boarded, was moved to East Market street, first house east of the East Market Street High School, and was still standing in 1899, but has since, in 1900, been torn down.

#### HON. JOHN ALEXANDER,

Grandfather of the late William J. Alexander, at this time owned a whole square on West Market and Church streets, bounded as follows: Where the present residences of H. H. Eavey and Rev. J. G. Carson stand, thence westerly to Galloway street. He had emigrated from South Carolina in 1804 and was the first lawyer to settle in Xenia. In 1811 his house had been appraised at seven hundred and fifty dollars, and is still (1900) standing on North King street, the property of Judge C. C. Shearer, a relic of the past, and when moved to its present site was as good as when first erected.

#### JAMES BUNTING

Arrived in Xenia in 1805. He was a good carpenter, and we find that he was a man of enterprise. In 1806 he purchased lots 124 and 130, upon the former he erected a two-story log structure on West Second street, better known as the McWhirk property, where David Hutchison later built two brick cottage houses.

## ELI ADAMS.

Mr. Adams came to Xenia in 1808. In 1810 he purchased of William A. Beatty, then director of the town of Xenia, lot No. 140, on the corner of Second and Collier streets, now (1900) owned by Davis Fifer's heirs, and on the western side of said log house, which was weather-boarded. This house was still remembered in after years by many old citizens as the home of Tillbury Jones, marshal of Xenia in the early 'fifties.

## HOME OF WILLIAM A. BEATTY.

In addition to his tavern on Main street, and which also was the place of holding the courts of Greene county, Mr. Beatty was the owner of lot No. 165, on the southwest corner of Second and Collier streets, now (1900) owned by Rev. Samuel Hutchison, and on this lot he had built his cabin home. This home was valued for taxable purpose in 1811 at one hundred and sixty dollars.

## WILLIAM GORDON

Was the owner of lot No. 33 in the year 1807. This lot was situated on the north-east corner of Main and Whiteman streets, on which now stands the clothing house of Robert Kingsbury. George Gordon, his brother, came up from Warren county with his team to assist in hauling the logs for this building, which was a two-story log structure, forty by forty feet, and was for many years used by Mr. William Gordon as a storeroom. Major Gordon previously had moved his brother, William, from Warren county to Xenia in the year 1805. His

brother had at that time purchased lot No. 176, situated on the corner of Third and Whiteman streets, and is at the present time (1900) owned by the heirs of Marjey McFarland. Mr. Gordon had erected on this lot a small log house, the

## FIRST BREWERY OF XENIA.

This property was once owned by Mr. James Brown, and the older persons can yet remember when this part of Xenia was known by the name of "Brown Town." He was killed in the gravel pit west of Xenia, June 4, 1849, aged seventy-three years. His death was caused by the caving in of the surface dirt. When dug out he was dead.

## HUGH HAMILL

Came to Xenia from Preble county in 1810, and purchased lots No. 197-198-199-200. These lots fronted on Third street, and were situated between Barrett and Maxwell streets, running thence south to the bank of Shawnee creek. He erected his cabin near the brow of the hill, overlooking Shawnee, on the south end of lot No. 200. In the rear of his cabin on this lot extending west to Barrett street was his tanyard. The brick house yet standing was erected in 1845, and is occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Lydia Bigger.

## DR. ANDREW W. DAVIDSON.

Dr. Andrew Davidson on the 11th day of November, 1808, purchased of Henry Phenix lot No. 38, on which in 1811 he erected a two-story brick house. This lot was on Main street, and the building was on



the present site of John Knox's saddlery shop. Dr. Davidson came to Xenia in 1805 and was the first physician to locate in the town.

#### JAMES GOWDY'S STORE.

In the year 1805 James Gowdy first came to Xenia and built his storeroom, the first one in Xenia, on lot No. 34, first lot east of Greene street, on Main, and here in 1806 he commenced selling merchandise.

#### THE FIRST COURT HOUSE.

The first court house for Greene county was let to William Kendall in 1806. Previous to this time the county had been paying rent, first for the house of Peter Borders down on Beaver, second to Wm. A. Beatty in Xenia. This latter house was completed in 1809.

#### SAMUEL GAMBLE

Had erected a small house on lot No. 144, on the corner of Second and Monroe streets, north side, lot now (1900) owned by the heirs of the late John Kyle. Mr. Gamble at this time also owned one-half of lot No. 15 on Main Street.

#### JOHN GREGG

Was in 1811 the owner of the first lot east of Mrs. Frank McClure on Second street. On this lot No. 134 he raised and completed a cabin.

#### CAPT. JOHN HVLING,

In 1811, was the owner of lot No. 13, upon which he had completed a building on the

corner of Main and Detroit, south side, present site of the Xenia National Bank.

#### JOSEPH HAMILL,

In 1811, was the owner of lot No. 14, opposite the Court House, and it was here that he kept his noted tavern, or what was known as Hamill's Inn. He was one of the early justices of the peace in Xenia. His building was part of what in later years was known as the Puterbaugh store, where young Kenney and Steele were murdered in the great fire of 1845.

#### ABRAHAM LARUE,

In 1811, was the owner of lots No. 131-132, comprising about one-fourth of the square on what was later known as the J. C. McMillan corner, Mr. Larue's lots extending from the corner running west on Second one-half the distance of the square and from the same corner running north the distance on Detroit. His house was erected on lot No. 132. He also owned out lots Nos. 7 and 8.

#### DAVID LAUGHEAD, SR.,

In 1811 was the owner of lot No. 143 situated on East Second street, better known as the home of Mrs. Newton, the mother of Chancey and Samuel Newton. Upon this lot he erected a one-story house. The ground at this time is the site of the beautiful homes of Ben LeSourd and Judge Stewart.

#### PETER PELHAM,

Who came from Boston, Massachusetts, in 1807, and who was the first auditor of

Greene county, erected his cabin on lot No. 144, corner of Main and Barrett streets, north side, later known as the old home of William T. Stark (deceased) and at this time the home of Mrs. S. K. Harner and family. The house is still standing (1900) near Kelley's rope walk.

#### HEZEKIAH SANDERS

Came to Xenia in 1807. He was the owner of lot 133 and erected his house, a two-story frame, on the northwest corner of Second and Detroit streets. When the present residence of Mrs. Frank McClure was built for a bank building Major John Heaton bought the old Sanders house and had it removed to his lot on West Main street, first lot west of John Lutz's blacksmith shop, where it yet stands in good condition.

#### JOHN STERRITT

Built his cabin on lot No. 89, situated at corner of Market and Whiteman streets, northwest corner. This property is better known as the former residence of Colonel John Duncan. It is now owned and occupied as a residence by Mrs. Elias Quinn and daughters.

#### JAMES WATSON

Was in 1811 the owner of lot No. 7, which is situated on West Main street. He had a cabin erected where the office of the Miami Powder Company is now located.

#### HENRY BARNES, SR.

Henry Barnes, a native of Virginia, removed to Kentucky in 1799, and came to

Xenia in 1807. He was the father of Henry Barnes, Jr., ex-sheriff of Greene county, and the grandfather of Major George Barnes, yet living in Xenia. He was the owner of lots Nos. 29-68. No. 29 was situated on the corner of Main and Collier streets, on which was his cabin home. Lot 68 was in the rear of this, fronting on Market street.

#### JONATHAN H. WALLACE, HATTER.

Mr. Wallace was at this time the owner of lot No. 180, which was situated on the corner of Third and Detroit streets, southwest corner. He came to Xenia in 1807 and was for many years engaged in the business of making hats. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and afterward removed to Clark county, Ohio, where he died at the home of Anthony Byers or (Hyers), April 25, 1850, aged seventy years.

#### CAPTAIN ROBERT GOWDY

In 1811 had a tanyard on the corner of Third and Detroit streets, where now is located the firm of Chandler & Maddux. His currying shop, a long one-story log house, stood near that place. Across Detroit street east, where now (1900) is located the lumber yard of McDowell & Torrence, was another tanyard, carried on under the firm name of

#### WILLIAM ALEXANDER & RICHARD CONWELL.

Mr. Alexander was a brother of the Hon. John Alexander, a native of South Carolina, and who died June 3, 1824, and is buried on the lot of his brother John in Woodland cemetery.

And thus was Xenia as far as the householders are concerned in the year A. D. 1811. Scattered here and there, no wonder that Mr. Wright said in describing it that it was a little "stumpy, struggling village."

THE FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY, ORGANIZED IN  
XENIA IN 1816.—CONSTITUTION.

"With all thy getting, get understanding."

To provide the means of diffusing literature and knowledge is an object of the greatest importance to society, and claims the attention of every friend of humanity. For his purpose we, the subscribers, have determined to establish a public library in the town of Xenia, which shall be open to all under the following regulations:

1st. Each subscriber shall pay to the librarian five dollars on each share annually.

2d. The subscribers shall meet on the fourth Saturday of March, 1816, and on the same day annually forever and elect by ballot nine directors, who shall be a standing committee, five of whom shall form a quorum, to regulate the affairs of the library, with the following powers, to-wit: To appropriate the funds of the library for the benefit of the subscribers; to appoint a president and librarian from their own number, and to assign them their duties; to call a meeting of the subscribers on matters of importance at any time when they think necessary, and to enact by-laws for regulating the affairs and securing the interest of the library.

3d. At each annual meeting a report of the proceedings of the committee, together with a list of the books purchased, shall be laid before the subscribers for their inspection.

4th. Two-thirds of the subscribers present at any annual meeting shall have power to alter or amend these regulations.

5th. Any person neglecting his annual contribution or any fine imposed upon him, when amounting to the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, shall forfeit his share to the use of the company, and if under that sum he shall not enjoy any of the privileges of a subscriber until such sum shall be paid.

6th. Any manager may be removed from office at any time by a two-thirds vote of the subscribers.

7th. Shares may be transferred on the books of the librarian, and each subscriber shall be entitled to draw books in proportion to the number of his shares.

8th. The library shall go into operation immediately after forty shares shall have been subscribed.

NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS.

James P. Espey, Josiah Grover, William T. Elkin, Philip Good, William Ellsberry, Samuel Pelham, Joshua Martin, Moses Collier, Stith Bonner, Thomas Hunter, John Gaff, John Haines, Thomas Gillespie, James Collier, John Smith, William Laughead, William Alexander, George Junkin, Jesse Watson, Robert W. Stevenson, Anthony Cannon, Samuel McBeth, Bratton & Beall, Jacob Haines, Francis Kendall, James Towler, Matthew Alexander, Josiah G. Talbott, Jacob Smith, Henry Morgan, James Lamme, James Galloway, Jr., Lewis Wright, William A. Beatty, Alexander Armstrong, William Richards, Daniel Reece, James Popenoe, William Currie, Robert D. Forsman and Thomas Embree.



## THE FINAL EFFORT TO HAVE XENIA INCORPORATED.

The first effort to have Xenia incorporated was presented to the legislature by Jacob Smith, at that time representing Greene county, and can be found in the local laws of 1813. For some reason the law had become inoperative, and hence this second effort to have the town incorporated. Joseph Tatman in 1817 was representing Greene county in the house of our state legislature, while Jacob Smith was a member of the Ohio senate from the counties of Clinton and Greene. Mr. Tatman was a resident of Bath township and Mr. Smith a resident of Beavercreek. So the western portion of Greene county was well represented at that time. This effort also for same reason proved a failure. The petition, however, is interesting, and is deemed worth saving, and will be returned to the new court house to be placed in the relic room, that is to be, in the sweet by and bye.

## A COPY OF THE PETITION.

*To the Honorable Court of Common Pleas  
for the County of Greene:*

The representation and petition of the subscribing inhabitants and householders of Xenia town respectfully sheweth that the town of Xenia contains eighty-eight householders, and that the town of Xenia is the county seat of Greene county, and is situated on the north side of Shawnee run, about three miles from its juncture with the Little Miami river. It was laid out by Joseph C. Vance, Esq., late director of said town, in the year 1803, by order of the hon-

orable court of common pleas for the county of Greene.

That the plat of said town was duly recorded in the recorder's office of said county in 1804, and is bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake standing on the northwest corner of Back street, N. 78 degrees, E. 302 poles, to a stake in Remembrance Williams' land, thence S. 83 degrees, E. 61 poles, to the northeast corner of the out lots of said town, thence S. 12 degrees, E. 83 poles, to the corner of lot 27, thence S. 7 degrees, W. 30 poles, to a stake on the bank of the Shawnee run; thence down said run with the meanders thereof to the south end of West street, thence with the west side of said street, N. 12 degrees, W. 127 poles, to the beginning, including all the in lots and fractional in lots and all the out lots numbered and marked on the town plat of said town, as recorded in the office of the recorder of said county, containing two hundred and seventy acres, be the same more or less; being comprised in one plat as aforesaid, and being part of a survey for one thousand acres, No. 2243, entered and surveyed for Warren and Addison Lewis, patented to Robert Pollard.

That on account of the late act for incorporating the said town having become inoperative, many inconveniences have been experienced by reason of disorders, nuisances, which have been openly and secretly created by ignorant or malicious persons to the great detriment and annoyance of the peaceably disposed citizens, and that so long as the present state of things continues no appropriation can be made of the money collected by taxes for two years, during which the aforesaid law was inoperative, for the

benefit of the town, by erecting a market house, improving the streets, or any other public or useful purpose by any existing authority competent thereto.

We therefore pray that the said town of Xenia may be incorporated according to law, and that the honorable court will take all due measures for the accomplishment of this desirable object, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed by William Kendall, Francis Kendall, James Watson, Enoch Hixson, Robert Gillespie, John Hivling, Jonathan H. Wallace, John Davis, Joseph Culbertson, Eli Harlan, William Richards, Samuel Gowdy, William Currie, John Flowers, James Popenoe, William Johnson, Henry McBride, Abraham Corson, David Stewart, Joseph Barker, James L. Johnson, James Gill, John Gowdy, Warren Madden, Ryan Gowdy, Benjamin Newkirk, Robert McKenzie, Samuel M. Good, Joseph Johnson, J. Herdleson, James Galloway, Jr., John Dorsey, Thomas Gillespie, Joseph Hamill, Samuel Shaw, Jonathan Owens, Moses Collier, Robert True, Robert Casbold, John Milton, Mills Edwards, Josiah Talbert, James Gowdy, David Connelly, Andrew W. Davidson, James Edwards, Henry Barnes, Sr., George Townsley, James Jacoby, John Deary, Pleasant Moorman, Andrew Moorman, George Townley, Josiah Davidson, William Donnel, Elijah Ferguson, William Ellsberry, John Stull, Lemuel John, William John, David Douglas, John Van Eaton, George M. Smith, John Howard, Stephen Howard, and John Williams. 66. March 24, 1817.

SALE OF PART OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE IN  
XENIA IN 1817.

The fathers of Greene county's public

interest were said to have been honest and economical men; no one going through their accounts could for a moment think otherwise, quick to plan and prompt to carry out their plans. This was especially true as regards her first commissioners. When a new township was to be laid out in answer to petitions from her citizens, it was promptly done and the necessary machinery soon put in motion to bring about that result. When a new road was called for the same promptness marks their every act. Samuel Gamble, John Haines and Thomas Hunter were the commissioners at the time of the sale of that part of the public square. How long they had been planning to save money to the county by the sale of the aforesaid portion is not known. We learn from the records that on the 4th day of January, 1817, they met for the purpose of surveying and marking the different lots that were to be sold of the public square, and to make preparation for their sale agreeable to an order from court. William A. Beatty, director for the town of Xenia, makes his report to them under date of February 14, 1817, as follows:

*To the Honorable Court of Commissioners of the County of Greene, Gentlemen:* I have proceeded to and have sold the lots in Xenia you ordered me to sell; the persons who purchased and the prices they brought are as follows: John Barber, part of in lot No. 62, \$482.00; George Townsley, part of in lot No. 65, \$615.00; George Townsley, part of in lot No. 62, \$315.00; John Davis, part of in lot No. 62, \$482.00; Ryan Gowdy, lot No. 35, \$1,381.00; total amount, \$3,253.00. I believe the above statement to be correct.

WILLIAM A. BEATTY,

Director of Xenia.

The one marked No. 35, facing on Main street fifty-seven feet and running back one hundred and sixty-five feet along the eastern boundary line of the public square (Greene street not opened), has quite a history, and a story of the same might be written.

Ryan Gowdy and James Gowdy vs. Commissioners of Greene county. This action was filed June 17, 1817. This suit brought by Ryan and James Gowdy against the commissioners of Greene county appears to have settled forever the question of the right of the commissioners to sell or dispose of any of the public square. And to James Gowdy to-day the people of Greene county are under obligations for saving to us intact as it came from the hand of the donor, John Paul, the aforesaid public square. There may have been on the part of Mr. Gowdy something partaking of the nature of selfishness, or what might be called business tact, or shrewdness, that prompted him to this act. He speaks through his attorney, John Alexander, of the time he first came to Xenia from Kentucky to locate here in 1805, how he had been led to purchase the lot next to the public square, that he was assured that it would be a good location for a merchant, that no one could engage in the same business, at least not west of him, and therefore he located there, and was successful in business, had been engaged there for eleven years or more, when for the first time he learns of the action of the commissioners,—learns of their order to William A. Beatty, the director of the town, to put up at public auction and to sell part of the public square, and knowing one of these lots was No. 35, which would be a good location for some one and which he considered would be an injury to him to

allow some one else to buy, it was no wonder that even though he had doubts of the commissioners' right to sell, yet he did not want to take any chances, and therefore instructed his brother, Ryan, to attend the sale and to buy that lot next to him at any price. He intimates that some one was seeking to injure him in his business and had used undue influence over the commissioners in having them include lot No. 35, the one next to him. And now after the lapse of nearly one hundred years we look at the price the other four sold for and compare what he had to pay for lot No. 35, the one next to him, and it does seem as though some one did want that one and wanted it badly. The case as has been said had gotten into court. A little more than one year later, December 27, 1818, James Gowdy, through his attorney, the Hon. John Alexander, introduces his amended bill of complaint, and in that he speaks of his ignorance of the law, and had he known that the commissioners could not give him a good title to the lot he bought he would not have given one cent for the aforesaid lot. But at the time of the sale he was in doubt, and others with whom he had conversed were also uncertain, and were of the opinion that the commissioners had transcended their power as agents of the company to sell that which had been donated to the county expressly for public buildings for the county. But the time for action was short, and he did not want to take any risk, and had his brother, Ryan, to attend the sale and purchase the lot, and farther stated that if the court thought the action of the commissioners was legal and a clear title could be given he would abide by the sale and pay the three notes that had been given by him, one of



which would have been due six months after said sale; one in twelve months and the last in eighteen months after date. This had been made a test case, brought, as has been said, a short time before the first note of Mr. Gowdy would have been due. The names of other parties who had purchased lots were not shown in the case. Without pursuing the matter further, the supreme court, May term, 1821, granted a decree in favor of complainants, and the commissioners were ordered to return the notes to the parties who gave them. John Alexander, attorney for complainants, and Francis Dunlavey, for defendants, before the Hon. Calvin Pease, chief judge for the supreme court. The lot on which this suit was brought has been described as No. 35. The other four lots were on Detroit and Market streets (then called Third street), beginning at the northern end of what is now Greene street, beginning at a point on Detroit street one hundred and sixty-five feet south of the northwest corner of the public square. The outer lines of the lots extending thence northerly to Market street, thence easterly to the east line of what is now Greene street, thence southerly on that line one hundred and sixty-five feet on Detroit street, the two lots being sixty-six feet deep. On Market the lot was one hundred and four and one-half feet deep, and the northeast corner lot was sixty-seven feet on Market street. The public square contains one and one-half acres of ground.

THOMAS COKE WRIGHT.

He was the successor of William Richards as auditor of Greene county (1837-1854), and was followed by James A. Scott,

who filled the office two terms. He was the most eccentric as well as the most beloved man of his time in Greene county. He was nearly six feet in stature, very fleshy, florid face, and was very deaf. His voice was light, pitched upon a high key, and he was a complete specimen in his simplicity of a child man, susceptible and quickly responsive to every shade of emotion. At one moment when speaking of something sad his face would put on the most solemn aspect, and his fine high voice crying tones, then in a twinkling, as something droll flitted across his memory which he would relate, there would come out a merry laugh. The expression of his face when at rest was sad, as is usual with very deaf people of strong and social natures. Mr. Wright was indeed what they term a character, one worthy of the pen of a Dickens. He was a native of Brunswick county, Virginia, and was a lad twelve years of age when, in 1811, he first came to Xenia. When a young man he had been a teacher under Father Finley, the missionary to the Wyandots. He had studied law, but becoming too deaf to practice the people gave him the position of county auditor. He was a poor accountant, but he got along with an assistant. His deficiencies made no difference, his superabounding affection for everybody was such that the plain farmers, irrespective of party, would have given him any office he wanted. He was such a warm friend of everybody, and so anxious to do everybody some good. He was a Republican, loved his native Virginia, and told some excellent anecdotes illustrative of the affection some of the old-time slave holders had for their old servants, with whom they had begun life as children together in play. Mr. Wright was also inter-

ested in writing pioneer sketches, many of which he had gleaned from his old friends, James Collier and Jacob Haines. It is said that he had at one time compiled what would have made a book of two thousand pages, which became scattered and lost. He died in Xenia, February 24, 1871, at the age of seventy-three years, and is buried in Woodland cemetery. But as yet he sleeps in an unmarked grave. He was also editor of a newspaper in Xenia published by James Douglass, 1829-1833, "The Xenia Transcript." Among the stories that are on record, written by Thomas Coke Wright, the story of Josiah Hunt is of great interest, from the fact that from the years 1802 to 1814 he was a resident of Caesarscreek township. At the former date he had purchased of Edward Mercer fifty acres of land situated on the road from Spring Valley leading to Paintersville, as you go south on what is now called the Burlington pike, and where the pike intersects the Spring Valley pike, turning to the left on what is now known as the Robert Ferguson farm, was the cabin of Joseph Hunt, not far west of the residence of Mr. Ferguson. He removed from Greene county in 1814, going, I think, to Madison, Indiana. Josiah Hunt was a stout, well formed man, heavy set, capable of enduring great hardships and privations, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. There was a tone of candor and sincerity, as well as modesty in his manner of relating the thrilling scenes of which he had been an actor, which left no doubt of the truth in the minds of those who heard him. He was one of Wayne's legion, and was in the battle of the "Fallen Timber," on the 20th of August, 1794. At the commencement of the onset, just after entering

the fallen timber, Hunt was rushing on and about to spring over a fallen tree, when he was fired at by an Indian concealed behind it. The latter was compelled to fire in such haste that he missed his aim. It was, however, a close shave, for the bullet whizzed through the lock of his right temple, causing that ear to ring for an hour afterward. The Indian's body was entirely naked from the waist up, with a red stripe painted up and down his back. As soon as he fired he took to his heels. Hunt aimed at the center of the red stripe, the Indian running zig-zag like the worm of a fence. When he fired the Indian bounded up and fell forward. He had fought his last battle.

Hunt was an excellent hunter. In the winter of 1793 while the army lay at Greenville he was appointed to supply the officers with game, and in consequence was exempt from garrison duty. The sentinels had orders to allow him to leave and enter the fort whenever he chose. The Indians made a practice of climbing trees in the vicinity of the fort, the better to watch the garrison. If a person was seen to go out, notice was taken of the direction he went, his path ambushed and his scalp secured. To avoid this danger, Hunt always left the fort in the darkness of the night, for said he, "When once I had gotten into the woods without their knowledge I had as good a chance as they." He was accustomed on leaving the fort to proceed some distance in the direction he intended to hunt the next day, and camp for the night. To keep from freezing to death it was necessary to have a fire, but to show a light in the enemy's country was to invite certain destruction. To avoid this danger he dug a hole in the ground with his tomahawk about the size and depth of a

hat crown. Having prepared it properly, he procured some roth, meaning some thick oak bark, from a dead tree, which will retain a strong heat when covered with its ashes. Kindling a fire from flint and steel at the bottom of his "coal pit," as he termed it, the bark was torn into strips and placed in layers crosswise until the pit was full. After it was sufficiently ignited it was covered over with dirt with the exception of two air holes in the margin, which could be opened or closed at pleasure. Spreading down a layer of bark or brush to keep him off the cold ground, he sat down with the "coal pit" between his legs, enveloped himself with his blanket and slept cat dozes in an upright position. If his fire became too much smothered he would freshen it up by blowing into one of the air holes. He declared he could make himself sweat whenever he chose. The snapping of a dry twig was sufficient to awaken him. When, uncovering his head, he keenly scrutinized in the darkness and gloom around, his right hand on his trusty rifle ready for the mischance of the hour.

A person now, in full security from danger, enjoying the comforts and refinements of civilized life can scarcely bring his mind to realize his situation, or do justice to the powers of bodily endurance, firmness of nerve, self-reliance and courage, manifested by him that winter. A lone man in a dreary, interminable forest, swarming with enemies, bloodthirsty, crafty and of horrid barbarity, without a friend or human help to afford him relief, or the least aid in the depth of winter, the freezing winds moaning through the bare and leafless trees, while the dismal howling of a pack of wolves, cruel as death and hungry as the grave, burning for blood,

bony, gaunt and grim, might be heard in the distance mingled with the howlings of the wintry winds, were well calculated to create a lonely sensation about the heart and appall any common spirit. There would he sit nodding in his blanket indistinguishable in the darkness from an old stump, enduring the rigor of winter, keeping himself from freezing, yet showing no fire, calm, ready and prompt to engage in mortal combat with whatever enemy might assail, whether Indian, bear or panther. At daylight he commenced hunting, proceeding slowly with extreme caution, looking for game and watching for Indians at the same time. When he found a deer, previous to shooting it he put a bullet in his mouth, ready for reloading his gun with all possible dispatch, which he did before removing from the spot. Casting searching glances in every direction for Indians, cautiously approaching the deer after he had shot it, he dragged it to a tree and commenced dressing it with his back towards the tree and his rifle leaning against it in reach of his right hand. And so with his rear protected by the tree he would skin a short time, then straighten up and scan in every direction to see if the report of his rifle had brought an Indian into his vicinity, then apply himself to skinning again. If he heard a stick break or the slightest noise indicating the presence of animal life, he clutched his rifle instantly and was on the alert prepared for any emergency. Having skinned and cut up the animal, the four quarters were packed in the hide, which was so arranged as to be slung on his back like a knapsack, with which he wended his way to the fort. If the deer was killed far from the garrison he only brought in four quar-



ters. One day he had gotten within gun shot of three Indians unperceived by them. He was on a ridge and they in a hollow. He took aim at the foremost one, and waited some time for two to range with each other, intending, if they got in that position, to shoot two and take his chance with the other in single combat, but they continued to march in Indian file and though he should have killed one of them, the other two would have made the odds against him too great, so he let them pass unmolested. Amidst all the dangers to which he was exposed he passed unharmed. Owing to the constant and powerful exercise of the faculties, his ability to hear and discriminate sounds was wonderfully increased, and the perceptive faculties much enlarged. He made seventy dollars that winter by hunting, over and above his pay as a soldier. At the treaty of Greenville, in 1795, the Indians seemed to consider Hunt as the next greatest man to Wayne himself. They inquired for him, got round him and were loud and earnest in their praises and compliments. "Great man, Captain Hunt. Great warrior, good hunting man, Indian no kill him." They informed him that some of their bravest and most cunning warriors had often set out to kill him. They knew how he made his secret camp fire, the ingenuity of which excited their admiration. The parties in quest of him had often seen him, could describe the dress he wore and his cap, which was made of a raccoon skin with the tail hanging down behind, the front turned up and ornamented with three brass rings. The scalp of such a great hunter and warrior they considered to be a great trophy. Yet they never could catch him off his guard, never get within shooting dis-

tance without being discovered and exposed to his death dealing rifle.

#### EARLY PHYSICIANS OF XENIA AND GREENE COUNTY.—ANDREW W. DAVIDSON

Was the first physician to settle in Xenia, which was in the fall of 1805. He was an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, and in 1811 built the first brick house ever erected here, on Main street, near the site of Brice Knox's saddle shop, and in 1814 he built the first stone house in the town, also on Main street, of which a part was occupied by the late John Dodd as a grocery. June 15, 1807, Dr. Andrew Davidson and Rebecca Todd were married by William McFarland, Esq., this marriage being No. 99 on the marriage records of the county. Subsequently the Doctor became a merchant and tailor. In the course of his business, 1820-21, he moved with his family to Columbus, Indiana, and subsequently to Madison, Indiana, where he died in the thirty-ninth year of his age. Dr. Andrew Davidson and wife were of those who constituted the old associate congregation of Xenia, under the pastorate of the Rev. Francis Pringle in 1811.

#### DR. JOSHUA MARTIN

Was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, March 23, 1791, and died in Louisville, Kentucky, November 30, 1865. When quite young he commenced to study medicine with Dr. Huff, in the town of Waterford, and while engaged in the prosecution of his studies he attended a course of lectures in Philadelphia under the celebrated Dr. Rush, but completed his medical education in the west and graduated in Lexington, Ken-

tucky. Some time after he had commenced practice, in company with his preceptor, he emigrated to Ohio, in 1813, traveling from Waterford to Wheeling on horseback and in wagons, and thence to Cincinnati down the Ohio in flatboats, Cincinnati at that time being a village compared to its present condition, and to all appearances there were already there fully as many physicians as it was thought the population of the place would warrant; he consequently had to look elsewhere for a suitable location, and after visiting several places he located in Xenia. Accordingly in the fall of 1813 he settled in Xenia, Ohio, and commenced to practice medicine. At that time there was prevailing here and in the west an epidemic known as the cold plague, which the older physicians were not successfully treating, it being very fatal. His mode of treatment was successful and at once brought him into extensive practice, which extended south to Lebanon, north to Urbana, east to Washington and beyond London, and west of Dayton. The country was then new, the roads bad, the streams destitute of bridges, and the traveling disagreeable and dangerous, yet such was his temperament that when called to see a patient he always obeyed the call. Although having an extensive practice, he received little pay, and as he had his labor to depend on for his support, after two years he removed to Lawrenceburg, Indiana, where he embarked in the mercantile business with his brother. The investment was not a success, and in a short time he lost all and also involved himself. This satisfied him with that venture, and he determined to persevere in his profession. After a little more than one year's absence he returned to Xenia and resumed his practice.

On the 4th of June, 1818, he was united in marriage to Hester Whiteman, daughter of General Benjamin Whiteman, with whom he lived until her death, in February, 1834. In April, 1835, he was united in marriage to Sarah Poague, who died in 1840, leaving an infant daughter. In 1814 his father's family emigrated to Ohio and settled in Lebanon, Warren county, where his father died in 1824, after which his mother and four sisters made their home with him. His mother died in 1835, and his eldest sister in 1851, while his three surviving sisters and daughter constituted the family that he left at his death. When his body was brought back from Louisville for burial almost the whole town turned out to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory. Few men have left an impress of their own character on a community so distinctly marked as has Dr. Joshua Martin.

DR. JOSEPH JOHNSON

Came to Xenia in 1814 and in 1820 was elected to represent Greene county in the house of the Ohio legislature. He removed from the county to Galena, Illinois, where he died, June 5, 1847, aged sixty-four years.

DR. HENRY GOOD

Was also a resident of Xenia in 1817. I think he removed from here to Madison, Indiana, and Dr. Jeremiah Woolsey, the grandfather of the present Mrs. Dr. Woolsey, of Xenia, was here as a physician in the year 1827; he removed from here to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died February 6, 1834. A brother of his, Daniel by name, was also a resident of Xenia and he removed to Evansville, Indiana.

## DR. WILLIAM BELL.

Long ago Dr. Bell was a practicing physician at Bellbrook, Ohio. He had quite a local reputation, but in later years he removed to Xenia, where he died.

## CEDARVILLE, OHIO.

Though a neighborhood center, first it was called Newport's mill, then again it was known as Hanna's store, then as the "Burgh," next as Milford, and finally as Cedarville. No physicians there in early days; Dr. McTume was there in 1833, and next probably Dr. Andrew Cowden, who removed to Washington, Iowa, where he died.

## DR. JOSEPH TEMPLETON.

In 1826 Dr. Joseph Templeton, from western Pennsylvania, settled in Xenia, and had an extensive practice and great influence outside of professional life. He was one of the early abolitionists, and thus became a valuable support to his pastor, Rev. Samuel Wilson, D. D. Our young fellow citizens can have but a very indistinct idea of the moral courage necessary to be an abolitionist in those days. Dr. Templeton's wife is said to have been the first to establish schools for colored children in Xenia. On account of family ties, Dr. Templeton returned to Pennsylvania and was succeeded by Dr. Samuel Martin. But after a lapse of a few years he returned to Xenia, occupying the property known as the R. F. Howard homestead. In 1843 he again went to Washington, being made very wealthy by the estate of his father-in-law, deceased. In 1865 he made a brief visit to Xenia and died

suddenly a few days after his return home. A leading dentist of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, is a namesake and nephew of Dr. Templeton. He is a man six feet, three inches tall, and weighs two hundred and sixty pounds, although he weighed but three pounds at his birth.

## DR. SAMUEL MARTIN

Died at his residence in Xenia, Ohio, on Saturday morning, June 21, 1879, aged eighty-three years. He was a native of Ireland and educated in Glasgow University, Scotland, for the English navy. But on graduating he declined to enter the service, married his first wife and began the practice of his profession in Ireland. In less than a year his wife died, and the young doctor sought the United States as a place for a short sojourn, but soon became so well pleased with the country that he determined to make it his home. He settled in Noblesville, Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Helen Anderson, the mother of his children, and who died in Xenia about 1859. In 1834 Dr. Martin became a resident of Xenia, Ohio, and for forty-five years, with the exception of a few years, he was continually engaged in the successful practice of his profession. He had many generous qualities, and had endeared himself to a large number of friends. His last wife was Miss Nancy Liggett, who during his last days and through his illness waited upon him with great kindness and faithfulness. Dr. George Watt, one of his pupils, has left on record his recollections and tribute of respect to our subject as follows: "Dr. Samuel Martin was no ordinary man and his life in this community no ordinary career. In the prime



of his manhood he came among us in 1834, and was immediately recognized as a leading physician by the extensive practice accorded to him. He gave his whole mind to the practice of his profession and enlisting into his service an extensive library and the leading medical journals of the day. His patrons recognized him not only as their physician, but their friend."

The present generation have no conception of the hardships of the practice at that early day. The average roads of that day would be regarded as impassable to-day. A strong horse with a saddle were the requisites. Day and night through mud and storm did Dr. Martin plod his way till his form became familiar to all, and he continued to be "the man on horseback" till laid aside about five years before his death by paralysis. As a teacher of young men, Dr. Martin was earnest, industrious and faithful. At least some of his pupils can recall "horseback" recitations of twenty to forty miles in length, interrupted only by occasional stops to examine and prescribe for patients. Seven of his pupils attended his funeral, four of them, residents of this city, being pall bearers. At last, however, the silver cord began to loosen and after a long and patient waiting the wheels of life stood still and the old man passed to his rest. John W. Shields also adds his tribute, as follows: "He was kind and generous even to a fault; had he saved his earnings, he would have been rich. I remember, in 1849, when the cholera was so fatal here, that Dr. Martin fitted up part of his stable as a hospital, and there he nursed and doctored homeless Irishmen until they were able to return to work on the railroad which was then being built. During the last few years

his mind dwelt chiefly on religious matters, and his readings were all of that nature. We will not soon forget him as he sat in the shade by the door reading his Bible, but he has gone to his rest and we will cherish his memory."

ROBERT CASBOLT.

In connection with this it may not be out of place to add here some history in regard to Dr. Martin's old home, which is still standing on East Main street, Xenia. The house in which the late Dr. Martin lived for forty-five years was built by Robert Casbolt in 1814, and is now among the few remaining monuments of the olden times. Only a few of our oldest citizens will remember Mr. Casbolt, who used to act as constable and tax collector. He had tender eyes and on cold windy days would ride with a veil over his face. Mr. Casbolt and his wife, Polly, came here in 1806, when Xenia was quite new. When he first came to Green county, like many old pioneers, he made Sugarcreek township his first home. He removed from there to Xenia in 1811 and became a resident of Xenia, and, as tradition says, "the course of true love never runs smooth," and Robert Casbolt, who was thirty, found it difficult to marry Polly Todd, a precocious maiden of fourteen. Polly was willing but the old folks were not. An elopment was planned. Polly went out in the shade of the evening to milk, and, setting her pail on the fence, led her father's horse out of the stable, jumped on behind her lover, rode away and they were married. In the early times here Mrs. Casbolt practiced a very useful vocation, as many now living can well attest. On such occasion she would frequently witch for water

with a peach tree rod, telling how far they would have to dig by the nod of the wand. Mrs. Casbolt was a strong-minded woman, and had she lived in these days when women have organized for their required rights she would have stood high among them.

Robert Casbolt was a soldier of the war of 1812, under Captain Robert McClellan, of Sugarcreek township. He was also a soldier of the war of the Revolution, in the Continental army. He was placed on the roll as pensioner for that war, September 27, 1832, at the rate of eighty dollars per year. Sometime in the '40s he removed to Sidney, Ohio.

#### DR. HORACE LAWRENCE.

Dr. Horace Lawrence was the first one I ever saw, and I do not recollect at what period of time; he resided near Bloxsoms bridge, where the Columbus pike crosses Massies creek, some five miles east of Cedarville; he retired from practice at middle life. Two of his nephews were physicians, Dr. Deluna Lawrence, eldest brother of Mrs. Joseph Brotherton, and Dr. Horace Lawrence, son of Levi L.; the former died young, the victim of consumption; the other was killed by accident at Kenton, Ohio, where he had succeeded the writer in practice. Both were good physicians and gentlemen.

#### DR. MATHIAS WINANS.

Dr. Winans came from Maysville, Kentucky, to Greene county in 1820, and purchased land in what is now Silvercreek township, but practiced medicine in Jamestown, and in later years had his son-in-law, Dr. John Dawson, for a partner. He was

the father of Judge James Winans, and, I think, two of his sons were physicians. He had a large practice. It was said that he was sceptical in early life, but I can best recollect him as a minister of the Christian or Disciples church. Dr. Harper, a prominent physician of Lima, Ohio, married one of his daughters. He died in Cincinnati in July, 1849, aged fifty-eight years, and was buried at Jamestown.

#### DR. EWGLASS BALL.

Dr. Ewlass Ball as early as 1827 kept a store at Clifton, then Patterson's mill, and, I think, practiced medicine; also Dr. Joshua Wilson, late of West Second street, Xenia, and Dr. Prescott also practiced at Clifton at a later date. Dr. Prescott afterward became a lawyer, still later a preacher. It is stated that a young man asked his advice as to selecting a profession and he recommended him to the law, saying a man will contribute a dime to his soul's salvation, a quarter to be restored to health, but for the satisfaction of having his own way the "almight dollar" will be sacrificed.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEN OF GREENE COUNTY IN 1830.

On the 11th of June, 1830, the commissioners and auditor proceeded to estimate the annual income of the practicing lawyers and physicians, and to charge a tax upon each of them, which tax, as charged, is attached to their respective names on the list returned by the assessors to the auditor.

#### ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

John Alexander, William Ellsberry,

Aaron Harlan, Thomas C. Wright, Joseph Sexton and Cornelius Clark.

#### PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

Joshua Martin, Joseph Johnson, Joseph Templeton, Jeremiah Woolsey, William Bell, Matthias Winans, Horace Winans, Robert E. Stevens, Ewlass Ball, Randolph R. Greene, Lenard Rush and M. P. Baskaville.

#### STEAM DOCTORS.

Stacey Haines, Mounce Hawkins, Frederick Beemer, Amassa Reid, James Hays, Childress Askew, Thomas P. Moorman and Abraham Gause.

"YE OLDEN TIMES," CONTRIBUTED BY DAVIS HAWKINS.

"During my last affliction I thought I might spend a portion of my time in jotting down a little sketch of people and things as they were about Xenia from sixty to seventy-five years ago. It may interest some who know but little about pioneer life in those early days. I was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, March 14, 1813, and that fall Davis Allen, my grandfather, came to Ohio to look for a new home. He had a couple of brothers-in-law living in Greene county, and, of course, it was natural for him to make them a visit. One of them, John Haines, lived on a farm now divided into two farms, one owned by John Middleton, and the other by David S. Harner. He occupied the house that was known a few years ago as the Chaney house. The house was built three years before he moved into it, making it about seventy years old, a

pretty ripe age for a house. The other brother-in-law was Edward Walton, of Spring Valley. There is a representation of his log cabin in the Greene County Atlas. After visiting with those friends, the next thing was to select a new home. He selected a beautiful and fine tract of land lying right by the side of John Haines' farm. It is that portion of land that lies between the iron bridge road and the Dayton pike, now known as the Hawkins, Steele, William Moore and Lucas farms, containing in all a thousand acres, more or less. He then returned to his home in Virginia for his family, consisting of his wife, Elizabeth Allen, and his children, Reuben, Deborah, Davis, John, Obed, Barsheba, Homer, Milo and Jackson Allen. Two other families came with them; the first of these consisted of Mounce Hawkins and his wife Mary, and three children, Reuben, Joseph and Davis, the writer of this article. The second family consisted of Frederick Beemer and his wife Sarah and one child, Samuel. A young man by the name of Harve Evans came west with the last family to grow up with the country, and he became clerk of the court in one of our eastern counties. All were now ready for the move and with five wagons, a carriage, several head of cattle, in April, 1814, the line of march was taken up. A journey of six weeks was performed, with no railroads to speed you on the way. In due time all landed near Xenia, safe without the loss of one of the crew. After passing through Xenia they landed in a couple of log cabins on the big farm that had been bought the fall before. These cabins stood on the William Moore farm, near Shawnee, in which the three families summered. But soon the work of building commenced. Mr.



Allen, having started brick-making for a house, expected to winter in it, but the work did not get along far enough, and so he remained in one of the cabins for the winter. Father commenced to cut and hew logs on the site of the cross roads where Homer Hawkins now lives, and got up a story and a half hewed-log house and covered it. It had a stick and mud chimney about half the height of the house; a doorway was cut with no door up, and a coverlid was used for a door. Here father wintered through 1814.

"Perhaps the next thing in order would be a description of the country. At that time it was almost a wilderness, no clearing being done on the Hawkins or Steele farms, except what part of the Old Town prairie that runs down across the bottoms. The rest of the farms owned by these two gentlemen was a dense forest with some little barrens of large and heavy timbers. The Haines farm had some cleared land and several acres of prairie on it. Some clearing had been done on a part of the thousand-acre tract that grandfather had reserved for himself. At this time the country abounded in wild animals, such as wolves, wild cats and wild hogs. Our nearest neighbors who were landholders were John Haines and Jonathan Paul, the first named gentleman living on part of the farm now owned by John B. Lucas. James Gill owned what is now the Richard Galloway farm, the fair ground, the Crawford, Nesbitt and Woodrow land, also the field adjoining the fair ground on the west side. This James Gill was an Irishman and belonged to what was called 'the whiskey boys,' of whom you have read in history. I have often heard him talk about it in his Irish brogue. He said

it was 'a bad piece of business,' but the old man has long since gone to his rest.

"One of our neighbors was James Towler. He owned the lands where David Vorhees and Peter Bankard used to live. He was a local Methodist preacher, and used to go among the Indians as a missionary, and at one time brought a couple of Indian boys home with him to have them educated. They remained in Xenia for some time, forming many acquaintances, and then returned to their tribes. Mr. Towler was one of the leaders of the Methodist church.

"Other neighbors were near us, but they were only renters or leasers. I will come back to my early boyhood days. I was pretty young when I first commenced going to school, and so did not go regularly. The school was in a little log cabin, located about where John B. Lucas' house now stands, and my teacher's name was Amos Root. The next school that I attended was located where John Purdom now resides on the Boyd farm. The teacher was Julius Hunter. The next school was taught by Israel Hanes, in a little room in the second story of his own house. Still later Ransom Reel taught school at Old Town. The building in which he taught was of frame and was used for both school and church. William Galloway also taught in the same building about 1822. Thomas Steele was then living with his father in the old brick building on the Gordon lot. He taught school in a little frame building on or near where the Center building now stands. The older brothers and myself were sent to him. I will mention some of the prominent scholars as far as I can remember; David W. Connelly and Robert were among them. David was studying surveying, and after-

wards distinguished himself in surveying for the government in the southern states, especially in Louisiana. Robert died with yellow fever while in the employ of his brother. Then there was James and Benjamin Grover; James afterward became clerk of the court of Greene county, and later a prominent Methodist preacher. Others among these pupils were Jack and Henry Barnes, the latter ex-sheriff of Greene county, James and Henry Larue and Jackson Allen. It may not be amiss to give some of the names of girls or young women. I will commence with the Connelly family. There were Nancy, Martha and Mary Connelly, Harriet, Abigail and Joanna Hivling, Rachel and Margaret Eyler, Mary and Lydia Eyler and Jennie Barnes. There were a host of other boys and girls; among them were David and John Rader, and two families of Shaws, many of them are beneath the sod and others soon will be.

"I will now speak of the town and its surroundings. The city did not extend beyond Church street on the north side, Monroe street was the east limit, Water street was the south limit, and the boundary line on the west was the Cincinnati pike and West street. Most of the buildings were on Main street. John Alexander, the grandfather of William J. Alexander, had his home on a large lot in the vicinity of where Henry H. Eavey's fine residence now stands; also and close by and belonging to him was an orchard and deer park. The principal merchants were James and Ryan Gowdy, Hivling and Nunamaker and John Dodd. The hotels were the Hivling House, Collier House and the Browder House. This latter house was kept in the hewed-log house that stood on the site where the wholesale gro-

cery now stands. Quite a contrast between it and the Florence Hotel of to-day. A tanyard stood on the site of Chandler Brothers' coal office. A small stone building was used as a shop, and Robert Gowdy carried on the business. A blacksmith shop was run by John Williams in a log cabin shop that stood on the lot where Mrs. William B. Fairchild used to reside on Market street. And in this shop the first elephant that was ever shown in Xenia was put on exhibition, and many of us had the chance of seeing our first elephant. The public buildings of the town consisted of a court house, jail and market house. The court house occupied a part of the same ground that the present one does. It was a plain square building with a cupola to designate its use. In that house I cast my first vote. The jail was a small stone building made of those soft yellow stones, such as lie east of James Rall's slaughter house. These stones proved an easy thing for the prisoners to pick holes through. The market house was a two-story structure, built with pillars, a sufficient distance apart to form stalls on each side and open at each end. This building stood on the public square, on Market street back of the court house."

(In revising Mr. Hawkins' "old-time article" for publication the editor of the Gazette, on what was deemed good authority, made a correction about the market house, and gave a description of Xenia's market house a decade later than the one about which Mr. Hawkins wrote, hence the following from him:

"Editor Gazette: The market house that I spoke of was on Main street and only one story high, and was nearly in the middle of the street; its one end was perhaps two or

three rods east of Detroit street, and extended up in front of the court house, and was so situated that they could drive on either side of it. The one on Market street was of later date. I do not know that I could find a man to prove the above, but nevertheless it is true.—David Hawkins.”)

“I will now tell of some prominent gentlemen who were large land owners and whose land bordered on the town. The first of these was James Galloway, who owned a large tract of land bordering on the west and northwest of the town. The next was David Connelly, who owned the large tract of land north and northeast of the town, and now owned by the Silas Roberts’ heirs. East from this was the Robert D. Forsman farm, and the Benjamin Haines farm, or the Henry Conklin farm as it is now. With the southeast and south I was not acquainted until it came to the Judge Grover farm, which has since been nearly all taken into the city. Mr. Grover’s house is the present residence of Coleman Heaton. On the southwest was the farm of Henry Hypes, father of Mrs. Maria Drees and Mr. Samuel Hypes; some of his land bordered on James Galloway’s land. Close by James Galloway’s land lay Samuel Gowdy’s farm. Not far from these last named farms lay the gravel bank, a large portion of which was owned by Abraham and John Hivling. Abraham Hivling also owned that portion of land north of Church street and west of Detroit out as far as the Gordon’s. This was then farm land and contained within its borders a house, barn and such other buildings as pertain to a farm. The Gordon property, except the old brick house and lot that is southeast of them, and all land west to the Richard Galloway line, was owned

by James Gowdy. Most of it was farm land, but the north end was forest, including John T. Harbine’s lot. But the city has covered this farm land and even the forest. On the lot where Fawcett’s jewelry store now is stood a little one-story brick house, which was first used as a school house, but it was afterward occupied by a man by the name of Tolbert as a hatter’s shop, so there has been some change there.

“I will now come nearer home; nearly all of Richard Galloway’s farm was a forest. We had no public road, but such roads as farmers have in their woodland to haul rails and wood over. A small field was cleared where the race track now is in front of the Galloway house, and the field west close by was also cleared, but from there the remainder of the way home was through the woods, which in some places were pretty thick. When we left Shenandoah county our colony numbered twenty in all. I am the only one left in the county, and all but three of these have been laid beneath the sod. Obed Allen, if living, is in Rochester, Indiana, and Homer Allen is in Bellefontaine, Ohio.”

#### JAMES SCOTT, A SOLDIER OF 1812.

James A. Scott was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1794. In 1812 he was a member of one of the companies composing a brigade of soldiers which left Pennsylvania and started to the scenes of action in which Hull and his forces were then engaged. On arriving at Pittsburgh they learned of Hull’s surrender, and were ordered to Erie, where Perry was then engaged in building his fleet. At Pittsburgh they were furnished with tents and other



necessary equipments for their comfort, having been obliged to sleep in the open air, or sheds, pigpens or whatever old buildings they could find a place of shelter for a time. They remained for a short time and were ordered to Buffalo, where they were detained until late in December of that year, when they were discharged. They were left to get home as best they could, and young Scott with many others traveled the distance, over two hundred miles, on foot through the forest. They drew one month's pay while at Erie, which was all the wages that Scott received until he had been a resident of this county some time. He again joined the army in 1814. His brigade met once, organized at Danville, Pennsylvania, and proceeded toward Sandy Hook. They reached Northumberland, Pennsylvania, and here learned of the treaty of peace, and were discharged.

In October, 1815, he came on a tour of inspection to this and adjoining counties in company with his brother John. They were acquaintances and friends of John Jacoby (who then owned and run the Old Town mills) and his family, and with them they made their headquarters during their stay in this section. General Robert T. Forsman was then a single man and lived with Henry Jacoby, in partnership with whom he ran a distillery. He sold out his interest to his partner not long after the building of the distillery.

During this trip Mr. Scott saw very little of Xenia, making a few short visits to the place. It then contained very few frame or brick buildings. The principal business houses were built of logs, and nearly all the dwellings were log structures of a variety of styles and sizes. At that time there was a

tavern about where John Glossinger's saloon used to be, kept by an Englishman. There was another just east of it kept by Thomas Gillespie, who was afterward appointed land commissioner in the northern part of the state by President Jackson. Connelly then kept the tavern near the old Hivling corner. James Collier was then running his famous house on Detroit street and a Mr. Watson was proprietor of another on the south side of Main street, west of Detroit.

The first mill built in the county was a small structure erected in 1799 near the site of the Harbine mill at Alpha. Some years after it proved too small for the increasing trade and was abandoned for a larger one, a frame building erected near by. A woolen mill was also built and put into operation at the same place. It was afterward used as a cotton factory for some time and then again converted into a woolen mill. This mill property then belonged to Jacob Smith, who was a member of the fourth general assembly of the state in 1805, as a senator from this and Clinton counties, which office he filled several times afterward.

After weeks spent in the inspection of the different mills in this part of the state Mr. Scott and his brother John negotiated for the purchase of this property from Mr. Smith and then started back to Pennsylvania. They had not journeyed as far as the Scioto river when James' horse died. The animal was an excellent one, and as usually found in the west at that time horses were of an inferior stock. Mr. Scott would not purchase one with which to complete his journey home, but proceeded on foot. Some days he traveled as much as fifty miles, and would very often reach the point designated in the morning as the stopping place for the

following night some time in advance of his brother who was on horseback. Their average rate of travel during the entire journey was between forty-five and forty-seven miles. Twenty-five miles this side of Pittsburgh, at a place then called Bricklings Cross Roads, his brother was taken very ill and they had to remain at this place some six weeks until the sick man was able to proceed on the journey. They arrived home during the holidays. Mr. Scott returned to this county in February, 1816, and assumed charge of the mill purchased of Mr. Smith. Not anticipating the immediate use of a horse after his arrival here, he declined to bring one with him and made the entire journey on foot. In the fall of the year he again returned to Pennsylvania, this time making the trip on horseback.

#### MARRIAGE OF MR. SCOTT.

On the 17th of October, 1816, he was married to Elizabeth S. Shannon, who was then living with her parents not far from Milton, Pennsylvania. She was born July 6, 1796. Mrs. Scott had a brother living in Piqua, Ohio, and another in Pennsylvania, these three being the only surviving members of a large family. John Shannon, who once lived at Alpha, this county, was another brother. Soon after their marriage they moved to this county in a wagon. They lived in the house in which the first courts were held in this county, which was then the residence of Peter Borders, and in which he kept a tavern for many years.

John Scott, who had accompanied James on his first visit to this county, lived with them here. He was a millwright and erected a number of mills in this and adjoining

counties. He afterward settled in Miami county, where he died in the eighty-second year of his age. Captain Casper Snyder, James Fulton and two of James Scott's sons, William and David, learned the trade with him.

Mr. Scott tells of a case of sharp practice which occurred in the neighborhood of Alpha some time before he came to the county, but of which he often heard after his arrival here. Jacob Herring was the owner of a tract of land near Beaver creek, north of Alpha. An adjoining tract lying between his land and the creek contained some very excellent bottom land, and on it there were some very fine springs, and this Herring desired to possess. Benjamin Whiteman learned of this desire and knowing that the land had not yet been entered by any one went to Herring, assumed the right to sell the land, bargained with him for its sale at five dollars per acre, went immediately to Cincinnati and entered it in his own name at less than half that price, then returned and made Herring a deed for the land, making quite a sum of money in the operation, which Herring could have retained had he known to what party the land belonged.

While running the mill Mr. Scott once sent his team to Cincinnati with a load of flour. On the return the driver missed the way and after wandering about in the forests of Clermont and Brown counties for many days finally reached the mill again after an absence of about three weeks.

A few days after moving to this county with his wife Mr. Scott came to Xenia to purchase necessary household goods. He selected a number of articles, among them a "dutch oven" at James Gowdy's store, had

them set aside, and then drove his team to John Mitten's chair factory, which stood where the Grand Hotel now stands, to purchase some chairs. Having driven away from the store without paying for what he had selected, or telling Mr. Gowdy where he was going (he presumes that Gowdy thought he was going to leave the goods on his hands and had gone home without them) Mr. Gowdy sent John Ewing, a clerk in the store, in search of Mr. Scott and to inquire if he had forgotten the articles set aside for him. Mr. Scott satisfied him, however, by returning to the store after he had gotten the chairs and paying for the articles and taking them home.

The German Reformed, as it was called, the Lutheran and New Light were the only church organizations in that part of the county when Mr. and Mrs. Scott lived at Alpha. Their ancestors were Presbyterians, and as there was not then any organization of that denomination near them they attended the services of the Reformed and Lutheran churches for a number of years. These two denominations built a large log church about 1820, near the site of the present brick church edifice on the Dayton and Xenia road near Alpha. The two congregations occupied the church alternately. Rev. Thomas Winters, who lived near Dayton, the father of the popular David Winters, now of Dayton, and Rev. Thomas Winters, of Xenia, was then pastor of the Reformed congregation. Rev. David Winters, then a young man, preached the first sermon Mr. Scott ever heard him preach in this church. Mr. Scott knew of but one Methodist family in the township at that time. It was the family of Jacob Nesbitt, father of Benoni Nesbitt, of Xenia. There was

then no congregation of Dunkards in the township, but there were a few persons there of that denomination, and through their efforts were induced to settle there, until in later years a congregation was organized, and still exists at Zimmermanville. Soon after the organization of the first Presbyterian congregation in this city, and when Rev. Moses Swift, now of Allegheny, was its pastor, Mr. and Mrs. Scott united with it, and have since remained members of that church.

Mr. Scott was well acquainted with Associate Judges Houston and Haines, who were his neighbors for a long time. Among other personal acquaintances and friends during the first year of his residence in this county were Henry Ankeney, Captain Jacob Shingledecker, Captain Robert McClellan and Major James Galloway, who were soldiers in the war of 1812. Mr. Hugh Andrew, Mr. George Wright and Mr. Scott were the only pensioners of the war of 1812 under the old law that were living in 1879 about Xenia.

Mr. Scott said that the people then living in Beavercreek township were the most sociable and hospitable, honorable and upright in all their dealings of any community in which he had ever lived. It was made up principally of people from Pennsylvania and Maryland. His mill custom then extended to the east and south, east a distance of twenty-five or thirty miles. In addition to attending to the running of the mill he held the office of justice of the peace in that township for five years.

After conducting the mill business for over ten years the property was sold to a Mr. Herr, and from him to Mr. John Harbine, and Mr. Scott then took charge of



what was then called Staley's, afterwards Tresslar's, mill, a few miles farther down the river, where he remained for a short time.

While there he was elected sheriff of the county and assumed the duties of that office in 1828, and held the office for two successive terms. At that time the county jail was an old stone building, which stood on the west side of the present city park. The county did not then provide a residence for the sheriff, and he lived in a small frame house on the same lot on East Second street where he was living at the time of his death. This building was moved in late years to East Church street. In 1833 he was elected to the state legislature and served one year as representative. Before going to the legislature and after his return from that body he held the office of justice of the peace in Xenia. He was then elected sheriff and re-entered that office in 1836, again serving two terms. Soon after the beginning of the first term a new jail was built in connection with a sheriff's residence, on the east side of the public square, was completed, and Mr. Scott and his family settled in the residence thus furnished them. The washing for the prisoners was done at the expense of the sheriff, who also had to furnish all necessary fuel and was paid only twenty-five cents per day for boarding each prisoner confined in the jail. There were then very few sheriff sales; people then helped each other out of their financial difficulties, and there were few failures in business. Whatever sheriff sales there were then, were almost exclusively sales in partition.

The law authorizing imprisonment for debt was then in force, and among many others confined in jail on that account while

Mr. Scott was sheriff was Dr. Thomas Neal, who was sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. On account of his unusual trustworthy disposition in a matter of that kind he was for awhile allowed the privileges of the jail yard during the day, and some times they permitted him to take a stroll about town. After his release Mr. Scott and others who took an interest in his welfare set him up in business in a small botanical drug store and succeeded in getting him a small practice. His wife, known by all as "Auntie Neal," was a general favorite in the town and especially with the children. The old couple removed to Jamestown some years after and there they died not a great while ago.

In 1839 Mr. Scott was again elected representative to the legislature, and this time served two terms. Among others whom he remembered as members of the legislature when he was one of that body, and with whom he was then acquainted, he mentioned Thomas W. Bartley and David Todd, both of whom afterwards became governors of the state; Joseph Vance, who was then in the senate and had been governor; Seabury Ford, who afterwards was governor; Charles Brough, who afterwards became a very prominent citizen of Cincinnati, and who was a brother of John Brough, who was then auditor of state and was afterward elected governor; George H. Flood, afterward United States minister to Texas before its annexation; Judge Smith, of Warren county, father of Judge Smith, so well known in our present courts; Aaron Harlan, who was once a member of congress from this county; George D. Hendricks, who was once noted for his ready wit. Once when Hendricks had the floor another member

arose and said: "Mr. Speaker, is there anything before the house?" When Hendricks, referring to the member that had interrupted him, exclaimed *soto voce*, "Yes, there is a thing from ——— county before the house." At another time a member, a Baptist preacher, presented a bill providing for the erection of a dam across one of the largest tributaries to the Muskingum river. He was very earnest in urging the passage of the bill and made an unnecessarily frequent use of the name of the structure for which the provision was urged, and when he closed his speech Hendricks arose and said: "Mr. Speaker, I move that the word 'dam' be struck from this bill; the frequent use of such profanity is decidedly corrupting to the morals of this august body."

While at Columbus Mr. Scott became intimately acquainted with Judge Bellamy Storer, who was often in that city on legal business. During his first term in the legislature he drew up the bill for the incorporation of the first bank ever incorporated in Xenia, called "The Xenia Bank," with John Hivling, president, John Ankeney, James Galloway, John Dodd, James Gowdy, General R. D. Forsman, Silas Roberts and others as incorporators. This bill was presented by George D. Hendricks, and by him its passage was materially aided. While in the legislature the second time Mr. Scott presented a bill for the incorporation of the Dayton and Xenia Turnpike Company. This bill was passed, but he thinks that the road was built under a subsequent incorporation. The first bank in Xenia, however, was organized in 1818, with William Elkins cashier.

After Mr. Scott's return from his last term in the legislature he moved with his

family to the John Ewing farm, just east of Xenia, and there followed the occupation of farming. The farm residence was a log house, which stood near where the brick house stands in which Adam Rader used to live. Mr. Scott remained there for two years and then moved to the Hivling farm, on the west side of Xenia, and lived in the house which has since been enlarged and improved and is now (1899) occupied by Mrs. Jerry Parkhill. Here he continued farming for about two years, when he was elected to the office of county recorder.

It was about this time that the great and disastrous Puterbaugh fire occurred. The fire was first discovered by John Crumbaugh, William McDaniel, and Jacob Bazzel, who, being out very late that night, were proceeding toward home, when they stopped at the corner of Main and Detroit streets for a moment's chat. While there their attention was attracted by peculiar sounds of some one in great distress, and in proceeding in the direction from which the sounds came, they discovered that they were the groans of some one within the Puterbaugh storeroom, and the building was on fire. They gave the alarm and soon hundreds were gathered around the terrible scene, whose revelations of murder and work of destruction stamped a picture so indelibly upon the minds of all who witnessed the scene that time will fail to erase it. The date of this sad occurrence was August 3, 1845. Two young men in the store were murdered, William Steele and James Kinney. The latter is buried in Woodland cemetery. Mr. Steele was buried in the northeastern corner of what is now known as the West Market street school yard, then known as the Associate graveyard.

While recorder, Mr. Scott introduced a new system of indexing the records, which has ever since aided greatly in facilitating the business of the office. He was continued in this office for nine years. After his third term expired he was elected to the office of county auditor, and filled that position one term. Not many years afterward he was elected township trustee, and was continued in that office for many years, and until he declined to serve longer on account of his desire to relinquish the labors and responsibilities of active life, in order to live in a more retired manner during his remaining days.

He is now in the eighty-sixth year of his age, and has retained the natural faculties of mind and body to an unusual degree. His father died at the age of eighty-six years at the residence of his son, John, near Troy, Ohio, in 1834. His mother died in Pennsylvania some years before. John Scott, his brother, died near Troy, Ohio, after having passed his eighty-second year. And another brother, William Scott, now lives in Troy, and is in his eighty-second year. This similarity in the longevity of the father and the three sons and only children is somewhat remarkable. Mrs. Scott was, at the aforesaid date, in the eighty-third year of her age, and has been blessed with a continuation of health and strength of both body and mind to an extent equal to that of her husband's. They have been married for over sixty-two years. They have survived six of their children, and have but three living: Mrs. John W. Manor, of this city; David Scott, who lives in Indiana; and James, who resides with his parents on East Second street, this city. Mr. James A. Scott, the subject of this sketch, after a long and useful life, died

at his residence on East Second street, Xenia, Ohio, August 12, 1881, aged eighty-seven years, and is buried in our own beautiful Woodland.

#### HISTORY OF THE GALLOWAY CORNER.

We find that away back in 1798 it was a part of what is known as survey No. 2243, in the name of Warren and Addison Lewis, patented to Robert Pollard on the 24th of December, 1798, calling for one thousand acres. On July 6, 1801, Robert Pollard and Jael, his wife, conveyed the same to Thomas Richardson and wife, Elizabeth. On the 27th of June, 1803, John Paul, the founder of Xenia, became the owner of the aforesaid one thousand acres, of which lot No. 37, the Galloway corner, was a part. On the 14th of November the honorable court of the county of Greene had decided that the forks of Shawnee creek was to be the permanent county seat of Greene county, Ohio. Joseph C. Vance had been employed to survey and lay out the county seat and had been selected to act as director for said county seat. Mr. Vance served in that capacity until September, 1805, and at that date resigned and William A. Beatty was chosen as his successor in office. On the 13th of September, 1810, James Galloway, Jr., purchased of William A. Beatty lot No. 37, ninety-nine feet on Chillicothe, or Main, street, and one-half the distance of the square running north on Detroit street, consideration for the same three hundred dollars. Prior to this on the 11th of September, 1807, William A. Beatty had conveyed to Henry Phenix, lot No. 38, immediately west of and adjoining Mr. Galloway's lot,



and on which he had erected a cabin on the present site of what is now (1900) known as the Drees and Thornhill building, and was keeping tavern. On the 14th of November, 1808, Mr. Phenix sold to Dr. Andrew W. Davidson, Xenia's first physician, lot No. 38. On that lot, present site of the John J. Knox saddler's shop, Mr. Davidson erected a two-story brick house. March 11, 1813, Mr. Davidson conveyed to James Galloway, Jr., the lot, which extended west to what is known as the Crumbaugh line. The same year, 1813, that Mr. Galloway purchased lot No. 38, he commenced to build what has been known for almost three-fourths of a century "The Galloway corner," which gave rise to the subject of this sketch. Mr. Hugh Andrew says that a Mr. Hartsook did the mason work, and that it was the largest brick buildings in Xenia at that time. The other corners at this time were vacant, and many of the inhabitants of Xenia got their fire wood from the lots on which they lived. The streets at that time were full of stumps and everything presented a wild appearance. Mr. Galloway had previous to this time completed a large brick house in 1809 on his farm, six miles north of Xenia, on the Fairfield pike, known as "Rambler's Retreat." The old home is yet standing and owned by William H. Collins. Four of Mr. Galloway's children were born at this place. The father of Major Galloway had come from Pennsylvania, and had removed and settled in Kentucky, during the most perilous times of Indian warfare, and had participated in the dangers along with Boone, Simon Kenton and others, in their struggle to reclaim the land from the savage foe. He was also along with Gen. Roger Clarke, in 1782, in his second expedition to Old Chillicothe, on

the Little Miami, and other points. In the year 1797 he removed from Kentucky to his home in Ohio, and located on land west of the Little Miami, opposite the present Miami Powder Mills. About nineteen years previous to his coming to Ohio, November 23, 1778, he had married Miss Rebecca Junkin, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. Maj. James Galloway, his eldest son, and the builder of the Galloway corner, had an eventful life. At the age of twenty years, accompanied by his father, he made a trip back to his old Kentucky home, in 1802, and through the influence of his father, James Galloway, Sr., who had known Col. Richard Anderson in the war of the Revolution, and his uncle, George Pomeroy, he succeeded in getting the appointment of deputy surveyor of the Virginia military district of Ohio. And one is filled with surprise and wonder to-day (1900) as he looks at and examines his large ledgers, books of surveys, field notes, and the hundreds of letters pertaining to his business in his various transactions, and the thoughts will come, and questions will arise, how could one man accomplish so much, and do it so neatly. And in addition to this work, his home duties, duties to his country in the war of 1812, in which he took part, sometimes as a private soldier, other times as captain of a company, and as major of a regiment, and in all the work that was essential to making the conditions of his fellow men better, we find Major Galloway did his part and did it well. But we will return to our subject, "The Galloway corner." John W. Shields, along about 1877, says: "In 1814 Major Galloway removed from his place, 'Rambler's Retreat,' to Xenia, and into the corner aforesaid, where spacious rooms had been

prepared for the family, in addition to the storerooms on the corner. It is with feelings of regret that a complete list of the parties that transacted business in that corner can not be given. The first to sell merchandise was the firm of George Townsley & Co., in 1814. The next to occupy the corner probably was the firm of Dodd, Parkison & Lowry. Mr. John Dodd, the senior member of the firm, had been to Philadelphia, and had brought home with him among other articles, which he had purchased, the first lucifer matches that had been brought to Xenia. They were a great curiosity, and were stared at by his customers who thought they would be a great thing, enabling them to start a fire without taking a shovel and going half a mile to a neighbor to borrow, but no one thought how universal they would become, and what a help they would be to young boys learning to smoke, and how convenient they would be to incendiaries. A few yet living perhaps still remember Mr. Dodd, his personal appearance in his best days, his energetic, animated face, short neck, and his right shoulder carried higher than the left. Of these old-time merchants only two (1877) remain on our streets, John Ewing and Gen. Casper R. Merrick, who are still noted for their quick step and vivacity. Mr. James E. Galloway has in his home a photograph of the old corner which he was thoughtful in securing, and it is a valuable picture, and will become more so as time rolls on. In the old building there was a hall entering from Detroit street, and north of this hall were the parlor and sitting room, with dining room and kitchen in the rear. The second story afforded the family chambers, and were more spacious and comfortable than was common in that

day. When the family removed to their present mansion the old parlor and sitting room were converted into a storeroom for Philip Lauman. After the removal of the family the second story was used for several years as a tailor shop by Andrew Hutchison, as genial and clever a man as ever lived in Xenia. He was the father of Clark Hutchison, yet conducting business in Xenia near the site where his father used to be. The Galloway corner is occupied by the present Steele building. The present Galloway mansion (1877) was erected in 1830; the materials were all carefully selected; Gen. Daniel Lewis was the mason, with his two apprentice boys, Aniel Rogers and William C. Robinson, better known as "Bud" Robinson; his carpenter was the late Robert Nesbitt. The family moved into their house in 1831, and there they have remained ever since. It is seldom that any family has remained in one place so long, forty-six years in the same house, and sixty-three on the same lot of ground. But father and mother have passed away, and also brothers and sisters, and now the family is reduced to two. Under those circumstances the old mansion was converted into business purposes. Major Galloway had the sagacity to foresee in the fertile soil of Ohio and its rapid settlement a fine opportunity for acquiring independence and, perhaps, wealth, he became, as we have seen, a surveyor and pursued his calling diligently for several years. He acquired large tracts of land in what is known as the military district that had been set aside for the soldiers of the Revolution. We are informed on good authority that Mr. Galloway after having secured the position as deputy surveyor, under Col. Richard C. Anderson, supplied

himself with all the necessary implements, books, etc., that were required for his business, by taking his trusty rifle and going to the woods hunting, and by the results of such efforts made money enough to pay for all that was needed to perfectly supply his wants in regard to the aforesaid articles. A loft in one of the out buildings at "Rambler's Retreat" was his office, which he fitted up. It is no wonder that success crowned his efforts. The rapid rise in the value of those lands enabled him to sell and reinvest. His success was, I suppose, much greater than he had at first anticipated. The consequence was, that he was able to support a style of life in Xenia that no other family here has ever maintained. His Glady farm of one thousand acres was the Egypt from which he drew his supplies. His stables were stocked with fine horses, and he kept his carriage and coachman. His sons were graduated from Miami university, and his daughters were graduates of the best schools in Cincinnati. He was a lenient creditor, an indulgent landlord, and it gave him pleasure to help a poor man to independence, if he thought him worthy of assistance. He was an elder in the Associate church, under Rev. Francis Pringle, away back in 1811. And his home was ever open, as his father's had been, to the itinerate ministers of that church as well as to all of his friends.

#### THOMAS STEELE.

Thomas Steele came to the United States in 1812. He was a native of Ireland. Sometimes but a trifle settles the destinies of man, and, it is said, that the ship on which he sailed was stopped at sea by a British man-of-war, in order to press young

men in the naval service. Mr. Steele being quick and active hid himself in the hold of the ship so securely that John Bull could not find him, and by this circumstance Great Britain lost a good sailor, but Xenia gained an excellent teacher. Mr. Steele resided at first in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for about two years, then went to Lexington, Kentucky, where he remained one year and in the winter of 1815 came to Xenia, Ohio.

In the spring of 1816 he commenced his school in Xenia, which he continued until about 1848, being sustained by his merit as a teacher. His old pupils well remember his modest and humble dwelling and school house, on the site now occupied by our Center school building, also the thoroughness of his teaching. He was a devout Christian, religion being with him a calm and abiding conviction and through all his life he remained firmly attached to the Covenantor church.

Soon after coming to Xenia Mr. Steele was united in marriage October 9, 1818, to Miss Maria Gaff, of this county. His eldest daughter, Martha Jane, widow of the late Dr. Adams, of Waynesville, Ohio, in 1876 resided in Kansas City, Mo., with her sister, Mrs. Louise Trumbull. His son, Dr. Ebenezer Steele, was assistant surgeon of the Seventy-fourth Ohio Infantry during the late Civil war. He died at Nashville, Tennessee. His second daughter, Margaret, was the wife of the late R. F. Howard, one of Xenia's best lawyers, while his daughter, Mrs. Mary A. Patrick, now a widow, resides with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Torrence, at Belle Center, Ohio, and his son, William, is now (1876) in the state of Texas. In 1848 Mr. Steele moved to Adams county, Ohio, but his change was un-



fortunate and he returned to Xenia in 1853, where he remained until 1860, when he went to spend the remainder of his days with his daughter at Belle Center, Ohio. Who of the older people of Xenia but remembers Thomas Steele? Among some of his pupils were Abraham Hivling, Alfred Trader, Thornton Marshall, George Monroe, Benoni Nesbit, Albert Galloway and Thomas P. Townsley, but to enumerate is out of the question. We must take them by families. There were the Starks, Merricks, Roberts, Crumbaugh and from among almost all the old families of Xenia. Peace be to his ashes. He died at Belle Center, August 6, 1875, aged eighty-four years.

ROBERT NESBIT

Was a carpenter by trade. Many of the first and best houses were built by him in the county at an early date. He came from Indiana county, Pennsylvania, in 1817, and was married to Miss Nancy Townsley, daughter of Thomas Townsley, Sr., who was one of the first settlers near the present site of Cedarville. His wife was a sister to Mrs. Major James Galloway, Jr. He was born in Ireland, December 27, 1790, and died in Xenia, Ohio, June 26 1876, at the ripe age of eighty-six years. He is buried in Woodland cemetery.

SAMUEL CRUMBAUGH, SR.,

Was a hatter by trade. He came to Xenia in 1817. He purchased the lot now covered by the wholesale house of Eavey & Co. and westward. He was a man that was highly respected in Xenia, and was the father of the late Samuel Crumbaugh, sheriff

of Greene county, and other children who were well known and respected. After spending nearly sixty years of his life in Xenia, on September 6, 1876, word came that the old pioneer had entered into his rest. In the year 1833 he assisted in organizing the Reformed church in this city, of which he was a faithful member. He was a native of Maryland, born August 29, 1791, and was eighty-five years of age at the time of his death. He lies in Woodland cemetery.

ABRAHAM LAREW.

Mr. Larew was one of the early settlers of Xenia, a carpenter by trade, having located here in the year 1806. About 1834 he removed from Xenia to Logansport, Indiana, where he resided several years, but for some years previous to his death he resided near Cincinnati, with his son-in-law, Stephen Reeder (who was also a former resident of Xenia), where he died April 1, 1858, aged eighty-three years.

Some of the houses that he built are still standing in Xenia, notably one that is being used as a school house on West Market street. It is on Detroit street, about where the "famous cheap store" of A. G. Hiller now stands, and served as a grocery store of D. A. Dean & Bro., and the upstairs as the office for many years of the Xenia Torch Light. When the march of improvement took place it had to go, and was removed to its present location.

Mr. Larew was also a soldier in the war of 1812 from Greene county, and was likewise a soldier of the Revolution. Thus one by one are the old settlers being gathered to their fathers.

## AN OLD LANDMARK REMOVED.

In April, 1857, workmen were engaged in removing the old building that stood on what was called the Jonathan Wallace lot—where now (1899) stands the Trebein mill. This was one of the oldest buildings in town, having been erected by Mr. Wallace in 1811, as a residence. It was built of logs, and when first erected was but one story high. A few months later another story was added, and it was then looked upon as quite a stylish affair. Mr. Wallace occupied it for more than thirty years. He was a hatter by trade. He removed from Xenia, and died at the house of Anthony Byers, Darke county, April 25, 1850, aged seventy years.

## EDWARD WATTS

Died at his residence one mile east of Xenia June 23, 1859, aged seventy-five years. He was born in Petersburg, Virginia, in 1782, and came to Ohio in 1806. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving six months in a tour of duty, and was in the expedition to the Maumee Rapids under the command of General Tupper. He came to Greene county in 1806, and was married in 1821 to Mrs. Margaret (Snavley) Reece, and settled on his farm one mile east of Xenia, where he continued to reside until his death. He was always true to his country and principles, and in politics an unwavering, zealous Whig. His last sickness was of several months' duration. He lies buried in the Watt's family burial ground near the Xenia water works stand-pipe.

## MAJOR GEORGE GORDON.

Mr. Gordon was born in Cumberland

county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of September, 1786. His father decided to move west in 1790, and taking his family, came in a wagon from near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, across the mountain to the river some miles above where Pittsburg now stands. And at that point they proceeded down the river in a flat boat, and landed at a place called Limestone, which has since developed into the extensive town of Maysville, Kentucky. Going from there farther back into the state they settled near Lexington, Fayette county, but leaving there in 1802, they came to Ohio, which was then a part of the northwestern territory, crossing the Ohio river on a flat boat at Cincinnati, making their live stock swim the stream. Mr. Gordon said he remembered crossing the Ohio five times in that way during the year. Proceeding then to Warren county, then a part of Hamilton county, they settled near Lebanon, where Mr. Gordon remained with his father until 1813.

Previous to 1808 Major Gordon was afflicted with a severe attack of rheumatism, from which he suffered greatly for many years, though during his later years he was not harrassed with the accustomed pains of the disease. He said the disease was first brought on by sleeping in a "Dutchman's" feather bed. He one day took a load of grain to the mill to be ground, and was forced to remain at the mill over night while the grinding was being done. The miller, a German, slept in the mill and had a bed on the ground floor of the building. This he invited Mr. Gordon to occupy for the night, while he would attend to the mill and have the grist by morning. Being prevailed upon, Mr. Gordon accepted the offer and was soon tucked beneath a huge feather-bed.

Here he slept soundly, and in a thorough perspiration arose early in the morning and went out into the cold air, harnessed his horses, loaded his wagon and proceeded home, but before he arrived there he was completely chilled, and not long after began to suffer excruciating pains of rheumatism.

In 1808 he went with his mother and a neighbor, also a young man and an invalid, to Yellow Springs, to test the efficacy of the water there as a cure for his disease. The ground around the springs at that time belonged to Mr. Lewis Davis, and one of the buildings, a rude log cabin, the trio occupied. In this they lived, providing and eating their own food, which Mrs. Gordon prepared. For the use of the cabin and the privilege of the water they paid Mr. Davis seventy-five cents per week. And Mr. Gordon said that life then was far more conducive to comfort, happiness and health than it is now, with an immense three-story hotel and fashionable display, at an expense of ten or twelve dollars per week. He was benefited by the use of the water there, but it did not effect a permanent cure. After Hull's surrender in 1812 he went with a company of "Light Horse" cavalry from Franklin, Ohio, to Ft. Wayne to relieve the garrison there, who were expecting a strong attack from the Indians. No attack was made, however, during his stay, which was short, as sleeping on the ground soon caused a return of the rheumatism, with all of its old force, and he was compelled to return home.

Mr. Gordon first saw Xenia in 1805, when he came up from Warren county to help his brother, William Gordon, who was an early settler in Xenia, to move from that county to Xenia. William Gordon pur-

chased lot No. 176, on the corner of Water and Whiteman streets, and there erected and run the first brewery in Xenia, a small log establishment. Mr. Gordon came again in 1806 or 1807, when he came to assist his brother in hauling the timber for a two-story log house, forty by forty feet, which his brother William erected near the house known as the James Gowdy home, corner lot No. 33. Some years ago, during the time M. D. Gatch, of this city, was a member of the state legislature, while reading the Ohio State Journal, to which he was a regular subscriber, he saw several communications which attempted to fix the date of the noted "cold Friday," each giving a different date. Soon after, when sending the subscription money for the paper, he accompanied it with a note to the editor, in which he referred to the communications he had read, and stated that the date of that day was Friday, February 14, 1807. He was surprised to see his communication in the following issue of the Journal, together with the editor's remark that Mr. Gordon must be correct, as the 14th of February that year came on Friday, while all dates by others came on some other day of the week. Mr. Gordon said he remembered that day distinctly; that the evening preceding he and his brother, anticipating rough weather, had hunted up a young calf belonging to William and placed it in what they supposed very comfortable quarters, secure from the cold, but in the morning they found it frozen to death in spite of their care. Also, that on that cold day the men who had gathered at the huge log tavern, then near the southeast corner of Main and Detroit streets, kept by William A. Beatty, better known as Major Beatty, growing impatient with the fire which was



made of green wood and would not burn to suit them, carried the contents of the whole large fireplace in the middle of the street, and there piled it up, declaring they would make a fire to suit themselves. He added in this connection that when William Kendall was building the old brick court house, some of the boarders at this tavern used to steal the wood that he had prepared for the brick kiln, carry it to the tavern and burn it for pure mischief.

In February, 1813, Mr. Gordon was married to Miss Agnes McDaniel, who was three years his junior, and who had come from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, with her parents and settled in Warren county, within a few miles of where Mr. Gordon and his parents then lived. In March of the same year the newly married couple came to Greene county, and settled in the woods in Sugarcreek township, about three miles west of Springvalley on the Centerville pike. Along the line of this road Mr. Gordon and a few others interested tried to have a county road established in 1814, but failed to succeed. Upon arriving at this place he constructed a rude log hut and with his wife continued for several years to follow the usual avocations and endure the hardships of pioneer life.

While living there they attended the Associate church in Xenia, of which they were members until the union, when they united with the second church, of which Mrs. Gordon was a member until her death, which occurred May 11, 1860, and to which Mr. Gordon was a member until his death, which occurred December 10, 1879, at the ripe old age of ninety-three years.

We were informed by Mr. Gordon that the small brick building standing on the

northeast corner of his place, facing east on Detroit street, and for many years past used as a residence, was the first Associate church ever built in Xenia. The congregation was organized in 1810 by Rev. John Steele, who preached occasionally for them, and afterward became their settled pastor. Not long after the congregation was organized the church was built, Rev. Adam Rankin conducting the first communion service in the summer of 1814. Rev. Porter, then of Preble county, was one of the supplies of this congregation, and here the well known Dr. Pressley, who was licensed to preach and was married before he was twenty-one years of age, preached some of his first sermons. The reporter must have misunderstood Mr. Gordon when he calls it the Associate church. What he has said would apply to the Associate Reform church, of which the Rev. John Steele was pastor, and which is now known as the First United Presbyterian church. Mr. John B. Gowdy, yet living (1899), says in regard to the building, that the brick of which the house was built were made and burnt where the building now stands in 1817, and the house was erected soon after. There was a log church stood near by previous to this one.

After a few years earnest toil, clearing and improving the farm which he had settled in Sugarcreek township Mr. Gordon was able to possess a good horse team, and finding that he could make more money in that than in any other way, he followed teaming to and from Cincinnati for some years, getting as high as one dollar and twenty-five cents per hundred pounds hauling goods from Cincinnati to Xenia.

In 1831 Mr. Gordon purchased a farm

on Massies creek lately owned by Mr. James, and now the property of Henry Conklin, to which he removed with his family in the same year, and soon after erected new buildings on the place. Having in 1851 purchased the ground between North Detroit and King streets, where he died, he raised two large crops of potatoes on it in 1851 and 1852. In the fall of 1852, Austin McDowel, whom he had employed to do the work, began the erection of his present residence, and finished it in the spring of 1853. Mr. Gordon removed from his farm on Massies creek to this residence in that year. Mrs. Gordon died in May, 1860, in the seventy-first year of her age. Mr. Gordon at the time of his death left behind him to mourn the loss of a kind and indulgent father three sons, George R., William I. and Andrew A., of Holton, Kansas, and one daughter, the wife of the Rev. D. McDill.

REV. MOSES TRADER.

Rev. Moses Trader died April 9, 1854, age seventy years, in Lynn county, Missouri. At the time of his birth, his father, who had been a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and one of Morgan's celebrated rifle regiment, resided in Cumberland county, Virginia, sixteen miles southeast of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He emigrated to the Northwest territory in 1792, and landed at the mouth of the Little Miami river on the 19th day of December. A settlement having been there commenced by Major Stitts in 1789, three years previous, and only four years from the first settlement of Ohio at Marietta. His parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. There were no members of that church nor any regular Methodist preaching until the Rev. John Kobler came, who was the first Methodist

Episcopal preacher that crossed the Ohio to preach the gospel to the few hardy pioneers who had pitched their camps in the wilderness. But this did not occur until the death of his father. Hostilities were kept up with the savages from the time of their landing at Columbia until the Indians were defeated by General Wayne August 20, 1794, the war being finally ended by treaty at Greenville the year following. The spirit stirring scenes and dangers through which he had passed in his youth seemed to have inspired him with a fondness for enterprise and adventure. He hunted with the Shawnee Indians, understood their manners and customs, and spoke their language fluently. He was an unerring marksman and a good hunter, to which was united unflinching courage and ability to endure fatigue. Such qualifications made him a great favorite with the Indians.

It is not known when he first came to Greene county. It must have been at an early period, as he cleared the first field on made at Caesar's creek. A settlement had been made at Caersarsville (near the present home of Pad Peterson) in 1800, so he must have been here previous to that. He was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac McDonald, on the 2nd day of September, 1804, by the Rev. Bennet Maxey. It is said that being at one of those social gathering commonly called quiltings, he was desirous of getting up a dance; suddenly a flash of conviction darted through his mind, his levity left him, and gave place to serious thoughtfulness, and from that time to the end of his earthly existence his life and manners were entirely changed. He attached himself to the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a zealous member from the first. His education had been so neglected that in

attempting to lead at prayer-meetings he could scarcely give out a hymn without spelling some of the words. But from that time on his progress in the path of knowledge was to be a matter of astonishment to all who knew him. Books were scarce in those days, and cost much money. He had an increasing family to provide for by his own daily labors; yet such was his midnight industry (reading from light furnished by the scaly bark from hickory trees) and by the activity of his intellectual faculties that he soon mastered whatever he undertook. His mind seemed to grasp a situation as by intuition. He joined the Ohio conference in 1812 and continued until 1817, when bad health compelled him to relocate.

Such were his attainments at that time that he ranked as one of the most intelligent and profound members of the Ohio conference. He had made himself well acquainted with history, theology, and was deeply versed in Biblical lore, to which he soon after added knowledge of the Hebrew language. His grammar of that language was copied by his own hand, and was a curiosity for neatness and penmanship. In 1816 he removed to Chillicothe, where his popularity as a preacher was soon established. He was also prospering in business when he met with a stroke of adversity which swept away all that industry and economy had enabled him to acquire. A traveler stopped at Chillicothe and found one of his slaves that had run away some years previous. The negro, Tom, in the meantime had married, and had a wife and two children. His master had him arrested, and was going to tear him away from his family and return him to bondage. In this deplorable condition Tom appealed to Mr. Trader and others to pur-

chase his freedom, promising that he would refund the amount of purchase money if he had to work night and day. It was finally agreed that one John English and Mr. Trader should join in giving their note for the required sum (eight hundred dollars, it is believed). In due time the payment of the note was demanded, when it appeared English had signed the note not as a principal, as had been agreed upon, but as security. He refused to pay any portion of the amount. The negro had been informed that a promise made by a slave was not binding, and he had the ingratitude to refuse to refund any part of the sum. The whole debt fell on Mr. Trader, which, together with an expensive law suit, cost him fifteen or twenty hundred dollars.

In 1819 Mr. Trader moved back to Greene county, and the same year he contracted with the government to furnish timber to build the barracks at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1820 he descended the river and went to the lower Mississippi. From this time he continued on the river for nineteen years. In 1827 he commenced the mercantile business in Xenia. In 1839 he emigrated to Missouri, settling in Lynn county and commenced farming. In a letter written in 1845 he says: I have one hundred and ninety acres of good land with sixty acres under fence. In 1849 the Methodist Episcopal church organized a conference in that state, which he joined. At the time of his death he was presiding elder of Grand River district. On March 5, 1854, he preached his last sermon in Davis county, Missouri, seventy miles from home.

WILLIAM TRAMMEL STARK.

On Saturday morning, September 11,



1858, the whole town was startled with the information that William T. Stark, Esq., one of our oldest and most generally known and respected citizens, had that morning departed this life. He had attended to his business the day previous in good health, and to a friend observing that he felt as well as he had for years. On Saturday morning he rose at five o'clock to attend market, and while dressing he complained of a pain in the region of the heart, which induced him to refrain from going out, and a plaster was applied to his chest when he laid down, and in a very few moments without any evidence of pain he breathed his last. So unexpected was this event that his family was not aware of his condition, and his quiet appearance leading his widow, who was in the room with him, to believe he was sleeping.

Mr. Stark at the time of his death had been a resident of Xenia forty-two years, having settled here on the 22d of July, 1816. He was a descendant of General Stark, of the Revolution, and was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, on the 13th of April, 1790. In 1799 his father moved to Maysville, Kentucky, and in 1800 to Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Stark was a volunteer of the treaty of Greenville in 1813. In June, 1829, he received the appointment of postmaster for Xenia from General Andrew Jackson, and he held that office until 1841. He was a member of the Masonic order for forty years, and for about twenty-five years was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. On the Sabbath following his death his remains were consigned to the tomb, in Woodland cemetery, Xenia, by his brother Masons, and the procession that formed the escort was the largest that was ever seen

in the town. He was known by all, respected by the whole community for his many virtues, and the entire community sympathized with the family in their sorrow.

#### CAPTAIN JOHN HIVLING.

Colonel Hivling was among the last of the early settlers of Greene county. He was born near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of July, 1779, and from that place he moved to Washington county, Maryland, and in the fall of 1809 removed to Greene county, Ohio. His first purchase was what was known as the "Paul Mill," now Trebeins, near Pinkney Pond, where he remained about two years. He then bought of Captain W. A. Beatty, in 1811, the lot on the corner of Main and Detroit streets, now occupied by the Xenia National Bank, down to the south side of the old Hivling house. Upon this lot there was then standing a log building occupying the ground now occupied by the Leaman block, and there he kept a hotel for two or three years. He then purchased a thousand-acre tract of land from John Paul, lying north and west of the town and including the land now owned by the Manor heirs, Lewis H. Beall, Samuel Galloway, heirs, and others. Upon this tract he resided in a house that stood near the residence of the late Andrew Baughman until 1815, when he purchased from a Mr. Davis his lot and building and a stock of goods and commenced his long and successful career as a merchant. This lot was the one known as the "Forsman," Main street. In 1812 he succeeded the late James Collier as sheriff of Greene county, and held that office the constitutional term of four years.

On the 30th of October, 1812, as the rec-

ords indicate, he, in pursuance of the order of court, whipped the last man upon the sentence of whipping was pronounced in this court. Whatever might have been the facts in the case, in this instance the degrading punishment was well deserved, as the crime of which the rascal had been convicted was of the vilest order, and we have heard an old settler, now quietly sleeping after a life well spent, and who saw the operation, say that the Colonel fairly carried out the sentence of the court in spirit and letter as the scamp hugged a small sugar tree on the public square. The office of sheriff is the only one that the Colonel ever filled.

Upon the organization of the old Xenia Bank he was elected as president of that institution, which position he held until 1840, when the old State Bank of Ohio was established and the Xenia Bank became one of the branches. He was elected one of the members of the State Board of Control, and served that body from 1845 until 1851. When the subject of building a railroad from Cincinnati to Springfield was agitated, and others were hesitating and doubting the feasibility of the undertaking, Colonel Hivling was among the first to give it a favorable consideration, and upon the organization of the Little Miami Company he was selected as one of the board of directors, which position he held until 1840, and, having temporarily removed to a farm which he had purchased east of Cedarville, he declined further re-election. In this brief sketch it is impossible to glance at all the business relations with which he was connected, and all the facts of a business and social career, nor is it necessary for us to do so in this case.

In all his business connections, in banking, in railroad management and in mercantile matters, he was noted for his clear, practical good sense. In private life no man in the community possessed more fully and perfectly the confidence of his fellow citizens. At the time of his death he was just eighty-one years, three months and twenty days old and had been a resident of Xenia and vicinity for fifty-one years. He was borne to his last resting place by his Masonic brothers, being a prominent member of the order from the organization of the lodge in Xenia. He died November 4, 1851, and his body lies buried in Woodland cemetery, Xenia, Ohio. In the war of 1812 he served a tour of duty as a soldier.

#### WILLIAM ELLSBERRY.

In 1859 a local writer thus speaks of William Ellsberry: "He resides here at Xenia, in a ripe old age, the venerable William Ellsberry, the honored patriot of the legal profession, now within two years of being an octogenarian. He settled in Xenia in 1811, and his pioneer life and history are replete with romantic interest and instruction. It was a repast, rich and greatly relished, to hear him in his primitive, yet comfortable, mansion, built by himself in 1815, rehearse the reminiscences of the days of the pioneers, fifty years ago. He had mingled in the stirring and adventurous scenes of the dark and bloody ground of Kentucky. He had personal interviews with the chief of the pioneers, Daniel Boone, and with great animation and accuracy narrated many eventful incidents of Indian warfare and of the early settlers of this country, paying an elegant tribute to the integ-

city, simplicity and worth of Simon Kenton, whose pioneer exploits and homely and noble virtues are recognized in the archives of western annals. Mr. Ellsberry himself has borne a distinguished part in the history and progress of Ohio, and contributed largely to the character and prosperity of Xenia, which he has seen grow from the rude forest village to be quite a city, filled with an intelligent and cultured people and all the arts and elegancies of a refined civilization.

"He has been a prominent legislator and a leading lawyer of the place, and is greatly honored and esteemed by his fellow citizens and his brothers of the bar. As a tribute of affection they had completed by Mr. McClurg, an accomplished artist of Pennsylvania, who spent two years in the studies of the masters of the art in Italy, a beautiful and perfect portrait of their venerable friend and legal brother, which is to adorn the court room where he displayed his legal learning and wit, and where in after ages it will speak of one who first in the county and place unfolded the mysteries and intricacies of the legal profession. That genial, life-like portrait will be a speaking memorial of pioneer days, and exert, we trust, a silent influence in mellowing the asperities coincident with the conflicts of litigation.

"This patriot bids fair to linger years yet among the general generation grown up around him, and to unite in the scenes of actual life. He is now a live young old man, full of the sap and joyousness of youth, and ready to meet his competitors in the forum of Justice. He still prosecutes his profession with all the ardor and energy of early manhood, and is genial and happy in his home and social circle. His erect form, elastic step, rapid movements, unimpaired

intellect, sparkling vivacity and youthful energy are remarkable for one of his age. How beautiful and grand is age, found with intelligence, graced with virtue and cheerfulness, beautified with a luster of piety. Their memories, like visions of enchantment and beauty, ever linger around our pathway." He died March 23, 1863, aged eighty years, and was buried in Woodland cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

#### EBENEZER STEELE.

Mr. Steele was one of the early settlers of Greene county. He was born in Bartley county, Virginia, on the 18th of December, 1781, and in 1815 he emigrated to Ohio, settling first on the land owned by Mr. Trebine, where his mill is located on the Little Miami river, upon which he resided five years, when he removed to the farm of E. Steele, Jr., where he resided forty-six years. During his long life in this county he enjoyed the respect of his neighbors and fellow citizens, who showed their confidence in him by conferring upon him various offices of local nature and by electing him in 1836 to the office of county commissioner.

One who knew him long and well writes us: Ebenezer Steele was always a man of strict integrity and obliging manners. He was not only father, faithful and true, to a large family of children, but was a friend and neighbor to all who proved themselves worthy. He was a member of the German Reform church, and a consistent Christian. He died at Alpha, Ohio, on the 17th of February, 1862, at the age of eighty-two years.

#### THE HAMILLS OF GREENE COUNTY.

The first of the name, as shown by the



records of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, are associated with Licking Creek and Fort Ligonier. John Hamill and wife came from Ireland before the Revolution. They were the parents of the following sons: Robert, John, Hugh and Nathaniel, and all, with their father, were soldiers in that war. Hugh Hamill enlisted at Fairfield in August, 1776, and served until May, 1777, as a private in Capt. Samuel Miller's company, Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Colonel McCoy. He participated in the battles which resulted in the surrender of General Burgoyne, and passed the winter at Valley Forge, and received an honorable discharge. Nathaniel Hamill was a private soldier in Capt. Henry Dodge's company. His service during the time of the war was in New York mostly, and he was mustered out December 12, 1781. Robert Hamill enlisted in December, 1776, as a private in Captain Pomroy's company, and served, off and on, two years of the war. He was born November 25, 1759, and was seventeen years old when he entered the army. In 1785 with his parents he moved to Bedford county, where he remained until some time in December, same year, when he returned to Fort Ligonier on business for his father. John Hamill received pay for his services in the Pennsylvania Militia from January 1, 1781.

Robert Hamill was born in 1732, and died in Pennsylvania, April 8, 1799. His wife, Jeannette, came with her sons, Hugh, Robert and Joseph, to Ohio in 1806. Hugh and his mother first settled in Preble county, while Robert and Joseph came to Xenia in 1806. In 1810 Hugh and his mother came and settled in Xenia, the mother living until

the year 1822, when she died and was buried in Woodland cemetery, Xenia.

#### WILLIAM OWENS, SR.

William Owens, the founder of the family in Greene county, was a settler in Virginia in colonial days. He was born in 1741, and emigrated from Brunswick county, Virginia, with his family in 1811, settling in what is known as the Union neighborhood south of Xenia, where he continued to live until March 11, 1827, when the "Free Press," a paper published in Xenia at that date, makes the announcement of his death, at the age of eighty-six years, and from one of his friends the statement that his body had been laid to rest in the orchard of Philip Davis near what is known to-day (1900) as the Union church, two miles south of Xenia. "He is spoken of as one of the most exemplary saints that age afforded. He lived and died without a known enemy. Notwithstanding his extreme age and debility, he retained his rational powers to the last." He was seventy years of age when he first came to Greene county in 1811 with the colony that left Virginia at that time. Although coming from different parts of Virginia they were related to each other, and consisted of Henry Hypes and family, Samuel Wright (father of Thomas Coke Wright) and family, William Owens, Sr., and family. Among the latter was William Owens, Jr., who was born in Brunswick county, Virginia, March 9, 1779, who previous to leaving Virginia was a farmer. He had married Lucy Wright, who was born in the same county June 19, 1773; she was aunt to Thomas Coke Wright. Their children were

Samuel Thomas and George B. William Owens after coming to Greene county cleared up a farm of fifty acres, two and one-half miles south of Xenia. Here he remained until his death, which occurred in his eighty-fourth year, December 26, 1862, at the residence of his son, Capt. Samuel T. Owens, of Xenia, Ohio, and was buried at Woodland cemetery, Xenia. He was a typical pioneer, a man of high character, and a member of the M. E. church, in which faith he brought up his sons. In politics he was in early life an old-line Whig; and later a Republican. Capt. Samuel T. Owens was born November 7, 1807, in Brunswick county, Virginia. He served the public in Greene county fourteen years as county surveyor, and auditor four years. He was captain of Company C, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the late Civil war, and was also a local preacher in the M. E. church. In 1828 he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Ledbetter. Fifteen children were born to them. He died in Xenia, January 1, 1867. Rev. George B. Owens was born July 14, 1809, in Brunswick county, Virginia. He was a farmer and school teacher for many years, and later became a preacher in the M. E. church. He died November 28, 1862, at the home of his son Ira, near Xenia. He was buried in Woodland cemetery.

GEORGE WRIGHT, SR., A SOLDIER OF THE  
REVOLUTION.

George Wright, the subject of this sketch, was born February 4, 1756, and grew to manhood in Brunswick county, Virginia. He married Sophia, the daughter of William and Mary Owens, and emigrated

to Ohio in 1815. He was an elder brother of Samuel Wright, father of Thomas Coke Wright. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution from the state of Virginia. They were the parents of twelve children, namely: Wesley, born October 10, 1785; Mary B., born February 27, 1787; Sarah N., who was wife to Josiah Wright and later Henry Hypes, was born December 3, 1788; George C. Wright, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, was born October 23, 1790; Sophia Wright, who married John Loyd, was born December 21, 1792; Elizabeth Ann was born January 13, 1794; Lewis Wright, born February 11, 1796; William T., born April 9, 1798; Nancy L. D., born May 30, 1800; Samuel W., born December 14, 1802; Edward Owens, born June 5, 1806; Richard W., born June 22, 1808. Lewis Wright was also a soldier in the war of 1812, under Capt. Berry Applewhite, of the Virginia troops. He was also a school teacher. Where the residence of Mr. Lester Arnold now is was the Wright Academy along about 1846. Some persons yet living in Xenia were his scholars. Another son, Edward Owens Wright, was also teaching on the hillside near the residence of Homer Hudson, West Third street, Xenia.

HENRY HYPES.

Among the first settlers of the new city of Xenia was Henry Hypes, who was the son of Nicholas and Abigail Hypes. Nicholas Hypes was born in Germany, March 8, 1728. Abigail, his wife, was also born in the same country March 22, 1740. Henry Hypes, the subject of this sketch, was born within five miles of the Natural Bridge, Rockbridge county, Virginia, on the 12th of

June, 1775. It was in that state when eighteen years of age he was united in marriage with Miss Patience Reynolds. He was engaged in farming in Virginia until 1811. He then came overland to the Ohio river, and there took a flatboat to Cincinnati. In settling in this county he purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of government land, heavily timbered and unimproved. The first work he did was the clearing of a place and building a log house, in which he and his family lived for a few years. In 1823 his wife died, leaving a family of six sons and two daughters, namely: Nancy, Joseph, Washington, Sarah, Benjamin, James Davidson, John Wesley and Francis Asbury. May 25, 1824, Mr. Hypes was united in marriage with Mrs. Sarah N. Wright, widow of Josiah Wright and daughter of George and Sophia Wright. Her father was a soldier of the Revolution, who came to Xenia in 1815 from Brunswick county, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hypes became the parents of four children, two still living, Susan Maria, widow of Tobias Drees, and Samuel Henry Hypes, who is engaged in the fire insurance and real estate business in Xenia. Rev. William L. and Rev. Fletcher Hypes are dead. What was known as the Henry Hypes farm is now (1900) the most of it in the corporation of Xenia, bounded on the south by Shawnee creek, between what is now known as the Cincinnati pike on the west and West street on the east, running south to the north line of the land of Samuel McConnell. The old brick house which was erected in 1831 is still standing, also part of the old barn. Henry Hypes died at his home in Xenia, October 1, 1854. His good wife, Sarah N., survived him until April 25, 1862, when she

died at the age of seventy-three. Henry Hypes and his two helpmeets, Patience and Sarah N., are buried in our own beautiful Woodland, Xenia.

GEORGE W. WRIGHT.

Mr. Wright was born October 13, 1809, in Brunswick county, Virginia, and died at his home in Xenia, Ohio, October 4, 1873, aged sixty-four years. He was the son of Josiah and Sarah Nelson Wright. Josiah Wright died in 1814 and was buried on his farm two miles south of Xenia on the Bullskin Road. His widow, May 25, 1824, was married to Henry Hypes. Mr. Wright came with his parents to Xenia in 1811. When a young man he went to Dayton and learned the trade of a tailor, and in 1827 returned again to Xenia and took up his abode here permanently. In 1832 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Levey. They were blessed with a family of fourteen children, nine of whom at the time of his death were living, five boys and four girls. In 1860 he united with the First M. E. church of this city, under the pastorate of Rev. William I. Fee, and lived the life of an upright Christian to the last. He was mayor of the city of Xenia in 1863, and also filled the office of justice of the peace for Xenia township for several terms. Mr. Wright enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his neighbors through life, none more so.

REV. DANIEL R. BREWINGTON

Was born in Worcester county, Maryland, March 27, 1798, and died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Charles Marks, six miles east of Muncie, Indiana, at the age of



seventy-two years and six months. He came to Greene county, Ohio, in the year 1816 and removed to Indiana in 1838, where he died October 24, 1870. He was a man of firm integrity, social in his nature, a kind friend and a good neighbor, a member of the M. E. church and a regularly licensed exhorter in the same. His voice was oftentimes heard in most of the churches and school houses in the county in condemnation of vice and immorality and in building up the cause of the Redeemer in the world. He was a good friend of the itinerant minister, his home being theirs. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives. Sermon by Rev. Moses Marks. "After life's long and fitful sleep he sleepeth well."

FREDRICK BONNER, SR.,

Was born September 4, 1738, and died at his home two miles south of Xenia, Ohio, in 1830, at the age of eighty-eight years. We oftentimes speak of Wendell Philips, Joshua R. Giddings, Charles Sumner, Ben Wade and John Brown and others, who, in their day and place, had the courage to back up by their lives, if need be, in their outspoken convictions of the system of human bondage which used to exist in our fair land, and we were proud of them and admired their courage and manliness in opposing and denouncing the great blot on our name as free-men. As a companion of these we would mention Fredrick Bonner, Sr., the subject of this sketch, who was a slave owner in a slave state. Witness the following, by Mr. Bonner:

"*To All Whom These Presents Shall Come:* Know ye that by an act of the

general assembly of Virginia, passed May 12, 1792, entitled an act to authorize the manumission of slaves, those persons who are disposed to emancipate their slaves are empowered so to do. And, whereas, Almighty God hath so ordered human events that *liberty* has become a general topic, I, Frederick Bonner, of Dinwiddie county, Virginia, being possessed of slaves, and from clear *conviction* of the *injustice* and *criminality* of depressing my fellow creatures of their *natural rights*, do hereby emancipate and set free, from a state of slavery, the following (seven in number) who are in the prime of life. Declaring the same negroes entirely free from me, my heirs, to all intents and purposes, and entitled to all the privileges granted in the aforementioned act. I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 21st of January, 1798.

FREDRICK BONNER, SR."

We would add the following from his son, Fredrick Bonner, Jr.: "In the year 1802 father sold his land in Dinwiddie county, Virginia, five hundred acres, for two thousand dollars, and bought two surveys of one thousand acres each in what was then the Northwestern territory, at a cost of two thousand dollars. Upon visiting it and finding it well situated he returned and began preparation for removing on it the following season. On Saturday, April 1, 1803, we started and went as far as Petersburg, and remained until Monday. Two other families joined us, and our outfit was put into two covered wagons, including household goods, a chest of carpenter's tools and a turning lathe. To each of these wagons were attached four horses, with bells on the leaders. A one-horse wagon carried the provisions, and the females,

when they became tired of walking. In addition to these we had a canvass to sleep under at night. On Monday morning we resumed our long journey to the far west, pursuing a route through southern Virginia, which, in a few days, brought us within view of the mountains, first the peaks of the Blue Ridge, then the Allegheny and Cumberland. Crossing these in safety we reached Kentucky, passing along the Crab Orchard road. Arriving at Lexington we pushed on to Cincinnati (then a village of fifteen hundred), crossing the Ohio river at that place May 10, 1803, and camped near the mouth of Deer creek, then some distance from the village.

"Next morning we went up the river into the Little Miami valley, crossing the river a little above Cincinnati. Here we encountered our first serious difficulty. The water was high and running swiftly. Our four-horse wagon crossed without accident, but when the wagon containing the wife of a Mr. Day proceeded as far as the middle of the stream, or the swiftest part, one of the horses fell and could not rise. Mr. Day, in attempting to assist, was washed off down stream with the horses. Father went to his assistance and the water tripped him up and he went also struggling down the river, to the alarm of all. Fortunately he got out on the same side from which he entered. While Day was still struggling in the river near his horses they finally succeeded in fastening a chain to the end of the tongue, and hitching our horses to it, we drew it out. All this time Day's wife and child were in the wagon in imminent danger of being capsized into the river and washed away."

Mr. Day and family located in the vicinity of this accident and we followed up

the river to the present site of Milford, where we found a vacant cabin, which was rented for a few months. Into this we moved and remained until we could make arrangements to go to our land in Greene county. In June father and some of the boys went to the land and selected a spot to build a cabin near Gladly Run, a branch of the Little Miami, which was to accommodate us as our new home in the woods. He chose a building site in the southwest portion of the land near the present residence of Erastus Bonner, two miles south of Xenia. He procured the services of some young men to build a log house, and then returned to Milford. The cabin of one room, with its punchon floor and clapboard roof and ceiling being finished, the family and four of their Virginia neighbors, who came west with them, thirteen persons in all, moved into it in the fall of that year. The canvas tent was now cut up to form partitions in the cabin.

Four of the children were married while the family lived in this house. Nancy Bonner was married in 1804 to Rev. John Sale, the first Methodist preacher in this section. David Bonner married a Miss Reynolds, of Urbana, Ohio, in 1805. Chapel H. Bonner married a sister of Samuel Pelham, who married Martha Bonner. Samuel Pelham was the father of William F. Pelham, who used to keep the grange warehouse. He was also editor of the first newspaper published in Xenia, "The Vehicle." James E. Galloway, of Xenia, has now in his possession the files of that paper for the year 1815.

Mr. Bonner and his sons burned the first lime-kiln and built the first brick house in this county. It was occupied by the remaining members of the family as early as 1807.

but was not finished on the inside for some years later. It now forms part of the residence of Erastus Bonner and his family. Stith Bonner, another son, was married to Miss Maria Mercer, the daughter of Edward Mercer, a neighbor, in 1819. Eliza Bonner became the wife of Rev. John P. Taylor in 1820. He was a Methodist minister of some prominence and also a physician. They removed to Indiana some years ago, where they died. Mr. Fredrick Bonner, Sr., died in 1830, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife died in 1818 in the sixty-second year of her age. Of the six children to whose marriages we have referred, one, Mrs. Pelham, died at the age of sixty-two years; the remaining five lived to be from eighty to eighty-eight years of age. One child, a daughter, died when about eighteen years of age in Virginia before they left there. Fredrick Bonner, Jr., the youngest child and the only surviving member of the family in 1879, was born near Petersburg, Dinwiddie county, Virginia, November 11, 1796, and died March 26, 1880, aged eighty-four years, and was buried in the Bonner graveyard. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Mercer, the daughter of a neighbor, Edward Mercer, October 15, 1823. They had two children, Horace and Erastus. The former died in 1846 in the twenty-second year of his age. The latter is our well known florist, proprietor of Maple Grove greenhouse, so much admired by its many visitors. Mrs. Bonner died in 1830 at the early age of twenty-seven years.

EARLY TIMES AS REMEMBERED BY FREDRICK  
BONNER, JR.

When the family moved into their new

cabin home in 1803 they were in the midst of forest, unbroken for miles around, through which not even a winding pathway took its course. About two miles south of their home there was a cabin owned and occupied by a family by the name of Price. Two miles north of them, and about two hundred yards north of where the present Robert's Villa now stands, was the cabin of Remembrance Williams and his family. He was the father of John Williams, who was the father of Mrs. David Medsker, Mrs. Samuel Gano, Mrs. James McCarty, Mrs. William B. Fairchild and Mrs. McCann, who are well known in Xenia. From the Little Miami river on the west to a point where the Wilmington and Xenia pike crosses Caesar's creek on the east, there was not a habitation of any kind except their humble home. Near Old Town Run and about a mile and a half from Mr. R. Williams' cabin home, there was a similar structure occupied by Mr. Leonard Stump and family, which was the only cabin this side of Massies creek settlement. On the east side of Caesar's creek at the crossing of the Wilmington pike and about where the residence of Mr. Paris Peterson's house now stands, there was a little village called Caesarsville. Scattered along the creek for some distance perhaps there were a dozen cabins occupied by as many families. These inhabitants of Caesarsville, those mentioned above and perhaps a few others, not exceeding twenty or thirty in all, were the only families residing in Greene county east of the Little Miami river in 1803. The principal settlements were at that time on the west side of the river on congress lands. He was of the opinion that there was not a family living at that time in that portion of the county now com-



prising Jefferson, Silver creek, Ross and the eastern portion of Cedarville and Caesars-creek townships, and that it was not settled at all until the Browders and Mendenhalls settled some time afterward in the vicinity of Jamestown, and soon after laid the first grounds for that village. There was not a public road at that time in the county, and one would travel for miles without seeing an acre of tillable land. Game of all kinds was abundant, and it was the principal subsistence of the scattered inhabitants. Deer were said by Mr. Bonner to be as numerous in Greene county then as hogs are now, and wild turkeys and pheasants were to be seen in large numbers on every hand. The depths of the extensive forests were the hiding places of bears, panthers, catamounts and wild cats during the day and furnished them a vast territory over which to roam at night in search of prey. The narrow valley through which the Little Miami railroad extends from Xenia toward Cincinnati, was literally a den of wolves. These ferocious beasts would roam the surrounding country at night, necessitating strong enclosures as a protection for the live stock of the early settlers against the ravishings of the mighty thieves which often had to be driven from their determined attacks by the burning of torches, ringing of bells, blowing of horns and repeated banging of fire arms. Bands of Indians frequented the county in search of game in accordance with the right they had reserved in their treaty with Wayne. They had almost a perpetual camp for several years on the ridge a short distance west of where the residence of Mr. Washington Stark now stands. They were always peaceable, and gave the settlers no cause for fear while they remained in this vicinity.

Not very long after their arrival in this county David, the oldest son, accompanied by his little brother "Freddie," whom he kept with him almost constantly on all occasions, started in the direction of the town, Xenia, of which they had heard, but had not yet seen. They plodded diligently along, cutting away the underbrush and making a clear pathway as they proceeded, and at last came to the banks of Shawnee, where that stream is now covered by a stone arched bridge at the crossing of the Cincinnati pike and the Dayton railroad. Here they stopped to rest and "Freddie" insisted that they go into the town, as he wanted to see the place; but when his brother explained to him that there no houses built yet, that nothing had been done but the surveying of the grounds, and staking off of some of the streets, and promised that he should return some time to see the town, he yielded the point, and they proceeded homeward along the new-made pathway, which was the only road to Xenia for a long time. The first public road into Xenia from the south was the "Bullskin," now the Burlington pike. It extended from a village on the Ohio river called Bullskin, from which the road took its name, north to Urbana, Ohio. The records of the original survey of the road were lost, and when the road was again surveyed, and afterward made a pike, it was called by its present name.

In the first organization of the county, it was thought best by some to make Caesarsville the county seat, but the present location was finally selected and in 1803 the ground was laid out preparatory to building the town of Xenia. The first house erected was a small log building on what is known on the town plat as lot No. 193, now

(1900) in the rear of the residence of Rudolph Hustmire, on West Third street, and at that time owned by John Marshall, who was the grandfather of William and James Marshall, who are at the present (1900) residents of Xenia. This cabin was razed April 27, 1804.

The first school house was built in 1805. It was by no means a large house, and was built of small, round logs, without floor or ceiling. It was erected on Third street, a little west of the present residence of Mrs. Harvey Cooper, and the teacher was Benjamin Grover, a brother of Josiah, who was the successor to John Paul as clerk of courts. About seven years later the town could boast of "The Xenia Academy," in which the principal instructor was Professor Espy, afterward renowned as the great "storm king." The academy building was a one-story brick structure that used to be on the southeast corner of Market and West streets. Xenia improved very rapidly until 1812. Whether it was the severe earthquake shock felt so distinctly in this section and especially along the Mississippi valley in the winter of 1811-12, and which Mr. Bonner said shook his father's house until the windows rattled, caused the check to the rapid growth of the town, he did not inform us.

John Marshall, who built the first house; John Paul, clerk of the first court held in the county, and the original proprietor of the town; Josiah Grover, the second clerk of the court and at the same time county auditor and recorder; William A. Beatty, tavern keeper; James Collier, tavern keeper and sheriff of Greene county and coroner; John

Alexander, lawyer and wonderfully large man; James Towler, preacher and first post master of Xenia; Henry Barnes, carpenter; John Stull, tailor; Benjamin Grover, teacher of the first school in Xenia; John Williams, blacksmith, a son of Remembrance Williams, and the father of Mrs. David Medsker; John Mitten, wheelwright and chair maker; old Mr. Wallace and Captain James Steele, tanners; Jonathan H. Wallace, hatter; Dr. Andrew W. Davidson, the first physician; James Gowdy, the first merchant, and Samuel Gowdry, engaged in the same business; Robert Gowdy, tanner; William Ellsberry, lawyer; Abraham La Rue, carpenter; and James Bunton, carpenter and joiner, and a very fine workman, are remembered by Mr. Bonner as among the earliest inhabitants of Xenia. With the exception of James Gowdy, a bachelor, they were all young married men seeking their fortunes in a new country, or with families, large and small, striving to secure a heritage for their children. Of the first houses built in Xenia Mr. Bonner says there are but two still (1879) standing upon their original foundations. They are both two-story log buildings. One was on the north side of Main street on the present site of H. H. Eavey's wholesale house, and was known as the Crumbaugh House, Mr. Bonner's father having it built for Rev. James Towler in 1805. The other one stood on the north side of West Second street, on the site now occupied by the two two-story buildings of David Hutchison. It was built by Mr. James Bunton, carpenter and joiner, in 1806. This house was known in later years as the McWhirk residence. He sold the property some time afterward and re-

moved to what is now known as Silvercreek township, Greene county. Both houses were afterward weatherboarded.

REV. WILEY CURTIS

Died November 1st, 1869, in Crawford county, Illinois. He was born in Greeneville county, Virginia, on the 6th of February, 1793. About the first day of November, 1805, his stepfather and family arrived at Mr. Frederick Bonner's after a tedious and toilsome journey of seven weeks. There were but four families living in Xenia, Rev. James Towler, William A. Beatty, James Collier and John Marshall. There was neither shop nor store in it. He served a tour of duty in the last war with Great Britain. He had two sons, one of whom died in the service. He left this county in 1817, and was a pioneer in Indiana and Illinois, and went through many hardships, privations and bodily afflictions in his removal farther west. He led a blameless and industrious life and was a devoted and zealous Christian. In August he lost the partner of his joys and sorrows, the mother of his twelve children, and his grief was inconsolable. He could neither eat nor sleep, and was seized with a chill, which was followed by lung fever. His last prayer was for death to relieve him from suffering and sorrow.

THE FIRST ASSOCIATE REFORMED CHURCH OF  
XENIA, NOW THE FIRST UNITED  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

On Sabbath, October 31, 1858, Rev. R. D. Harper, then pastor of said church, gave the following account of its early history:

"The first church edifice was erected in 1811, situated on the southeast corner of what is known as the George Gordon land, north King street. It is now being used as a dwelling house. The second edifice was erected in 1817 upon the ground known as Millen's pork house, on East Church street. The third, now occupied by the First United Presbyterian church, on East Market street, was erected in 1847. The first notice of the Xenia congregation which is to be found, is found from the minutes of the Kentucky Presbytery, from 1798 down to 1817. It is the following: That at a meeting of this presbytery held in Cynthiana, Harrison county, Kentucky, September 28, 1808, a petition was presented from certain persons in Xenia, Ohio, desiring supplies of preaching from the presbytery.

In accordance with this petition Rev. Abraham Craig was appointed to preach at Xenia on the first Sabbath of October, and first Sabbath of November, 1808, which appointment was filled as ordered. The same records show that Mr. Craig preached four Sabbaths in Xenia in 1809. In 1810 Mr. John Steele was appointed to preach four Sabbaths in Xenia previous to the next meeting of presbytery. At the next meeting of presbytery held in Millersburg, Kentucky, April 24, 1810. Mr. Steele was appointed to preach in Xenia and preside at the election and ordination of elders in this congregation. Thus it can be seen that the regular organization of this congregation took place some time during the year 1810.

In 1811 Rev. Adam Rankin and Rev. William Baldridge were appointed to preach in Xenia. In 1812 Rev. McCord and Rev. Wallace were appointed to preach in Xenia. In 1813 a petition was presented for the



moderation of a call. This was the first call for a pastor. It was made out for the Rev. James McCord but it was never presented. Rev. McCord connected himself with the Presbyterian church and the call was returned to the congregation. During the year 1814 Revs. Rankin and Craig preached frequently in Xenia, and on the second Sabbath of August of that year dispensed the Lord's Supper, which is the first account on record of the observance of that holy ordinance in this congregation. The presbytery of Kentucky, at this date, 1814, consisted of Revs. Rankin, Porter, Risque, McCord, Craig, Rainey, Bishop, Carrithers, McFarland and Steele, all of whom have long since gone to the grave, and as we humbly trust to the reward of their faithful labors in Heaven. In 1815 and 1816 Revs. Risque, McFarland and Steele were frequently appointed to preach in the vicinity of Xenia. In 1817 a call was made out by the congregation in Xenia for the Rev. John Steele, and by him accepted. He removed to Xenia in 1817 and took charge of the congregation. Here he continued to labor until 1836, a period of nineteen years. The labors of this eminent and faithful servant were crowned with success. Mr. Steele resigned his charge in 1836 and in 1837 on the 11th day of January, this good and faithful minister of God was called home to his reward in Heaven.

#### DIARY OF REV. JOHN STEELE.

On the 11th of April, 1798, he set out for a point near Maysville, Kentucky. After crossing the Ohio river he lay out in the woods all night, and reached Chillicothe on the evening of the 20th, preached at Chilli-

cothe from Romans 10:4; also Romans 14:47. This was in all probability the first preaching to the Associate congregation of Chillicothe. On the 13th of May, he crossed the Little Miami in a canoe, making his horse swim by his side, and preached at the house of Mr. (afterward Gov.) Morrow. On the 17th he preached at the house of Mr. Bickett. On the 20th of May preached at the house of Mr. Shaw on Clear creek. On the 21st of May preached at the house of Mr. McKnight near Bellbrook from Jer. 31:33. On the evening of the 22nd of May he tarried at the house of Mr. James Gallo-way, Sr., near Old Chillicothe. Here we learn from his diary that about the 22nd of May, 1798, Mr. Steele made his first visit to this county, and preached the gospel in this wilderness. After the resignation of Mr. Steele in 1836 the congregation remained without a settled pastor for some two or three years. At the expiration of this period a call was made for Rev. James R. Bonner and by him accepted. Mr. Bonner continued his labors as pastor of the congregation for a period of about eight years.

In October, 1845, Rev. R. D. Harper made his first visit to this congregation and the following year accepted a call that had been made, was ordained and installed as pastor. In 1870 he was succeeded by Dr. Wm. G. Moorehead who served until 1875, when Dr. Thomas H. Hanna was called, who in turn gave place in 1880 to Rev. J. H. Wright.

#### DAVID B. CLINE.

David B. Cline was born near Buckles-town in Berkley county, Virginia, February 27, 1807, and remained there until

twenty years of age. Mr. Cline came to this state with his mother, three sisters, a married brother and his wife, and Miss Fannie Mortimer, a neighbor girl. The journey was made in one month to a day in a large wagon, and the party settled at Milford, now Cedarville, in this county, April 28, 1827. One beautiful Sabbath in May following he attended public worship for the first time in this county, going to an old log church situated in the woods near Cedarville, where a Baptist congregation held divine services. He went in company with Christopher Fox, a resident of the town, and arriving at the church before the hour of service they went to a spring near by to get a drink, the weather being dry and warm for that season of the year. From that point Mr. Cline had a good view of the arriving worshipers and their diversity of dress presented to him "just from old Virginia" a novel feature. One man came without coat or vest, boots or shoes, wore an immense straw hat and carried a large hymn book under his arm. Another, a pair of heavy boots and a thick overcoat, huge cape and other clothing to correspond, walked up with an air of ease and comfort. While remarking the great difference in dress of the two, Mr. Cline noticed another man who was just tying his horse to a sappling near by, who wore a pair of green leggings which extended just above his knees, and he asked his companion why these were worn when there was no mud, and Fox replied "Oh, he wears them to hide the holes in his pants."

At this time Milford was composed of four log cabins and a small frame house which was owned and occupied by a miller whose mill, a small concern, stood near by.

Here the grinding was done by water power, but the bolting apparatus was run by hand, and each customer had to turn the machine to bolt his own grist while he gave the same toll taken at other mills where the work was all done by water power, thus apparently paying for the privilege of running the machine. Soon after his arrival at this place Mr. Cline was employed as a farm hand by Mr. John Reid for whom he labored for some time at seven dollars per month. Obtaining license from Judge Grover, then clerk of courts, he was married June 15, 1827, to Miss Fannie Mortimer, and not long afterward he removed with his wife to a farm near Grape Grove, and commenced farming for himself. After gathering his crop of corn the following year, 1828, he shelled what was then considered an immense load by hand, measured it, hitched up a four-horse team, hauled it to Clifton and sold it to a miller there. This man was a German, and kept two half bushel measures, the larger of which he used to measure grain in when he bought it, the other when he sold it. As measured by the Dutchman his load did not hold out according to Mr. Cline's measurement, who, informing the miller that he himself had measured the grain with a scaled measure, and did not propose to be cheated in that way, succeeded in getting pay for the whole load, with the proceeds of which he went to a store near by and purchased two and one-half yards of Cassinet, made at Old Town, for a pair of pants, at a dollar per yard, fifty cents worth of coffee, and twenty-five cents worth of sugar at six and a fourth cents per pound, which consumed the amount received for his grain. And often on the way home he had to laugh

at the change in the bulk and weight of his load, which in coming to the mill, was equal to the strength of his four horse team.

It was in the fall of this same year Mr. Cline cast his first vote for President, which vote he cast for Adams, as against Jackson, who was elected. He made a visit to Xenia soon after, making some purchases of Moses Trader and Samuel Newcomb. In the spring of 1829 he removed to a small farm on Massies creek, near George Gordon, for whom he often worked. From this place he removed to Xenia in April, 1834, and did a great deal of work the first year grading and otherwise improving the streets and also worked as a brick mason for Bazell Kiler. For six years he drove a hack to and from Cincinnati, and to Dayton and Springfield. In the fall of 1847 Mr. Cline commenced his long term as sexton of Woodland cemetery by assisting the surveyor in his work in laying it out. He took charge of the same in 1848 and continued there for many years. Amid all the excitement on account of the cholera in 1849 Mr. Cline was ever true to his trust, and while many sent to assist him failed for lack of courage, Mr. Cline was always at his post performing his duty as a brave man should. When the late Civil war, with all its sad features, was forced upon the people of the north, Mr. Cline, although southern born, took his place in the ranks as a defender of "the one country and the one flag" as a member of Company B, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He lies in the cemetery that he did so much to make beautiful. Peace to his ashes.

EDWARD WAMBLE, SOLDIER OF 1812,

Died at his residence in Xenia, March 31,

1852, aged seventy-three years, and is buried in Woodland cemetery. He was a native of Virginia, came to Ohio in 1810 and settled near Xenia. In the last war of this country with England, when our frontier was invaded and the inhabitants exposed to British depredations and their savage allies, he entered the army, served one year faithfully and received an honorable discharge. He was for more than fifty years a member of the M. E. church, and for a number of years was the faithful sexton of what is now called the First M. E. church of Xenia. His conduct was consistent as a professing Christian. Peace to his ashes. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him. He was the father of Mahlon Wamble, who was so well known in Xenia as an honest, hard-working man, respected by all who knew him.

#### MICHAEL NUNNEMAKER

Was born in the state of Maryland on the 3d day of August, 1790, where he spent his youth and early manhood. At the age of twenty-six years he left his home and emigrated to Ohio, settling in Xenia in the year 1816. Here he spent fifty years of his life. He was for a number of years book-keeper and principal salesman in the dry goods store of the late Col. John Hivling. In the early marriage records of the county is the following: "Married, October 28, 1821, Mr. Michael Nunnemaker to Miss Mary Hivling, by Rev. Thomas Winters. She was the daughter of his employer, Col. John Hivling." They lived a happy married life for nearly half a century until his death, which occurred at his home in Xenia February 27, 1866. The issue of this marriage was one daughter, Sarah A. For



many years he was one of the leading merchants of Xenia. Afterward and at the time of his death he was a banker in partnership with his son-in-law, the Hon. John B. Allen (deceased), who was born near Mt. Pleasant, Shenandoah county, Virginia, in 1816, and died at his home in Xenia December 1, 1893, in his seventy-eighth year.

December 10, 1839, Rev. Joseph Hill spoke the words that united the lives of John B. Allen and Miss Sarah A. Nunnemaker for life as man and wife. Mr. Allen had at first on coming to Xenia, in 1836, accepted a position as salesman in the store of Canby & Walton, who were then conducting a store in the east room of Merrick's Hotel. Mr. Walton's wife was a sister of Mr. Allen. At the death of Mr. Allen, as given above, he left beside his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Col. Coates Kinney and Miss Clara Allen.

Mr. Nunnemaker was ever known as an enterprising, prudent and strictly honest business man. He was successful in the accumulation of wealth. Perhaps no one more fully observed the precept, "If riches increase, set not your heart on them." With an open hand and warm heart he was ever ready to assist the worthy poor. For more than thirty-three years he was a worthy and active member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Xenia. His last illness was of four months' duration. He and his faithful wife, Mary, and their honored son-in-law are buried in our beautiful Woodland cemetery.

#### AARON HARLAN.

Aaron Harlan, for many years a representative man of Greene county, Ohio, died in San Francisco, California, January

18, 1868, aged sixty-six years. Mr. Harlan was born in Warren county, September 8, 1802. He was admitted to the bar in 1825, and immediately removed to this county, which he was chosen to represent in the state legislature in 1831, the people thus early appreciating his talents and worth of character. In 1838, 1839 and 1849 he was chosen to the state senate. He was a presidential elector, and also a member of the Ohio constitutional convention in 1850. In 1852 he was elected to congress from this district, where he, in the critical period previous to the war, served for several years, the approved, consistent, faithful and zealous champion of the struggling principles of Republicanism. On the breaking out of the war Mr. Harlan was nominated for congress by the Republican convention at Morrow, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the appointment of Hon. Thomas Corwin minister to Mexico. It was at this convention that Mr. Harlan made his memorable speech, in which, referring to the rebels, he urged to "whip them quick and whip them well," an expression which, placed as a motto on the Republican ticket, became famous throughout the state. Owing to his boldness and radicalism, and to the milk-and-water and weak-kneed character of a large number of Republicans, he was defeated.

As a citizen Mr. Harlan won the respect of all parties. As a lawyer his pre-eminence stood confessed. A graceful as well as a forceable speaker, his words always had weight and influence rarely possessed.

#### RUSSELL RICE, A SOLDIER OF THE WAR OF 1812.

Mr. Rice was one of the oldest and most

esteemed citizens of Xenia. He died December 3, 1879, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. M. J. Sheley, in this city. He was a native of Connecticut and came to Ohio with his parents in 1811. They settled first in Dayton. He was not yet fourteen years old when he enlisted in the army in the war of 1812. He was noted for extraordinary expertness in playing the fife, as was also his brother Silas an expert with the drum. Both of them were mere boys and went out together and returned without a scratch. They served in the army as musicians two years upon the Canada frontier. At the close of the war he returned to Dayton, and in 1815 came to Xenia with his mother, his father having died in Dayton. July 10, 1819, he was married to Elizabeth Sanders. He soon afterward engaged in business in Xenia as a manufacturer of edged tools, in which business he continued until quite old. As a workman in that line it is said he had no superior. His shop once stood on the lot where now (1900) stands the Grand Hotel of Xenia. Mr. Rice was identified as an active member of the Whig party, and in his early manhood took an active part in politics. In later years he became and continued a staunch Republican. For many years the notes of his fife were kept step to by the tramp of the militia. During the time of the musters in the "good old times" long ago he organized and was captain of the first artillery company formed in Greene county, and in his old age was able to relate many interesting military and political events which formed a prominent part in the early history of this city and county. His strict integrity and active life won for him the highest respect and esteem which was evinced by the many aged friends who assembled to pay the last tribute of re-

spect to his memory the day he was buried in our own beautiful Woodland, west of Xenia, where he had spent so many useful days of his life. His life-long friends and intimate associates, Brinton Baker, Aniel Rodgers, J. C. McMillen, Davis Fifer, John Moore and E. S. Nichols, were his pallbearers. He was for many years an esteemed member of the Reformed church of this city, and at the age of eighty-one years died as he had lived, a Christian, December 4, 1879.

#### HON. JAMES J. WINANS.

Mr. Winans was born in Maysville, Kentucky, June 7, 1818, and died at his residence in Xenia, Ohio, April 28 1879, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. His father was Dr. Matthias Winans. James was the second son of a family of ten children. His early years were spent at home with his parents, and in February, 1837, he went to Winchester, Kentucky, and became a clerk in the store of Simpson & Miller. He remained in Winchester about five years, and during this time, under the supervision of John R. Huston and Judge James Simpson, he studied law and was admitted to the bar by the Mt. Sterling circuit court and shortly afterward came to Jamestown, this county. In April or May, 1842, he removed to Noblesville, Indiana, where he engaged in the practice of law, but on account of the unhealthfulness of the locality he returned to Jamestown in February, 1843. He was admitted to the bar in Indiana, Mr. Howard, afterward minister to Texas, being chairman of the examining committee. During the summer of 1843 he was admitted to the bar in Ohio at the supreme court in Clinton county, Judge George J. Smith being chair-

man of the examining committee. At this examination there were six applicants for admission, four of whom were rejected. After admission to the bar he began to practice law in Greene county, and on September 26, 1843, he was married to Caroline E. Morris, who with six children survive him. Soon afterward he formed a law partnership with William Ellsberry, with whom he continued until June, 1845, when he was appointed clerk of the court of common pleas of Greene county. He continued in this office until the fall of 1851, when he returned to and continued in the practice of law. In 1857 he was elected to the senate of Ohio from the district comprising the counties of Greene, Fayette and Clinton. In 1863 he was elected to the house of representatives from Greene county to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of John M. Miller. In February, 1864, he was appointed judge of the court of common pleas for the third subdivision of the second district, composed of the counties of Clark, Greene, Warren and Madison, in place of Judge William White, who was appointed to a vacancy on the supreme bench. In the fall of 1864 he was elected without nomination and without opposition for the residue of the term, and in 1866 he was re-elected for the full term of five years. In 1868 he was elected as a representative to congress from the seventh congressional district, comprising the counties of Greene, Clark, Madison and Franklin, resigning his office as judge. At the expiration of his term he declined a second nomination, although tendered him, and resumed the practice of law. In the campaign of 1872 he fell in with the Greeley or "Liberal" movement and ran against L. B. Gunkle for congress in the fourth district on the Liberal ticket

and was defeated. Afterward he devoted his whole attention to the practice of law and continued within a few months of his death, when compelled to quit practicing on account of failing health. As a citizen, as a practitioner, as an officer, as a representative and in all his business relations Judge Winans was a man of sterling worth. As a judge he was universally popular, and as a congressional representative no man ever served his constituency more faithfully. He lies buried in our own beautiful Woodland cemetery.

#### MAJOR DANIEL LEWIS

Died at his residence in Xenia January 9, 1863. He was born near Salisbury, Rowan county, North Carolina, on the 7th day of May, 1797. His family emigrated first to Kentucky, and stopped awhile at Crab Orchard. In 1803 they arrived in this county, and settled near the present site of Bellbrook. His military title was gained in the militia, in which he rose from the rank of captain to that of brigadier general, which office he held until 1838. In 1836 he entered upon the duties of county commissioner and served until 1842. After William Coburn Robinson, sheriff, died in the last mentioned year, Major Lewis was the next sheriff of Greene county, and served until 1846. In 1849 he was appointed postmaster for Xenia, and served until 1853. In 1854 he was again elected sheriff, and served four more years. In 1861 he was elected county treasurer, and was serving as such when he died. His father, Daniel Lewis, Sr., was a soldier in the war of 1812, and is buried in the Old Associate, or Pioneer, graveyard at Bellbrook, Ohio.



## ABRAHAM BLANN.

Perhaps many of the old "boys" who were born in Xenia previous to 1840 still remember "Old Blann," the jolly, good natured colored man "auction bell ringer" and professional shoe black, and on "muster days" always brought up the rear carrying his bucket and tin cup to supply the thirsty soldiers of that day. Almost every one knew him and never will forget the cross-eyed, eccentric, droll old negro, whose whims and oddities have excited so much hearty laughter, the delight of the small boy and loved by all. He died of small-pox in Xenia, Saturday, February 17, 1849.

He was a native of Nottoway county, Virginia. His inhuman "master" tore him away from his wife and seven children, sent him by sea to New Orleans and sold him to a sugar planter, in whose plantation he labored a number of years. While there, for some supposed offense he was tied up and received a punishment almost as severe as the "Russian knout," being whipped at intervals nearly all day. This confined him to the hospital two months, and much attention was necessary to prevent mortification from ensuing. His cruel master had paid the debt of nature and it was Blann's consolation that

"Dey dug a hole right out on the lebel,  
Cause he actually believe he were gone to  
de debel;  
Oh, goody! Old master used to lite on  
me so,  
Now he got to tote his own firewood below."

His next master ran a steamboat, trading at Mobile and Florida. On the last trip that Blann was with him he landed a quantity of freight and left Blann to watch

it; he soon found himself surrounded by a band of hostile Seminoles. But among the merchandise there was some whiskey, with which he treated them liberally, and so amused them that they got in a fine humor and left the freight untouched. For this act his master gave him to a relative in Cincinnati that he might become a free man. He was for some years in the employ of Gov. Tom Corwin, coming from there to Xenia.

## WILLIAM BULL, SR.,

Was a native of Virginia, and came to Greene county, Ohio, and purchased land on Massies creek in 1803. He was a soldier of the Revolution. He was the father of six sons, namely: Asaph, John, James, Thomas, Richard and William. He was also the father of two daughters, Ann and Mary. Mr. Hugh Andrew gives, in the "History of Greene County," a very interesting account of the marriage of James Bull to Ann, daughter of John Gowdy, Sr., of Sugarcreek township. This event occurred November 8, 1804, Rev. Robert Armstrong officiating. This was marriage No. 25 as shown on the early records. William Bull's daughter, Ann, must have been married to Samuel Shaw previous to his coming to Ohio, as we find from the records that she was a widow with two children, namely, Amos Shaw and sister Mary. Amos Shaw made his home with his uncle, James Bull, until his twenty-first birthday. From the early records we also find that September 1, 1803, she was married to John Marshall, the man who erected the first cabin in the now city of Xenia, April 27, 1804. And on the 4th day of September, 1804, was born the first child in what

is now the city of Xenia, namely, Robert T. Marshall.

#### THE FIRST M. E. CHURCH, XENIA.

This church was organized by the Rev. Benjamin Lakin, June 23, 1813, and was one of the regular appointments on Union circuit, Miami district, with Benjamin Lakin and Solomon Langdon, pastors. The following board of trustees was appointed: Frederick Bonner, John Beall, Chapel Bonner, Richard Conwell, John Stull, Samuel Pelham and James Towler, who at once resolved to make arrangements for building a church, holding divine service during the time in private houses. A committee was duly appointed to secure a suitable lot of ground and report terms at the next meeting of the board. According to appointment the board met, and the committee reported as follows: Lot No. 151 (being the ground on which this church now stands) could be purchased for thirty dollars of James Towler, one of the board of trustees. The report accepted lot secured, they proceeded at once to make preparation to build the church. A committee was appointed and authorized to secure forty thousand brick for said building. The next meeting of the board, we find recorded, was not until March 12, 1814, Rev. Samuel Parker, presiding elder, and Revs. Marcus Lindsey and Joseph Tatman, pastors. The preacher in charge found it necessary to appoint new trustees, two having resigned and one expelled for non-attendance at class-meeting. It was decided that the number be seven: Nathaniel McClain (brother of Hon. John McClain) was appointed to fill the vacancy. Towler and McClain were appointed to superintend the building of

the church; the size to be thirty by forty feet, twelve feet from floor to top of wall; foundation of stone; roofed in workman-like manner; said committee to have the work carried on as they felt justifiable from amount subscribed, and use the same to the best of their judgment. The work went slow. The next meeting recorded was May 18, 1815, Rev. John Sale, presiding elder, Revs. Moses Crume and Jacob Miller, pastors. According to previous notice trustees met. Two having resigned Henry Hypes and Dr. Joseph Johnson were appointed to fill the vacancy. Samuel Pelham was appointed to assist Towler in superintending and carrying on the building. August 28, 1816, Rev. Abbott Goddard, pastor, we find recorded trustees accepted the meeting house from builder, Mills Edwards, and find balance due him, forty dollars and twenty-six cents. Trustees gave their due bill, to be paid in three, six and nine months. Resolved further that suit be brought against those who owe balance on subscription who do not pay in thirty days from date, and Henry Hypes is hereby authorized to carry said resolution into effect. We have no record of dedicatory services having been held. October 13, 1817, Moses Crume, presiding elder, Rev. John Sale and Rev. John Brooks, pastors. Edward Wamble was employed to take care of the church for one year, at a salary of ten dollars. He is authorized to call on each member for a contribution of six and one-fourth cents to buy candles for lighting the meeting house during divine service. In 1818, William Dixon and John Waterman, pastors; in 1819, Truman Bishop and Stephen Harber, pastors; in 1820, James B. Finley, presiding elder, Revs. John Strange and W. M. P. Quin,

pastors. W. M. Faulkner offered his services to keep the church in order gratis during his continuance in Xenia. Truly this was a day of small things. Yet faithful men of God served the church. Great and powerful revivals followed year after year, and many were added to the church. In 1821 Revs. John Strange and W. T. Taylor, pastors; in 1822, J. Strange and John Brooke; in 1823, Arthur W. Elliot and J. Brooke; in 1824, Rev. John Collin, presiding elder, and A. W. Elliot and Burrous Westlake, pastors. At this period the congregation had become so large that the trustees found it necessary to enlarge the church by building an addition, fifty feet long and twenty-eight feet wide, taking out one end of the church, making the addition in the form of a T. Here we find recorded: Trustees employed Reuben Hixon to keep the church, for one year for ninety bushels of corn and six dollars and eighty-seven and a half cents in money. In 1825, Revs. Russell Bigelow and Burrous Westlake and Thomas Beacham, pastors; in 1826, Charles Waddle, John Sale and William B. Christy, pastors; in 1827, W. H. Raper, G. W. Maley and G. W. Walker, pastors; in 1828, W. H. Raper, G. W. Maley and J. W. Clark, pastors; in 1829, Augustus Eddy and Joshua Boucher, pastors; in 1830, I. F. Wright, of precious memory, was presiding elder, Augustus Eddy and W. P. Taylor, pastors; in 1831, Francis Wilson and Ebenezer Owen, pastors; in 1832, Francis Wilson and Daniel D. Davidson, pastors. During this last year the tallow candle became a thing of the past. Trustees ordered that one and one-half gallons of sperm oil be purchased for the use of the church, and a committee be appointed for said purpose. We find also recorded, May 16, 1832: Trustees decided to build a

belfry on the east end of the church, to be ten feet above the comb of the roof, eight feet in the clear, eight feet square, a dome and wooden ball of proportional size; the ball to be painted chrome yellow; the roof of pine shingles painted brown; the body painted white; at a cost of one hundred and sixteen dollars. A bell was placed in this belfry that has called the people together for more than half a century. The old bell still rings, and may continue to ring for a century to come. In 1832 and 1833 James Law and Dr. Samuel Latta were pastors. During this year one of the most wonderful revivals of religion that we have on record occurred. It commenced before the holidays and continued until late in the spring. Between three and four hundred were converted and united with the church. People came a distance of twenty and thirty miles to attend the meetings. During this wonderful outpouring of the Spirit many believers received the blessing of sanctification. In 1834 and 1835 Alfred K. Lorain, Stephen Holland and Alexander Morrow were pastors. This year it was decided that the interest of the church demanded a change. As the congregation had become sufficiently strong to support a preacher, the conference granted the change, and in 1836 Rev. A. Brown was appointed stationed preacher, Rev. W. H. Raper, presiding elder; in 1837, Rev. L. White, pastor, Rev. O. Spencer, presiding elder; in 1838, Solomon Howard, pastor; in 1839, William Young, pastor; in 1840 and 1841, J. J. Hill, pastor, and Rev. James B. Finley, presiding elder. During the last two years there was a gracious outpouring of the Spirit upon the church, sinners were converted, believers sanctified and many added to the church of such as shall be saved. In



1842 Rev. I. W. White was pastor; in 1844, W. H. Tyffe, pastor, and the beloved W. H. Raper again presiding elder. During the second year of Brother Tyffe's pastorate the old church was taken down to give place to a new one. The congregation worshiped during this time in the Methodist Protestant church on Church street. In 1845 Rev. J. G. Dimmett was pastor; in 1846 and 1847, Rev. William Herr, pastor, Rev. George W. Walker, presiding elder. In December, soon after the arrival of Brother Herr, the new church was dedicated by Bishop Morris. Immediately following the dedication of the church was a great revival, and many united with the church, some of whom are efficient members at this time. In 1848 Rev. W. H. Raper has again been appointed as pastor, having served this church four different times during a period of twenty-one years. In 1849 Rev. Charles Elliot was pastor. This was a year of great affliction. That fearful scourge, cholera, prevailed. No doubt many will remember that faithful servant of the church, Rev. Elliot, as he went from house to house caring for the sick and dying. He, too, above all others, was ever keeping the interest of the missionary cause before his congregation, and was most ardent in his prayers that the gospel might be preached in the city of Rome. His prayers are answered; his son-in-law, Rev. L. M. Vernon, is at this time a missionary in that city. In 1850, Augustus Eddy was pastor; in 1851, Asbury Lowry; in 1853, Rev. Cyrus Brooks; in 1855, Granville Moody; Rev. William Simmons was presiding elder; in 1857, Charles Adams; in 1858, Moses Smith; in 1860, W. H. Sutherland; in 1862, W. I. Fee, pastor. These years were noted as a crisis in the history of the church.

First a great revival and large ingathering; more than two hundred joined the church. Next the division of the congregation and the organization of Trinity church in 1864. The first pastor after the division was Rev. James L. Grover, followed by Rev. Thomas Collett, who rendered efficient service in remodeling the audience room and building the valuable addition of lecture rooms and class rooms in the rear of the church. In 1868 W. L. Hypes was pastor; in 1871, J. F. Marley; in 1874, M. A. Richards; in 1877, Lucian Clark; in 1880, E. T. Wells; in 1882, Rev. William Runyan, who was successful in raising funds to refrescoe, paint and carpet the entire church, leaving it for his successor in perfect order. In 1885, Dr. J. F. Marley, after an absence of eleven years, was returned, much to the gratification of old friends.

In the seventy-three years past this church has been served by more than sixty ministers, as pastors and presiding elders, the best talent in the conference, noble men of God, and eloquent. The annual conference has been entertained in this church four times: In 1836, Bishop Roberts presiding; in 1853, Bishop James presiding; in 1864, Bishop Baker presiding, and in 1877, Bishop Haven presiding.

#### DEPOSITIONS OF SOME OLD PIONEERS.

Among the many old cases at law that are yet found in our court records are many that bring to light history that has been forgotten. One case we will recall, a chancery case, or suit of ejectment, brought by Peter and Jesse Vandolah against Major John Stevenson. It had been a long time in court and June 15, 1818, notice had been given by Thomas R. Ross, attorney for

plaintiff, to Hon. John Alexander, for the defendant, and acknowledged by him, that on the 10th day of June, 1818, they would meet at Old Chillicothe, or Oldtown, at the house of Abner Reid (house still standing in 1900), and proceed to take depositions before the master commissioner, Josiah Grover, to be used in the case before the supreme court, which was soon to meet. Court was called to order and they proceeded to take deposition of David Laughead and others.

Ques. Mr. Laughead, how long have you been acquainted with Old Chillicothe, Greene county, Ohio, where you now are?

Ans. On an expedition from Kentucky I was attached to a troop of horse under the command of General Clarke and arrived at Old Chillicothe on the 5th day of August, 1780.

Ques. Was this a place of notoriety at that time?

Ans. Yes, I know it to be a strong Indian town by the name of Chillicothe, and it was generally said to be such in Kentucky before we left it.

Ques. How long have you known John Jamison's entry and survey, which is said to have been made at the lower point of an island, opposite Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami river?

Ans. I knew the officers met at the falls of the Ohio in the year 1784 or 1785 and appointed Richard C. Anderson as their surveyor. In the year 1786 or 1787 I was informed that John Jamison had made his entry near Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami river.

Ques. How long have you known the island in the Little Miami river opposite Old Chillicothe?

Ans. I knew it to be there from information as far back as the 7th day of August, 1780.

Ques. Was it generally talked of as an island at Old Chillicothe at that time?

Ans. I knew it to be an island from information gained at Old Chillicothe at that time. The way that I was informed that it was an island was on the 7th day of August, 1780, on the return of the troops from Mad river to Old Chillicothe; about fifty men were ordered out to cut down a lot of corn on the opposite side of the Little Miami and one of the men had a sore foot and his messmates took him across the river to the island, supposing he was across the river, and set him down; and the lame man had to get them to come back and take him across the other part of the river, which circumstance was generally spoken of by the troops on their return from Old Chillicothe.

Ques. How long is it since you first saw the island?

Ans. I think it is about five years since I first went to examine the island.

Ques. Was it generally spoken of as an island as early as the year 1780?

Ans. Yes, by part of the army.

Ques. Did the army burn the town on the 7th day of August, 1780?

Ans. They set fire to it but we did not wait to see it all consumed.

Ques. How long have you known George Gray's entry and survey No. 603?

Ans. Fifteen or sixteen years this summer.

Ques. Was that survey generally known in the neighborhood at that time?

Ans. It was generally known at that time.

Ques. Was John Fowler's entry and survey generally known at that time?

Ans. Yes.

DEPOSITION OF JAMES GALLOWAY, SR.

At the same time and place James Galloway, Sr., was sworn and saith:

Ques. Mr. Galloway, how long have you known Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami river, where you now are?

Ans. I have known it since the month of October or November, 1782. It was at that time and continued to be a place of public notoriety in the Miami country.

Ques. How long have you known an island in the Little Miami river opposite the said Chillicothe at the point which it is said John Jamison's entry was made?

Ans. I have known it from November, 1782; it was at that time and continued to be generally known as an island in the neighborhood.

Ques. How long have you known George Gray's entry?

Ans. Eighteen or twenty years, and it was generally known by those I conversed with.

Ques. Were there any more islands in view with the island above mentioned from the place called Old Chillicothe where we now are?

Ans. None as visible as that one; there is one small one below it, not more than one hundred poles below it.

Ques. Is there anything to obstruct the view between where you now sit and the island first mentioned and the last one mentioned more than the distance to each island where you sit?

Ans. Nothing but the distance.

Ques. What is the difference in the distance from where you now sit?

Ans. About eight rods.

Ques. Are you now sitting at the place called Old Chillicothe?

Ans. I am now sitting within the bounds where the pickets were.

Ques. Is the island which you have last spoken of directly opposite the Old Chillicothe?

Ans. It is not.

Ques. Which of the islands is the larger, and please describe the difference in their size?

Ans. The island first spoken of is a great deal the larger, more than three times the size of the other.

Ques. Is the ground you have described as the lower island encompassed by the waters of the Little Miami when the Miami is at its common height?

Ans. At the time of low water it is not, but at the time of high water it is, from about the latter part of June till the fall the water does not run around it in common, and that has been the situation ever since I knew the island, which has been twenty years. The island spoken of is about ten or twelve rods long and from two to three rods in breadth at its widest place.

Ques. If you were directed by the supreme court to find a point directly opposite the Old Chillicothe what would be the point you would fix on?

Ans. I would fix it between west and northwest.

Ques. If you were directed to go to the lower point of an island directly opposite the Old Chillicothe would you go to the island first spoken of or to the island last spoken of?



Ans. I would go to the upper one first spoken of about sixty rods below the mouth of Massies creek.

Ques. Is there not a very large, extensive prairie between the Old Chillicothe where we now sit and both the islands before mentioned?

Ans. Yes, and the distance to the upper island, the first spoken of, is, I suppose, eighty rods, and the lower island, the last spoken of, I suppose to be one hundred and forty rods.

JAMES GALLOWAY, JR.'S, DEPOSITION.

The deposition of James Galloway, Jr., taken at the same time at the house of the Messrs. Reid at Chillicothe, who says:

Some time in the winter of 1806, in a conversation with Joseph Vandolah respecting a survey of one hundred acres of land which himself and brothers, James and Peter, claimed near the Old Chillicothe town on the Little Miami river, said deponent informed said Joseph of that date and manner in which their said entry was made, and of the surveys which it interfered with, and he thinks, but is not certain, showed him copies of the said entries and surveys. The said Vandolah appeared convinced that their claim to the four hundred acres aforesaid was such that they must lose the land, and talked of petitioning congress for leave to withdraw their entry and have it located elsewhere, requesting his aid in endeavoring to get their land secured to them and to make inquiry and do something for them, promising him a compensation if he could do anything to secure them their land, with their warrants that would be clear of dispute. On or about the 20th day of March, 1807, said deponent

became acquainted with the law of the United States which authorized persons losing lands by interference with prior claims, although such claims might be patented, to withdraw the part of the claim so lost and enter the same elsewhere. Said deponent, upon asserting the proper method to proceed, did, on or about the 20th of March, 1807, withdraw the said Vandolah entry of four hundred acres aforesaid, and entered the same elsewhere. Some time afterward this deponent, meeting with James Vandolah, informed him of what he had done with his said claim, who expressed himself satisfied therewith, and desired said deponent to give him notice when he would be going into the neighborhood of where his land had been entered, by said deponent, and he would accompany him and see it and have it surveyed. Said deponent did accordingly send word to said Vandolah a short time before he set out on a tour to the woods but he did not attend. Some time after said deponent, returning from the woods, again met with said James Vandolah, who expressed some concern at his being disappointed. In going to see the land and upon inquiry finding that his land had not been surveyed, he wished again to have notice when it would be convenient for said deponent to survey it and he would accompany him. Notice was given him the second time by said deponent that at such a time he might attend and accompany said deponent on another tour, when the land might be surveyed, but said Vandolah did not attend.

DEPOSITION OF GEN. BENJAMIN WHITEMAN.

Benjamin Whiteman, sworn at the same time and place.

Ques. At what time did you become acquainted with the Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami river?

Ans. In the month of October in the year 1790.

Ques. Have you heard of the controversy existing between the complainants and defendant in this case and how long?

Ans. I have heard of the controversy existing between the complainants and defendant five or six years and have understood that one question in that controversy depended on the entry of John Jameson, but the point where that entry begins I have no knowledge only from hearsay. I have understood that it is on an island near Old Chillicothe, and my impression was that that island was formed by a tongue of land between the Little Miami and Massies creek, which is a little above Old Chillicothe. The reason of my impression was that, from viewing the situation of the Little Miami from a point near the place where James Galloway now lives and from the direction that the river runs and the appearance of the ground at that place, my conclusions, with others generally as far as I have heard it spoken of, were that it was an island. In the year 1792, I, together with the detachment of militia from Kentucky, encamped on this tongue of land, and it was spoken of as an island generally among us, and I always believed it to be an island until after I became a resident of the county, which was in the year 1799, and about one year after I settled in this county I had occasion to go to the falls of the Little Miami, and on traveling up between the Little Miami and Massies creek I found them to be separate streams, and as to the island below the mouth of Massies creek, at which I have since understood Jameson's

entry commenced, I have no knowledge of nor ever heard of such an one until several years after I settled in this county. I first settled on Beaver creek about six miles from Old Chillicothe, in what is now the bounds of Greene county, and there was no settlement above Davis's mill on Beaver creek except three families on the Little Miami, in the limits of what is now Greene county, and the settlement where I then lived on Beaver creek did not exceed six or eight families.

Ques. If you had been directed to make an entry at the lower point of an island opposite Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami what point would you have made?

Ans. I would have searched for an island lower down than the mouth of Massies creek if I could have found one, and my reasons for so doing would have been because I did not believe the mouth of Massies creek to be directly opposite the Old Chillicothe.

Ques. Do you believe the island where Jameson's entry is made directly opposite the Old Chillicothe?

Ans. I think it is.

Ques. By what rule would you ascertain one point to be opposite another point?

Ans. Because it is neither above nor below, but immediately opposite.

Ques. Do you say that the island in the Little Miami river at the lower point of which it is said John Jameson's entry is made is directly opposite Old Chillicothe because it is neither lower down the river nor higher up the river than the extremities of Old Chillicothe?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. Did you in the year 1792, when you, with the detachments of militia from Kentucky before spoken of, encamp on the

tongue of land before described as being formed by Massies creek and the Little Miami river, undertake to ascertain from actual examination whether that tongue of land was an island or not?

Ans. I did not.

Ques. Was it the first time you discovered that that tongue of land was not an island when you left home to go to the falls of the Little Miami before spoken of?

Ans. It was.

Ques. How far is it from Old Chillicothe to the Little Miami river?

Ans. I suppose the distance to be near half a mile.

#### WILLIAM STEVENSON'S DEPOSITION.

William Stevenson's deposition was taken at the same time and place.

Ques. When did you become acquainted with an island in the Little Miami river, opposite Old Chillicothe, the lower end of which it is said John Jameson's entry is made?

Ans. In the latter end of November or the beginning of December in the year 1801 we cut timber on both of the islands, the upper and lower one, as much as one horse could cleverly draw. They cut one tree on the upper island which took two men to lift the butt of it on a fork. James Stevenson looked for marked trees on the island to ascertain the corner, but found none. This island is opposite to Old Chillicothe, the other island may be two hundred yards below the upper island or may be more, and is below a direct line drawn from Old Chillicothe from the river. The upper island was larger than the lower one.

Ques. Would a direct line, as you call

it, from Old Chillicothe to the river strike the upper island?

Ans. I think it would, because it lies directly opposite.

JESSE VANDOLAH AND PETER VANDOLAH VS.  
DAVID LAUGHEAD.

A similar case as that against Major John Stevenson.

#### DEPOSITION OF BENJAMIN WHITEMAN.

Mr. Whiteman put on the stand, in answer to the questions, says:

Ques. Have the beds of those rivers since the year 1790 changed their course from natural or artificial causes at any time since; if so, when and from what cause?

Ans. I do not know that they have changed any at those points at which I then crossed.

Ques. How far above the junction of these creeks did you cross?

Ans. That I could not ascertain without measurement.

Ques. Had you at different times or in different years been through this country by Old Chillicothe, above named, and how often, and what was the general report and belief as to the point of land formed by the junction of the Little Miami and Massies creek, whether it was called an island, and whether any other island was then known in that neighborhood or near that place and what place?

Ans. I passed through that point of land three times in three different years, between the years 1790 and 1794, once under the command of Colonel Edwards, with about four hundred volunteers, and twice



on small scouts. As far as I heard it spoken of it was called an island, and it was frequently spoken of, and I believed it to be an island until after I came to reside in this county.

Ques. At the time above alluded to did not you believe that Massies creek put out from the Miami and that the island above alluded to included at least three hundred acres?

Ans. I did not know of Massies creek, but the branch since called Massies creek I believed to be part of the Little Miami which formed that island.

#### DEPOSITION OF JAMES COLLIER.

Ques. How long have you resided in this county and how long have you known and been acquainted with the situation of Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami river?

Ans. I have resided in what is now the county of Greene nineteen years last November. I have known Old Chillicothe nineteen years this month or next.

Ques. If you had been directed to make a location of land beginning at the lower point of an island opposite Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami what point of land would you have selected for that beginning?

Ans. Some time after that I discovered a small island below the mouth of Massies creek. I do not recollect the size of the island at that time, but to the best of my recollections it was small. It has increased since and I would not believe it had been formed more than four or five years from the size of the saplings that were on it, which I think would not exceed two inches in diameter. The last time I noticed them they had grown to tolerably large trees,

some of them were at least forty feet high, mostly sycamores. There are now a good many willows, and when I first saw it I think there were none. I think the first time I saw the island it did not exceed six rods in length at low water mark, with a small streak of bushes on it. I thought it looked more like a sand bar than an island. So at that time I would have been compelled to take that island, knowing of no other opposite, or near Old Chillicothe, in making a selection. I never heard of an island there until I saw that one that I have described, for I thought it too inconsiderable to attract notice.

#### ABNER READ, OF OLDTOWN.

Abner Read died at his home near Oldtown, Greene county, December 27, 1858. He was born in Northbridge, Worcester county, Massachusetts, September 11, 1783. His father was a soldier of the Revolution and his mother was a daughter of Capt. John Brown, who served with distinction in the old French war, was for many years a member of the general court of Massachusetts, and with nine sons fought in the Revolution. Mr. Read came to Ohio first in 1815 and remained about a year in Cincinnati, where he was engaged with an elder brother, Ezra, now of Champaign county, and another brother, Amasa, now deceased, and Thomas Watson in the clock business. He then returned to his native state and in 1816 married Cynthia Adams, of Worcester county, Massachusetts, and two weeks afterward moved with his wife to this county, arriving here in June of that year, being thirty-six days on the road. He and his brothers Ezra and Amasa first bought together the farm where he has ever since

resided, which afterward became his own entirely. He commenced housekeeping near the spot where the dwelling house now stands. Mr. Read was in all the relations of life a most excellent man, of the strictest integrity, moral and upright in his life. He possessed great energy of character and a resolute purpose. His industry was proverbial, his constitution was a vigorous one, and up to within a few days of his death he engaged in his usual avocation with the alacrity and vigor of a man twenty years younger in life. In his family he was the kindest of husbands and the best of fathers. He was devoted to his children, six of whom with their mother survive to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. For many years he had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and by his exemplary life illustrated the Christian virtues. His death was the result of injuries received on the 21st of October, 1858, from a fall from a horse. His death was hastened, perhaps, by subsequent exposure. His remains were followed to the tomb in Woodland cemetery in Xenia by a large procession of citizens and members of the Masonic fraternity, to which he belonged, being one of the charter members in Xenia, Ohio.

#### YELLOW SPRINGS IN 1804.

A writer in the "Post and Country Man," published at Cincinnati, gives an account of the appearance of Yellow Springs in the summer of 1804. At that time the village was not, and the springs were the resort of invalids rather than pleasure seekers. Lewis Davis was the keeper of the boarding house at that time. The accommodations were few and simple. The writer says: "At that time, as near as I

can recollect, there were some dozen patients seeking the healing of those waters. With three of them I was personally acquainted; one was a sad dyspeptic, one had an incontrollable eruption of the skin, which all the doctors had failed to cure, and one was a married woman who had been prostrated with a strange disability for years. The water was an effectual cure for the first two and a present relief for the last. The dyspeptic lived until near ninety years old, active to the last. The second reared a family of twelve or thirteen children. And the last after a few years again sank down and was bedridden during the twenty years or more of her life. As to the effect of these waters whether by bath or drinking, on the other patients there at that time I know nothing, as they were strangers to me. At that time a Frenchman whose name I have lost kept a little store at the springs, principally, I think, to trade with the surrounding Indians. He also kept a pack of hounds, the first and last I ever saw. At daylight each morning I was there he loosed his hounds, and such a yelling as immediately followed can be imagined better than described. The master took them on the morning hunt, which usually lasted until ten o'clock, when he returned with them wet and weary. By this time his Indian customers, I was told, came to trade at his store. But as I then staid but a single night and part of two days, I do not recollect having seen any Indians there, but I understood from visitors there at that time many hundreds came to trade with him, exchanging furs and skins for his articles of ornament and use." The compiler of this sketch can furnish the name of the storekeeper, which was Thomas Fream. General Benjamin Whiteman at that time undoubtedly owned

a large part of what is called the Yellow Springs, and from old papers that belong to the county which have passed through the writer's hands can produce the evidence that such was a fact. And as General Whiteman had married for his wife a daughter of Owen Davis, who was the father of Lewis Davis, the founder of what is called Yellow Springs, the writer has proof to show that Thomas Fream had leased the land on which he was staying from General Whiteman, and in addition to his having the store, he was also the first postmaster of the aforesaid Yellow Springs. In a deposition taken at Old Town in the year 1816, General Whiteman states that he first came to Greene county in the year 1799, and settled first in Beavercreek township. He says further that about one year after coming he had occasion to go to the falls of the Little Miami river and there were at that time (1800) but three settlements on the Little Miami river. Owen Davis, the proprietor of the first mill in Greene county and the father-in-law of Mr. Whiteman, had sold his mill to Jacob Smith, and in 1805 they removed to Miami township.

We will close by giving a copy of a petition to keep the tavern in Yellow Springs, the date of which is June 13, 1804: To the Honorable Court of Greene County, now sitting, and for said County: Your petitioners humbly sheweth that a license may be issued to Thomas Fream, now living at Yellow or Medicinal Springs, to keep a tavern or public house, and your petitioners will ever pray, etc. Signed by J. P. Stewart, Lewis Davis, Jacob Smith, Joseph Layton, John Paul, Robert Renick, Robert Layton, John Daughterty, Joseph C. Vance, George Allen, Felix Hover, Joseph Reid,

James Scott, Samuel G. Martin and Thomas Wright.

JACOB MILLS, ESQ.,

Died at his residence in Miami township, July 29, 1850. He was a native of Virginia, emigrated to this state in 1796 and settled near Waynesville. The same year the first log cabin for the residence of a white settler was raised in Greene county. In 1809 he removed to this county, Miami township, where he continued to reside until his death.

He was appointed major by Governor Tiffin on the first organization of the militia, and afterward for years he filled the office of justice of the peace for Miami township.

#### REMINISCENCES OF OLD TOWN.

Christmas morning being bright and beautiful we made a pedestrian excursion to Old Town, three miles north of Xenia. It was formerly called Chillicothe, that being the Indian name for town. This peaceful, quiet village is a place of more historical interest than any other in this county. The landscape is of unrivaled beauty. A lovely prairie stretches away to the west, the view being bounded by a range of wooded hills, skirting the horizon some seven miles distant, whose summits were rendered indistinct by a blue, hazy mist. On the north meanders the Little Miami, bounded by undulating highlands; paralleled hills on the south side range round the east end of the prairie to Massies creek, named after Gen. Nathaniel Massie, a brave pioneer who surveyed many of the land entries in this county. The hills on either side of this beautiful vale are adorned with commodious residences, the abode of civiliza-



tion, neighborly kindness and welcome hospitality. Their elevated situations afford a prospect varied, extensive and delightful, over which the eye may roam with unsated satisfaction. An air of quiet, dreamy repose seems to rest on the landscape, while evidences of good farming, thrift and industry, and their legitimate consequences, the comforts of life, on all sides greet the eyes. What wonderful changes have taken place. The church in which divine precepts of fraternal love are inculcated has taken the place of the council house, in which human beings were doomed to be roasted alive at the stake, in all of the prolonged agony that diabolical ingenuity could suggest. The plowshare passes over the ground on which the gauntlet has been run and unmitigated torture inflicted. The school house in which knowledge is imparted to qualify the living generation to usefulness may occupy ground which has been tramped in the ferocious war dance. Hominy blocks have been superseded by one of the most elegant mills in the state, and the shrill whistle of the iron horse has taken the place of the fierce warwhoop and savage scalp yell. It seems strange and out of character that a place which nature has adorned as if to show a sample of her power should have been a theater of revolting barbarity and moral agony.

This was the chief town of that nomadic race, the Shawnees. This was the place of rendezvous for war parties from Piqua, Maumee, Sandusky, Mad River and other towns to carry murder and desolation to settlers on the "dark and bloody ground." Here they returned with their prisoners, plunder and scalps before separating for their different villages. The dwellings were constructed with poles and roofed

with bark. There was a stockade enclosing several acres of ground, including the village and council house. The late Abner Read's orchard is on part of the ground.

Tecumseh, the renowned warrior, was born here, near the spring a short distance west of where the church now is, in 1769. That Tecumseh was born here we have the statement of "Ben" Kelley, his adopted brother, who was a member of Blackfish's family five years at Old Town, and who so informed Thomas H. Hind at a treaty at Chillicothe in 1807.

#### FIRST WHITE MAN KNOWN TO ENTER OLD TOWN.

In the year 1773 Captain Bullet unexpectedly entered this town with a flag of truce. It was a daring but successful adventure. He was on his way down the Ohio on a surveying expedition. In 1778 Daniel Boone was brought here a prisoner and had a shooting match with the Indians, whose vanity he humored by letting them beat him slightly. He ran away on the 16th of June and arrived at Boonsborough, a distance of one hundred and sixty miles in four days, eating but one meal during the whole time. What iron men those times produced!

In 1778 Simon Kenton was brought here a prisoner. He was stripped naked, and his hands tied to a stake above his head, his captors intending to burn him alive, but after torturing him till past midnight they concluded to defer the pleasure of burning him until another time. Next day they made him run the gauntlet between ranks of Indians extending nearly a quarter of a mile, commencing at the foot of the hill near where now stands the brick mill as you pass under the railroad going into Old Town,

and ending at the council house, near where the church now stands.

The place is memorable as being the first point invaded from the Kentucky side of the river in July, 1779. Colonel Bowman arrived here with one hundred and sixty men in the night under cover, but the attack next morning was so badly managed that a retreat was ordered. The Indians becoming the aggressors, overtook and surrounded them near Glady, on what used to be called Churchill Jones' entry, and partly owned by Mrs. Lydia Stanfield. Their situation was critical, as Indian reinforcements were expected. The advice, generalship and courage of Colonel Logan saved them. Mounting some of the bravest men on the baggage horses he made a successful charge and opened a way for the retreat. Bowman lost nine men and a few wounded. In all the accounts of this expedition it is stated that Blackfish was killed here, but that was not true.

That noted chief was killed in Kentucky. He had broken into a cabin, and while engaged in a struggle on the floor with the owner, his daughter seized a butcher knife and stabbed him to the heart. (For particulars see sketch of James Collier in this book.)

#### GENERAL ROGER CLARK AT OLD TOWN IN 1780.

In 1780 Roger Clarke, at the head of one thousand men, made this place a point of invasion. The Indians fled precipitately, leaving their camp, kettles with beans and hominy cooking over the fires, to the gratification of the hungry soldiers. Next day some of them were seen sitting on their ponies on the hills north of the Miami

gazing at the irresistible invaders, but they took care not to come within gunshot. Clarke burned the town and destroyed the crops.

#### DAVID LAUGHEAD AT OLD TOWN IN 1780.

What adds interest to this account of the invasion of Clarke's army in 1780 is that the story has been confirmed recently by the discovery of depositions taken at Old Town in the year 1818, which adds local interest to that successful campaign of General Clarke.

David Laughead, who was the father of David M. Laughead, who was the father of David and Joseph K. Laughead, whom many of the old citizens of Xenia remember, was with General Clarke in this campaign. David Laughead was born in 1757, emigrated from Pennsylvania to Kentucky some time previous to 1780 and was at the time he was with Clarke's army twenty-three years old. In answer to the question, "How long have you been acquainted with Old Chillicothe, or Old Town?" answered: "On an expedition from Kentucky I was attached to a troop of horse under the command of General Clarke, and we crossed the Ohio river at the mouth of the Licking river on the morning of August 2, 1780, and arrived here at Old Chillicothe on the afternoon of August 5." He tells us that previous to leaving Kentucky on this expedition they had heard of Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami river, of its notoriety as a strong Indian town: had heard it spoken of by his neighbors at his old home in Kentucky. He also says that on their approach the Indians fled, and that night Clarke's army camped on that portion of land that is between what is now called Massies

creek and the Little Miami. A fact is brought to light in these depositions that perhaps never has been known. Many of Clarke's men after their return to Kentucky often spoke of their old camping ground of that night as a beautiful island comprising about three hundred acres of land. Mr. Laughead says what impressed it upon his mind was the fact that on their return from Old Piqua, where they had been successful in destroying also that town, they camped on the north side of the Little Miami near Old Town, and they had left standing a portion of corn for their use on returning. A detail of fifty men was made to cross over and finish the work, and one of the men thus detailed had a sore foot and his messmates took him over and set him down. After a while he called to them to come and take him over the other branch of the river, which circumstance Mr. Laughead remembered. General Whiteman also stated that he was of the same opinion until he had become a resident of Greene county, which was in the year 1799, when he first settled in Beavercreek township. In the year 1800 he says he had occasion to go to the falls of the Little Miami, and coming up the valley when near Old Town he saw that the stream of water now called Massies creek was not a branch of the Little Miami but a separate stream of water.

#### GENERAL CLARKE'S SECOND INVASION OF OLD TOWN.

In September, 1782, General Clarke again invaded Old Town. He marched with celerity from the mouth of the Licking river at the head of one thousand men, but the Indians obtained information of his approach and fled, leaving the town to its fate.

Again it was reduced to ashes and the crops destroyed.

James Galloway, Sr., father of the late Major Galloway, was in that expedition. It is a singular fact that James Galloway, Sr., who was born May 1, 1750, and was at the time of this invasion thirty-two years of age, should fifteen years later (1797) come to this, the Miami country, and settle, just across the Little Miami river from Old Chillicothe or Old Town. No doubt but the remembrance of that part of the Northwest Territory ever after the aforesaid event haunted him and he disposed of his property in Kentucky and removed to the land that for fifteen years had been in his day dreams. And Greene county was the gainer by his coming. He was the efficient treasurer of the county from the organization of the county in 1803 until the middle of June, 1819. He was the custodian of the new county's funds, the mainstay and pillar of the church of his choice, a good man, hating that which was wrong, encouraging all that which was good. He was one of the pioneers of the county that was called to meet at Old Town to tell what he knew of the early history of the aforesaid place. In answer to the question by the attorney, "Mr. Galloway, how long have you known Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami river, where you are now?" his answer was, "I have known it since the month of October or November, 1782. It was at that time and has continued to be a place of public notoriety in the Miami country." Question: "Are you now sitting at the place called Old Chillicothe?" Answer: "I am now sitting within the bounds of where the pickets were." Question: "Is there not a very large and extensive prairie between the Old Chillicothe where we now sit and the river?"



Answer: "Yes." That short answer of Mr. Galloway's settles beyond cavil the statement that the beautiful valley on the south side of Massies creek as it is to-day so it was in 1782, a prairie, the Indian's corn-field.

#### COL. BENJAMIN LOGAN'S EXPEDITION IN 1786.

In the summer of 1786 Col. Benjamin Logan crossed the Ohio river at Limestone, now Maysville, with four hundred men or more. Along with this expedition were Daniel Boone, Simon Kenton, Colonel Trotter, officers in this expedition. The result of this expedition was the burning of eight of their towns, also the destruction of much corn. Twenty warriors were also killed, including a prominent chief of the nation, and about seventy-five prisoners were taken.

#### OLD TOWN ON THE LINE OF MARCH.

While they were encamped on a creek near the site of Jacob Brown's sawmill, Greene county, a negro servant of one of the officers deserted and warned the Indians of approaching danger. The negro's name was "Caesar," from which the creek was named. The trail on which they marched went between the house where Henry Conklin now lives and his barn.

#### THE DEATH OF MULUNTHA AT OLD TOWN.

When they arrived at Old Town they found but one Indian, an old chief named Mulutha. He had dressed himself in the gayest Indian costume, wearing a cocked hat and carrying a tobacco pouch in one hand and a calumet in the other. He boldly

approached the men and proposed to smoke the pipe of peace with them. Some of them received him in a friendly manner and shook hands with him, but on approaching McGarey, whose rashness and folly caused the defeat at the "Blue Licks," the latter drew his tomahawk and cloved the skull of the old man, swearing that he would kill every Indian he found and would tomahawk any white man who should presume to censure him for doing so.

#### GENERAL HARMAR AT OLD TOWN IN 1790.

In 1790, General Harmar, at the head of fourteen hundred and fifty-three men, arrived at this place early in October. While he was sitting on his horse on a knoll reviewing his troops a stampede occurred among pack horses and bullocks, which caused a great uproar and confusion and an immense deal of hard swearing.

Harmar advanced on the French trading post, now Fort Wayne, sending on detachments to fight battles, and after losing one hundred and thirty men, returned, having effected nothing.

On arriving at Old Town on the return an order was issued that the men should cease firing off their guns. One of the Kentucky militia disobeyed the order. He was stripped and tied to a wheel of a cannon carriage and ordered to be flogged. The late General Benjamin Whiteman, who was present, says that the Kentuckians formed a semi-circle round the cannon, leveled their guns and put a stop to the punishment. Harmar ordered the regulars to face them with fixed bayonets, and the drummer to proceed, and to finish the flogging. This was the last expedition to invade this noted village.

## LOOKING BACKWARD.

We will conclude our sketches with some scenes from pioneer life. A change has come over the spirit of the scene. The council fires of the red men have gone out. Their rude cabins have been reduced to ashes, the pale face has triumphed and is in possession of the country. Scattered about are round log cabins with mud and stick chimneys. The adjoining cornfields abound in deadened trees. These primitive tenements were inhabited by pioneers, brave, enterprising and thrifty.

## AMUSEMENTS OF THE PIONEERS.

When young men were together they amused themselves by running foot races, wrestling, over and under jumping with or without a pole and various other feats of strength and agility. Their habits invigorated their systems, expanded their lungs, increased their muscular power and fitted them for bodily endurance. Bodily strength and activity were highly appreciated. The man who could fight severely, endure a great deal of punishment and come off victorious was a man of note and had much influence among his admirers.

## WHO WERE THE SOLDIERS IN THAT DAY?

Every able-bodied man between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years was a soldier. There was a strictly enforced militia system, with company and battalion, and regimental musters, with court martials, courts of inquiry and courts of appeal. All the men bearing arms in those days in the county formed one regiment.

THE OLD-TIME MUSTER AT OLD TOWN,  
A. D. 1806.

Now we have a regimental muster at Old Town. A hardy, rough-looking set of men they are, common dress, blue linsey hunting shirt, secured with a leather belt and buckle, backskin pants and tow linen shirt and wool hats. These men have been marching and counter marching, wheeling by platoons, sections and companies, handling, shouldering and presenting their firelocks and fixing and charging bayonets in a pickwickian sense. Now the muster is o'er and the men are dismissed. They are employing themselves in various ways; some of them are shooting at a mark, others are engaged in a wrestling match for a pint of whiskey.

Observe that fine looking man, six feet two inches high. He is as well formed as Apollo, combining strength and activity in great perfection. He is fair skinned, blue eyed, with light auburn hair and sanguine temperament. That is the noted fistic champion, Ben Kizer. He is one of a family of twelve children, all boys. His brothers are stout, resolute men, but he is the stoutest of all. Notice his firm step, confident look and manly bearing. He is as full of fight as a game cock. He engages in a fight just as eagerly as a hungry man eats his dinner. Every man he whips adds one more sprig to his pugilistic laurels. He estimates success as highly as a prize formerly won in Olympic games. He has had so many fights and come off victorious that it is a hard matter to find a customer. He has been known to pretend at a mere nothing, and knock down a man who would not fight, merely to keep his hand in practice. He was

like Mike Fink, a boatman, who lamented while floating down the Ohio that he had not had a fight in a month, and it seemed like an eternity to him, and that if he did not have one soon he would have to be "kivered" up in salt to keep him from spoiling.

Kizer has heard of one Aaron Beall, a powerful man, a foeman worthy of his fists, and has made up his mind to whip him at the first chance; and that is his principal business at Old Town to-day. Beall is of a hardy race, a long bodied man, six feet high, straight as an Indian, round shouldered, with large limbs and muscles like whip cord, weight two hundred and fifteen or two hundred and twenty pounds. His muscles are so indurated and his flesh so firm that comparatively he is insensible to pain. He has florid complexion, sanguine temperament, built for ponderous strength more than activity, with firmness and unflinching combativeness. When about to engage in a fight he is calm and deliberate, with a smile on his countenance, but notice those pale lips and gleaming eyes. That smile is more ominous than blustering wrath. The two champions are standing some ten yards apart. Kizer begins with a banter that he could outrun Beall. The latter did not run himself, but he had a brother that could run. In those days it was a common boast for one to say that he had the fastest horse, the best rifle, the ugliest dog and the prettiest sister. The bantering in the present case was ended by Kizer asserting that he could whip Beall. Thereupon they ran at each other and came in collision. In the shock Beall went down beneath the gallant "Ben." Now there is tremendous excitement, a wild uproar among the men and a tumultuous rush is

made for the combatants, a ring is formed around them, the spirit of combativeness is powerfully excited; hunting shirts are thrown off, and the shirt sleeves of many brawny arms hastily rolled up. Kizer appears to have the most friends. They cheer him boisterously: "Hurrah, Ben, that's right, give it to him, whip him till his hide won't hold shucks! Gouge him!" Col. James Collier was sitting on his horse outside of the circle. Sheriff Maxwell rushed into the ring to part them, when he received a blow on the head from the butt of a loaded whip which made the blood spurt. He ran stooping across the arena, butted the ring and fell under Mr. Collier's horse, his head bleeding profusely. It was never known to a certainty who struck that blow, but there were good reasons for supposing that Amos Durrough, who built the first jail in Xenia, was the man. In the meantime sullen sounds, thump, thump, thump, could be distinctly heard above the din and confusion. These were made by Beall's fists playing like a trip-hammer against Kizer's sides. At length some of his friends stopped to examine more closely. Sure enough Kizer was not fighting any; they tore him away; he was exhausted and speechless. He was laid upon one of the temporary tables that had been used for selling refreshments, and efforts made to resuscitate him, which were successful after a quantity of blood had been discharged from his mouth and throat. In the meantime the combativeness of Beall had been excited to the highest pitch, his blood thoroughly heated, his great power of wrath awful. He demanded in a loud voice: "Has this man no friends on the ground?" He was responded to by one of the Kizer family, who commenced a conflict with him with resolution and vigor, but was soon



prostrated by the invincible Beaver creek champion. Kizer was nearly killed; had to be taken home in a wagon, and kept his bed a long time, so it was reported. This was the most noted fight of the kind that ever came off in this county, and was talked of for years afterward. It ended the fighting career of both men. Kizer after this fight quit the practice. And no one would fight Beall.

The account of this fight was obtained by Thomas C. Wright from Col. James Collier and Judge Jacob Haines, who were present. Mr. Wright does not give the date of the above mentioned fight, for the reason, perhaps, that it was so long after it occurred that the parties who told him could not remember the exact time. Recently, however, among the old records of the county has been found the indictment, found by the grand jury, and which makes that notorious fight worse than it has been pictured out.

The depositions of Gen. Benjamin Whiteman, William Taylor and William Morgan, who were eye witnesses, are as follows:

"May 27, A. D. 1806, personally came before me William Taylor, Benjamin Whiteman and William Morgan and made the following oath, to wit: Taylor testifies that he saw Aaron Beall and Benjamin Kizer violently assault and beat each other by fighting. Whiteman testified that he saw the said Aaron Beall violently assault and beat William Kizer. William Morgan testified that he saw the said Aaron Beall after he had assaulted and beaten William Kizer rush through the crowd and pull the above named Benjamin Kizer off a table or bench and violently assault and beat him again. Sworn to before me. John Smith, J. P."

And not only has the above been found,

but also in the original papers of the grand jury which met four months later, September, A. D. 1806, appear four indictments against Aaron Beall for fighting on that day.

#### ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF OLD CHILLICOTHE.

Three miles north of Xenia, the county seat of Greene county, Ohio, was the old Indian town of Chillicothe on the Little Miami. Of its history much has been written and much has been lost of its early history. It was one of the most noted towns, historically speaking, in the state; made so by the many scenes of suffering by torture of the white race at the hands of savages; the birthplace of the noted chief of the Shawnee tribe of Indians, Tecumseh; the temporary prison of those grand old pioneers from Kentucky, Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton and many others less known in history, who were captured and carried there as prisoners. We read of their sufferings at the hands of their captors, of their courage and escapes and their heroism in behalf of this beautiful land that we call ours, and we oftentimes forget what it cost to reclaim it from a wilderness and the labor it took to make it bloom and blossom as a rose, as we see it to-day.

It is said to have had a population of eleven hundred Indians. About three hundred of these were fighting men. The village was about a quarter of a mile long, the huts being set out irregularly. The location of most of the huts was on the little eminence now covered by the school house, frame house, barn and orchard on the left side of the road as we now go from Xenia to Old Town. The commonest Indians had their huts along the creek bank. The coun-

cil house was near where the school house now (1900) stands. It was a long, narrow building, roughly made and hardly water proof. When Girty and the renegade Scotchman, Dixon, came to live with Chief Blackfish, they helped to construct a better council house. Remains of the council house, such as rotten timbers, stood until 1840.

#### THE SHAWNEE INDIANS.

Among all the Indians, with but few exceptions, there were no Indians that caused as much trouble to the whites as those of the Shawnees. The main village of the Shawnees was at Chillicothe on the Scioto; their second village was our well known Old Chillicothe. War parties were constantly passing from one village to the other, and though the distance was near one hundred miles, the Indians were all such good walkers and runners that they traveled the trail with incredible rapidity.

#### THE ALLIES OF THE SHAWNEES.

The Shawnees were assisted by the Miamis, the Wyandots and the Delawares. Thus any army attacking would have large numbers to contend with. When General Harmar with his army invaded Ohio, Chief Blackfish, with his three hundred, was aided by the Miamis and by the combined forces Harmar was defeated. Blackfish's band was present and took part in St. Clair's defeat. These two victories gave the Indians great courage and they became very insolent. The renegade, Simon Girty, and the Scotch devil, Dixon, did all in their power to excite the hostility of the Old Chillicothe Indians. When Old Chillicothe

on the Scioto was destroyed and the corn burnt, what few of the natives that were left made their way to Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami river, which became a regular rendezvous for villains, both white and red. In order to save the frontier from utter destruction, General Clarke was dispatched from Fort Washington with a large body of men. He reached our Old Chillicothe at daybreak, posted his one cannon on the hill northwest of Old Town, and while the cannon knocked over the huts his men charged the natives. Old Chillicothe was entirely destroyed, the lodges burned, the corn cut down and most of the Indians killed. Some say that Blackfish, the chief, fell in this fight, but this is a mistake.

#### BLACKFISH, CHIEF OF THE SHAWNEES.

James Collier, one of the early pioneers of Xenia and of Greene county, gives the following story of Blackfish:

In all histories of the predatory excursions of the Shawnees to Kentucky stands somewhat prominent the name and exploits of Blackfish, a noted chief of that tribe. The position that this chief held among the once powerful Shawnees has caused the question of the time and place of his death to be discussed to some extent by western analysts.

The fact that Old Town was the residence of Blackfish gives this question a local interest. Several writers have asserted that he was killed in 1779 while resisting the attack of Colonel Bowman and a company of Kentuckians upon Old Town, the first incursion of the settlers south of the Ohio upon the Shawnee towns in this region to punish the Indians for their murders and robberies in Kentucky. Blackfish was not

killed then. Some years since the late Col. James Collier gave us the following particulars relative to the death of Blackfish:

The evidence upon which Mr. Collier founded his statement he conceived to be such as to place the truth of it beyond dispute. In June, 1788, a party of Shawnee Indians under the command of Blackfish made a marauding expedition to Kentucky, and at the headwaters of Paint Lick creek, then in Madison county, they made an attack upon the house of a man named Joseph Stinson. It was Sabbath morning and Stinson's boy, who lived from home, had returned about sunrise. When near the house he gave a shout to arouse the family that they might let him in, and as his sister opened the door for that purpose the Indians rushed in after the boy and shot at Stinson and his wife, who were in bed, mortally wounding the latter and severely wounding the former in the thigh. Stinson jumped from the bed, grappled the leader of the party and threw him, but his wound had so weakened him that the Indian turned on him. At this instant the boy grasped his father's gun, which frightened the party, some seven or eight in number, and they fled for the door, assisted in their exit by Polly, Stinson's daughter, who violently pushed the last ones upon those ahead and sent them pell mell out of the cabin and barred the entrance.

Polly then turned and with a butcher knife stabbed the Indian who was killing her father. At the first blow the Indian raised his arm and knocked her across the room, but she gathered again and gave him a stab that proved fatal. This Indian was Blackfish himself. In the fright of the moment, Jane, another daughter of Stinson, about fourteen years of age, jumped

through the window and was captured by those on the outside. She remained a prisoner among the Indians until 1797, when her liberation was effected at Detroit, and she returned to her friends in Kentucky.

The testimony on which Mr. Collier made this statement was this: In 1796 he was in Kentucky in the region where this outrage took place, and previous to his visit Charles, a son of Capt. Israel Hart, had returned from his captivity among the Indians. He, together with a negro boy, had been captured in 1787, and Charles said he was adopted by Blackfish as his son, who told him that his white father, Captain Hart, was killed. Charles told Mr. Collier that he accompanied Blackfish in 1788 and was in the camp when Jane Stinson was brought in. Jane immediately recognized him but he said he denied knowing her, and was violently grieved at the death of his adopted father. Jane told him that his own father was living, a fact he did not fully believe until about the time of his return to Kentucky in 1796.

Mr. Collier the same year, but previous to his visit to Kentucky, while down on the Auglaize searching for horses, saw the negro boy who had been captured at the same time as Charles Hart. Mr. Collier says he had a long talk with him, and he stated substantially in regard to Blackfish's death as was stated by Charles Hart afterward.

The next year, 1797, while Mr. Collier was on the Little Miami in this county Jim Blue Jacket called upon him, and in the course of the conversation which took place between them Jim told him that he was in the expedition to Kentucky in 1788, and was one of those whom Polly Stinson so violently thrust out of the door, and he



reaffirmed what Charles Hart and the negro boy had stated, that it was Blackfish who had led the party and who was killed by Polly Stinson. This fact was not known in Kentucky until the return of Charles Hart, a period of some eight years, and was always suppressed by the Indians, for the reason, as Mr. Collier supposed, that it was a deep disgrace among the Indians to be killed by a woman. There is another fact which we will notice. It has been asserted that Blackfish was the father of Tecumseh. Mr. Collier says that in 1812 he met in the army Stephen Riddle, a very intelligent man, who was taken prisoner by the Indians at the destruction of his father's (Riddle's) station in Kentucky. He told him that he was almost the constant companion of Tecumseh while a prisoner and was then informed that Tecumseh's father was killed at the battle of Point Pleasant, at which time Tecumseh was about two years old. Mr. Collier said that Mr. Riddle would have been apt to have obtained correct information upon the subject.

#### TECUMSEH'S BIRTHPLACE.

Tecumseh, the great Shawnee and Miami chief, was born, according to Benjamin Kelley, Tecumseh's adopted brother, who was five years in Blackfish's family, near Xenia on Mr. Sexton's lot near a spring. Mr. Thomas Hind, who makes the statement that Tecumseh was born on the Sexton farm, states as proof that in the year 1821 he met the Rev. Ben Kelley, then a Baptist minister, and who was taken prisoner the same time as Boone, and had it from his own lips that Kelley was five years in Blackfish's family. It is said of Tecumseh that at the battle of Tippecanoe he had

all the surviving Shawnees in the front ranks for he considered them the bravest of all his men.

#### THE RENEGADE WHITE MEN.

Of the renegade white men who lived at Old Town it is known that Simon Girty and Dixon died miserable deaths. They certainly deserved them. Kenton and Boone, both of whom had been captains at Old Chillicothe, lived to be very old men, honored by all. They are reckoned among the patriots of the country. Simon Kenton's name appears on many of the records of Greene county, Ohio. When the county was first organized, May 10, 1803, he was then a resident of what was then called Mad River township, Greene county, now a part of Logan county, where he died at the ripe old age of eighty-one years. His remains were afterward taken up and removed to Oakdale cemetery, Urbana, Ohio. Simon Kenton had also two brothers, who were with him on the headwaters of Mad river, William and Thomas Kenton. We have now in Xenia a descendant of the old hero, Simon Kenton, descended from his brother, Thomas Kenton—Mr. John A. North. Mr. North's grandfather, now deceased, was personally acquainted with his honored old uncle, Simon Kenton, and learned the relationship from his own lips.

The old Indian trail between the two Chillicothes was trod by thousands of natives. It is said to have passed west of the Old Chillicothe and traversed the plain to Alpha. Here it crossed the hills bordering the river and stretched away in almost a bee line for the Chillicothe on the Scioto. War parties coming up the trail would give a whoop when about a mile from the village

to let their squaws know of their coming and their success.

ADVENTURES OF COL. DANIEL BOONE.

The following is taken from the American Museum, or Repository, published in Philadelphia, October, 1797, and that part of his adventure which applies to Greene county, Ohio, was written by Boone:

"January 1, 1778, I went with thirty men to the 'blue lick' on the Licking river to make salt for the different garrisons. February 7, hunting by myself to procure meat for the company, I met a party of one hundred and two Indians and two Frenchmen marching against Boonsborough. They pursued and took me, and that day I capitulated for my men, knowing they could not escape. They were twenty-seven in number, three having gone with salt. The Indians according to the capitulation used us generously. They carried us to the Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami river. On the 18th of February we arrived there, after an uncomfortable journey in very severe weather. On the 10th of March I and ten of my men were conducted to Detroit. On the 30th we arrived there, and were treated by Governor Hamilton, the British commander of the post, with great humanity. The Indians had such a fondness for me that they refused one hundred pounds sterling offered them by the governor if they would leave me with the others, on purpose that he might send me home on my parole. Several English gentlemen there, sensible of my adverse life and fortune, and touched with sympathy, generously offered to supply my wants, which I declined with many thanks, adding that I never expected it would be in my power to recompense such

unmerited generosity. The Indians left my men in captivity with the British at Detroit. On the 10th of April they brought me toward Old Chillicothe, where we arrived on the 25th day of the same month. This was a long and fatiguing march through an exceeding fertile country, remarkable for fine springs and streams of water. At Old Chillicothe I spent my time as comfortably as I could expect; was adopted, according to their custom, into a family, where I became a son, and had a good share in the affection of my new parents, brothers, sisters and friends. I was exceedingly familiar and friendly with them, always appearing as cheerful and satisfied as possible, and they put great confidence in me. I often went hunting with them, and frequently gained their applause for my activity at our shooting matches. I was careful not to exceed many of them in shooting; for no people are more envious than they in this sport. I could observe in their countenances and gestures the greatest expression of joy when they exceeded me, and when the reverse happened, of envy. The Shawnee king took great notice of me and treated me with profound respect and entire friendship, often trusting me to hunt at my liberty. I frequently returned with the spoils of the woods, and as often presented some of what I had taken to him, expressive of duty to my sovereign. My food and lodging was in common with them; not so good, indeed, as I could desire, but necessity made everything acceptable.

"I now began to meditate an escape, but carefully avoided suspicion. Until the 3d day of June I continued at Old Chillicothe and was then taken to the salt springs on the Scioto and kept there for ten days making salt. During this time I had hunted

with them and found for a great extent above this river to exceed the soil of Kentucky and remarkably well watered. On my return to Old Chillicothe four hundred and fifty of the choicest Indian warriors were ready to march against Boonsborough, painted and armed in a fearful manner. This alarmed me and I determined to escape. On the 16th of June, before sunrise, I went off secretly, and reached Boonsborough on the 20th day, a journey of one hundred and sixty miles, during which I only had one meal. I found our fortress in a bad state, but we immediately repaired our flanks, gates and posterns and formed a double bastoon, which we completed in ten days. One of my fellow prisoners, escaping after me, brought advice that on account of my flight the Indians had put off their expedition for three weeks.

"In July, 1779, during my absence, Colonel Bowman, with one hundred and sixty men, went against the Shawnees of Old Chillicothe. He arrived undiscovered, a battle ensued, which lasted until ten in the morning, when Colonel Bowman retreated thirty miles. The Indians collected all their strength and pursued him, when another engagement ensued for two hours, not to Colonel Bowman's advantage. Colonel Harrod proposed to mount a number of horses and break the enemy's line, which at this time fought with remarkable fury. This desperate measure had a happy effect and the savages fled on all sides. In these two battles we had nine men killed and one wounded; enemy's loss uncertain, only two scalps taken. The hostile disposition of the savages caused General Clarke, the commandant at the falls of the Ohio, to march with his regiment, and the armed force of the country, against Piqua, the principal

town of the Shawnees, on a branch of the Great Miami, which he finished with great success, took seventeen scalps and burned the town to ashes, with the loss of seventeen men."

DAVID LAUGHEAD, SR.

In connection with what Colonel Boone says in regard to this expedition it is of local interest to add the recollection of David Laughead, who at that time, 1780, was a soldier in the ranks under General Clarke, and was one of the band of Kentuckians who participated in that campaign. This David Laughead was the father of David M. Laughead, who was the father of David and Joseph Laughead, whom many yet living in Xenia remember. He died January 29, 1824, at the age of sixty-seven years, and is buried in the old Massies Creek churchyard (Stevenson's). He says in answer to the question, "When did you first see Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami river?" "I was attached to a troop of horses on an expedition from Kentucky under General Clarke. We crossed the Ohio river at the mouth of the Licking river August 2, 1780, and arrived at Old Chillicothe on the 5th day of August, 1780. Previous to leaving Kentucky they had heard of Old Chillicothe on the Little Miami river, of its notoriety as a strong Indian town. He had often heard it spoken of by his neighbors and by his comrades in arms in Kentucky. And what impressed it more lastingly upon his mind was an incident that occurred on this expedition. The night after their arrival at Old Chillicothe, the Indians having fled, they camped on that portion of land between the Little Miami and what is now known as Massies creek. And after their



return from Old Piqua, where they had been successful in destroying their town and defeating the Indians, they camped on the north bank of the Little Miami on the 7th day of August, 1780. About fifty men were detailed to cross the river and cut down a lot of corn that they had left standing for their own use on returning. One of the men of this detail had a sore foot and his comrades took him across the river and set him down, and shortly afterward the lame man had to get them to come back and take him across the other part of the river, which circumstance was also remembered, and after their return to Kentucky they were wont to speak of their old camping ground near the Old Chillicothe as an island of about three hundred acres. General Whiteman also, who had been up in this section of the country as early as 1790, likewise says that he thought it was an island and did not find out his mistake until after he had become a resident of this county, when, he says, about the year 1800, he was passing up between the two streams, Massies creek and the Little Miami, and discovered that what is now called Massies creek was not a part of the Little Miami but a separate stream. These facts of history, which are of local interest in the life of our subject, David Laughead, were gathered from the old records of Greene county, depositions being taken of the old pioneers in a case of ejectment where the parties in the case were Peter and Jesse Vandolah vs. Major John Stevenson, David Laughead and others. The point in dispute was the location of the beginning of John Jamison's survey. It is a fact in the history of our county that the first town in Greene county of which we have any knowledge (though inhabited by savages and had a

population of eleven hundred) should be near the place where the first entry of land should be made by John Jamison, on the 1st day of August, 1787, on part of military warrant No. 192, and surveyed for him by Nathaniel Massie on the 20th day of November, 1794, the number of the survey being 387. The starting point of this survey was on the lower end of a small island in the middle of the Little Miami river opposite the Old Chillicothe, about two hundred rods below where Massies creek empties into the Little Miami; original amount, twelve hundred acres. That island can be seen there to-day (1900), although the water does not surround the island, yet the old channel is still to be seen, and from the directions given in this case Jamison's survey can be located. The island is about three rods wide and one hundred and fifty rods long.

Later a family by the name of Vandolah entered four hundred acres of the same tract. The father soon after making his entry became uneasy as to his claim being good. He discovered certain marks that some one had been there before, and meeting Major James Galloway one day he told him of his suspicions and asked Mr. Galloway's advice as what to do under the circumstances. Mr. Galloway told him that he had recently discovered a law that any one making an entry where some one had previously entered that the latter party could have his claim transferred to some other place. Mr. Vandolah thereupon authorized Mr. Galloway to do so with his entry. In the meantime it appears the elder Vandolah knowing the uncertainty of life made a will, willing to his two sons, Peter and Jesse, the aforesaid four hundred acres. In course of time Major Galloway made the asked

for entry of the Vandolah claim, three and one-half miles northeast, and they immediately removed to their land. Some years after the father died and it appears had failed in life to take his boys into his confidence as to his business relations. They remembered the claim where they first had lived, and the father had failed to destroy the will which he had made, and from these facts grew the trouble and the number of suits of ejectments that followed.

#### SIMON KENTON.

About the year 1777 Colonel Bowman sent Simon Kenton and two other men, Montgomery and Clarke, on a scouting expedition to the old Shawanoes town (now Old Town) on the Miami. Stealthily approaching the town at night, they observed a number of horses in an inclosure. These at the time were inestimable prizes, and forgetting their mission, they each mounted a horse, and, to cripple all pursuit, tied the others together, and started toward the Ohio. The Indians soon discovered their loss, and started in hot pursuit, and though at a distance, still followed the trail. When Kenton and his party arrived at the banks of the Ohio, they found it so rough that their horses would not venture in. A council was held, and in view of the great distance between them and their pursuers, it was resolved to remain until sunset, and await the probable abatement of the wind. On the contrary, however, the gale increased, and by night the river was absolutely impassable.

In the morning while Kenton was standing some distance from his comrades, he observed three Indians and a white man approaching him on horseback. His rifle was

at once to his eye, and, aiming at the breast of the foremost Indian he pulled the trigger; but the gun missed fire. Kenton made good use of his legs, but was soon caught, bound, and brought back. The Indians were very angry at the loss of their horses, and manifested their displeasure in no gentle way, by seizing Kenton by the hair, and shaking him "till his teeth rattled;" scourging him over the head with their ramrods, at every blow hissing through their teeth, "Steel Indian hoss, hey!" At this juncture Montgomery came bravely to his assistance, when two savages emptied their rifles into his breast, and he fell on the spot, and in a moment his bloody scalp was shaken in the captive's face, with threats of a similar fate. In the meantime Clarke, unobserved by the Indians, who were giving Kenton their sole attention, slipped away and escaped.

Kenton was thrown upon his back, his face to the sun, his neck fastened to a sapling by a halter, his arms stretched to their full extent and pinned to the ground by stakes, his legs forced apart and secured in the same way. A stick was placed across his breast and each end fastened to the ground, so that he could not move his body. This was done, too, in the most accomplished style of savage cruelty—kicks, cuffs and blows, accompanied with imprecations of "a tief," "a hoss steal," "a rascal," "a squaw," etc., prefixed always with "damn." In this uncomfortable condition Kenton remained all day and the next night. In the morning, the Indians having collected their scattered horses, selected one of the wildest and most vicious colts, placed Kenton upon it, tied his hands behind him, and his feet under its belly, and started him ahead of them, through the thick woods and brambles, on their return. At night they halted

and untying their prisoner, who was now bloody and scarred from the scratches of the brush and brambles, placed him in the same uncomfortable position as the night before.

"Again the horse was brought;  
'Twas but a day he had been caught;  
And snorting, with erected mane,  
And struggling fiercely, but in vain.  
In the full foam of wrath and dread,  
To me the desert born was led;  
They bound me on, that menial throng,  
Then loosed him, with a sudden lash—  
Away! Away! And on we dash."

The following day they reached the Indian village of Chillicothe—now Old Town, in this county—on the Little Miami. In the meantime a courier had preceded them and informed the village of their arrival, every member of which came running to look at the illustrious captive. One of the chiefs, Blackfish, with a stout hickory in his hand approached Kenton and accosted him thus: "You have been stealing our horses, have you?" "Yes," was Kenton's bold reply. "Did Colonel Boone tell you to steal our horses?" "No" answered Kenton "I did it of my own accord." Blackfish then applied the hickory so vigorously over the bare head and shoulders of the captive as to cause the rapid flow of blood accompanied with the acutest pain. The whole motley crew, consisting of nearly two hundred men, women and children, now surrounded him, yelling, hooting and screaming like the stygian offspring of the hadæan guard, stopping often to beat and kick him, and calling loudly for his immediate execution at the stake, that their savage eyes might behold the pleasing spectacle. A

stake was driven in the ground and Kenton was firmly lashed to it with rawhide thongs. Piece by piece the demoniac hags stripped his clothing off, and danced, yelling fiendishly around till midnight, when he was released to run the gauntlet next morning.

Nearly three hundred savages of all ages and of both sexes were assembled for the occasion. Stretching away in two parallel lines about six feet apart the Indians stood, armed with axes, clubs, hickorys and all sorts of weapons. Between these lines the unfortunate victim, naked and already bleeding, was compelled to run, with the glimmering prospect of safety in the council house. With his arms above his head he swiftly flies down the line, receiving at each step, kicks, blows, stripes and wounds, until, at the lower extremity, he observes two warriors with knives to take his life. Breaking through the lines, he rushes for the council house, pursued by the howling redskins. Just as he had reached the town, and the council house was within his reach, he was confronted by an Indian with his blanket around him, walking leisurely out of the same. Flinging off his covering he sprang upon Kenton who, exhausted, and wounded, could but feebly resist, and was soon surrounded by the enraged crowd, who kicked and scourged him until he was nearly dead. When he had partially recovered, they brought him food and water and as soon as he was able they took him to the council house to decide upon his fate. The warriors disposed themselves in a circle, with an old chief in the center. Many speeches were made, some for burning, and some for mercy, but Kenton soon learned from the ferocious glances cast upon him that his fate was sealed. After the deliberations and speeches, the old chief passed the



war club to the nearest warrior, and with a knife and a stick prepared to register the votes. Those who were in favor of death struck the ground violently with the club, those to the contrary passed it on; a notch was cut on one side for death, and on the opposite side for mercy. It was soon decided in favor of death at which one prolonged shout arose.

The next question was, when and where should the execution take place. Some were in favor of immediate action, and some desired to make it a "solemn national sacrifice." It was finally decided, however, that the place should be Waughcocomo (now Zanesville, Logan county).

On the way to this place Kenton determined to make an effort to escape, knowing his fate could be no worse. At a favorable opportunity he rushed into the woods with such desperate swiftness that had he not stumbled upon a party of redskins on horseback he would have escaped. All hope now left him, and he felt deserted by God and man. At Piqua he was mockingly tied to a stake. At Waughcocomo he ran the gauntlet again and was severely hurt.

While sitting in gloom among his enemies in the council house, the door was opened and Girty, with his prisoners and scalps, appeared. The anxious gaze of Kenton was met by scowls of savage hatred. Previous to this it is related that Kenton, after his attempted escape, had been given up to the boys and women, who rolled him in the mud and water until he was nearly suffocated, then he was taken out and his face painted black signifying his fate. In this condition Girty, who had formerly been his bosom companion, did not recognize him, until in conversation he revealed his name: when the hardened wretch, who had

murdered men, women and children, threw himself in his arms, and with tears in his eyes promised to use every effort to save his life. He immediately called a council, and earnestly pleaded for the life of his friend. Speeches for and against were made and the scale hung doubtful, until the fiery eloquence of Girty prevailed, and Kenton was saved.

He remained with his liberator for some time, until the return of a disappointed war party, which took possession of him again, and despite the appeals of Girty, condemned him to the stake and compelled him again to run the gauntlet. Girty came to him and told him he must die. A halter was then placed around his neck and he was led toward the place of execution. On the road they passed an Indian sitting and smoking on a log, directing his wife in her efforts in chopping, who on sight of Kenton seized the ax and struck him a severe blow. He was sharply rebuked by the Indian guards for trying to destroy their material for torture.

On their journey they stopped at the village of the humane Logan, who immediately sent runners to Sandusky (his intended place of execution), to intercede for his life, but on their return Logan informed him that he must go instantly to Sandusky. Thus was the poor soul harrowed with hope and fear. On his arrival an Indian agent named Druyer, at the instigation of Logan, purchased him from the Indians, and in a speech persuaded them to let him go to Detroit, where he remained until the following June, when he, with others escaped from the British. In this perilous adventure, he was forced to run the gauntlet eight times, tied to the stake three times, beaten and kicked, and struck with an ax, rolled

and wallowed in the mud, and yet his powerful constitution resumed its wonted vigor when released, and he lived to the age of eighty-one.

ANDREW GALLOWAY.

My father, James Galloway, Sr., emigrated from Bourbon county, Kentucky, in company with two other families, Adam McPherson and James M. Galloway (blacksmith), early in the spring, March 20, 1798, and settled on the west side of the Little Miami river, five miles north of where Xenia now is, having formed an acquaintance with Colonel Richard Anderson in the army of the United States, during the Revolutionary war, who was appointed by the state of Virginia surveyor general of the military land in this state lying between the Scioto and Little Miami river, and who had established Louisville, Kentucky, and appointed a number of deputies to locate and survey lands in his district. My brother, James Galloway, being well versed in the science of surveying, wished to engage in the business as a regular deputy under Colonel Anderson. In the year 1802 or 1803 my father and brother James went to see Colonel Anderson at Louisville and on their way called for several days on my uncle, Samuel Galloway, who lived on McConnell's run, near where Mr. Armstrong preached, and was about to dispense the Lord's Supper. They became acquainted, and united with him in communion of the Lord's Supper, after which they went on to Louisville, and my brother, through the influence of my father and uncle, George Pomeroy, succeeded in getting the appointment he sought.

On their return they stayed a day or

two with my uncle, Samuel Galloway, and waited on the ministry of Mr. Armstrong, and invited and insisted on him to come to Ohio and preach in our neighborhood; George Galloway was urgent in this request, he agreed if they and the people wished it he would come. After their return they consulted with all the people around, for they were few in numbers, but were anxious for preaching and delegated my brother James for him to go to Kentucky.

He went, and shortly afterward wrote to George Galloway to meet him in Dayton to pilot him to our settlement, there being no roads but the one General Wayne had made from Cincinnati to Hamilton, and a "trace" to where Dayton now is. His request was fulfilled. Mr. Armstrong came and preached at my father's home to the following families: Mathew Quinn, Alexander Forbes, William Junkin, Elias Bromagen, Widow Creswell, who united with his congregation in Kentucky and came to Ohio in 1801, Alexander McCoy and sons, James and John Stevenson, Thomas and John Townsley, brothers, George Galloway and James Galloway (blacksmith) and afterward soon, Joseph Kyle, Sr., and his two sons, Joseph and Samuel, Colonel James Morrow, David Laughead, Sr., and his family, William and Robert Kendall and perhaps a few others. He also preached at Sugarcreek, in the House of James Clency, who resided where Bellbrook is now situated, to a number of families, of whom the following are recollected: John and Joseph McKnight, Joseph C. Vance, father of Governor Vance, and his brother John, Captain Nathan Lammie and family, William Tanner, James and Jacob Snowden, three Snodgrass families, James, William and Robert,

Abraham Van Eaton and perhaps a few others; none named were members of the associate church, but were members of the Associate Reform and Presbyterian churches, and were glad to hear Mr. Armstrong preach.

At Dayton, at the time of Mr. Armstrong's first coming, he was insisted upon by Mr. James Lowry, who lived some four miles west of where the town of Enon is now situated, to preach in his house, in a neighborhood west of Mad river, and was piloted to Mr. Lowry's by James McCoy, George Galloway and my father. During his stay among us a number solicited him to come and take the oversight of them as their pastor. This he did not refuse or promise to do, but stated that he was dissatisfied with Kentucky on account of slavery. He said that slave holders were buying large tracts of land in branches of his congregation, that there was no chance nor probability of increasing. He said if he could get his congregation, or part of them to come to Ohio, he would agree to come, if called. The people took his statements as encouragement and forthwith agreed to petition to the presbytery for the moderation of a call. My brother James presented the petition to the presbytery as a delegate from the congregation. They granted the petition, and appointed Rev. Andrew Fulton to moderate in the call. A short time after this appointment he preached in my father's barn, and baptized my sister Ann and brother Anthony, it being the first baptism ever administered in Greene county by the Associate church, and took place about the 1st of September, 1804. The call was made out in due form and John McKnight of Sugarcreek and my father were appointed commissioners by the people to meet with

the presbytery of Kentucky and urge the acceptance of the call. This they did and Mr. Armstrong accepted it.

#### MR. ARMSTRONG'S SECOND COMING.

In the same month Mr. Armstrong went to Tennessee and was married to Miss Nancy Andrew and in October left Tennessee with his wife and her brother Hugh Andrew, who all arrived safely at my father's house and lived in his family all winter and spring, until he got a cabin built and a stone chimney in it, for he was afraid of a wooden one. Mr. Hugh Andrew in later years gives an account of that event as follows: "Mr. Armstrong had been married to my sister Nancy two years. Previous to his coming to Xenia he and his wife set out on horseback to visit her father's people, who lived near Nashville, Tennessee. In October they again started for their old home in Kentucky and their new home in Ohio, it being arranged to take Mrs. Armstrong's young brother Hugh with them, then a lad of some ten years of age. A small saddle was placed on the horse behind Mr. Armstrong, on which young Hugh rode to Kentucky. On their arrival at Mr. Armstrong's home in Kentucky they were met by William Gowdy—an uncle of Alexander Gowdy, yet (1899) living in Xenia, who lived at that time near what is now known as Alpha, who had been sent with a four-horse team to bring Mr. Armstrong's household goods and books.

Mr. Armstrong and wife made the journey on horseback, while young Hugh was assigned to the wagon. On their arrival at the end of their journey they stopped at Mr. Galloway's, as has been stated. On the arrival of the wagon, young Hugh, not



exactly liking the looks of things, asked and obtained leave to return with Mr. Gowdy to his residence. Mr. Gowdy was a young married man at this time, and his father lived near."

My father entered and paid in the land office at Cincinnati, fractional section No. 29, town 4, range 7, between the Great and Little Miami rivers, containing four hundred and sixty-one acres, and sold to Mr. Armstrong three hundred and one acres for the sum of six hundred and twenty dollars, and deeded the same to him in 1812, which can be seen in the recorder's office, Greene county, in book C, volume 3, page 70, executed by George Galloway Esquire. Mr. Armstrong lived on said section to the year 1813, when he sold and deeded to Samuel Goe for the sum of two hundred and ninety dollars, and bought again on Clark's run forty-eight and three-fourths acres of land from John Hunter, of Ross county, for which he paid one hundred and seventy dollars, and two hundred acres from James Galloway, Jr., for which he paid three hundred dollars. The deeds of these tracts of land can be seen on record, book C, page 377, and book C, page 417. This sale and purchase left Mr. Armstrong sixteen hundred and thirty dollars, no trifling sum in those days, and taking in his personal property and proceeds of his farm he might be considered a rich man. On this farm he lived until his death, which occurred October 14, 1821.

It is true that his congregation in Kentucky sent a delegation to Ohio of sixteen or eighteen to view the lands in the neighborhood where Mr. Armstrong was to settle, and were well pleased with it and reported accordingly. In the spring and fall of 1804 and 1805 all, or nearly all, of his congrega-

tion followed him to Ohio and settled under his ministry.

The first church edifice of the Associate congregation of Massiescreek was built on three acres of land donated by James Stevenson for church and cemetery. It was built of round hickory logs with the bark peeled off, thirty feet square, covered with clapboards, the spaces between the logs being filled with clay. It was without a gallery or loft of any kind, and the floor was of earth. In it were neither stoves nor chimney, and there was but one door in the center of one end of the house. There was an aisle running through the center. The pulpit was composed of clapboards on a wooden structure, with a window on each side. It was seated with two rows of puncheons split from poplar, the upper side smoothed off, and in each end as an upright; from two to three slabs were pinned and formed quite a comfortable back. This edifice was on the north side of Massiescreek, about three miles from where it emptied into the Little Miami river. Men and women would ride or walk twelve or fifteen miles to this church and sit and listen to two sermons without seeing fire in the coldest weather.

About the year 1812 or 1813 the second church at Massiescreek was built, of hewed logs, one hundred and fifty feet distant from the first one. At this date the country had improved and several mills had been built. It was about fifty feet wide, was floored and ceiled over head with one-half-inch poplar boards. In it were placed four pews, the balance of the seats being those that had been in the first church. This church became too small for the congregation, and one side was taken out and its width increased about twelve feet. This building

was used until the stone one was built and occupied by Rev. James P. Smart, about two miles north from the first site. The old site is now used as a cemetery; in it are the remains of Mr. Armstrong and a large majority of the congregation. Out of Massiescreek, Sugarcreek and Xenia congregations of the Associate church, and Xenia Associate Reformed congregation has sprung the nucleus of all the congregations in the United Presbyterian church in the west.

Mr. Armstrong became dissatisfied with his location west of the Miami, on account of its frequent floods, that cut him off from his house of worship and disappointed his congregation. He was a great walker and frequently walked from his home to Sugarcreek, a distance of thirteen miles, to preach to that branch of his charge, and to Massiescreek, a distance of four miles. At the crossing of the Miami he had a pair of stilts some two feet high, upon which he would mount, and with great care and circumspection cross the river, but would at times get a ducking.

REV. ROBERT ARMSTRONG.

The name of Robert Armstrong will long be held in honorable remembrance in that branch of the church to which he belonged. If talents devoted to the service of religion and a life of more than common usefulness constitutes a claim to it both conspire to place him in the front rank of those who have planted, watered and extended the Secession church in western America.

Mr. Armstrong was a native of Scotland, and but little is known of his parentage. His mother was a widow at the time of his coming to America, and he was an

only child. He is supposed to have been about fifty-five years old at the time of his death. He received a classical education at the University of Edinburg and studied theology at Whitburn under the Rev. Archibald Bruce, professor at that time under the General Associate Synod, the certificate of his ordination to the ministry is dated 15th of June, 1797. He had been licensed to preach some time in the winter preceding by the presbytery of Kelso. He was one of those students who make their professional life by dint of their own resources, and the ardor and enterprise of character which it implies were prominent parts of his. His parents not possessing much worldly affluence were unable to help him. He taught a country school or acted as a private tutor in the families of gentlemen, and by that means, made himself master of very extensive acquirements, both as a scholar and divine. He was licensed and ordained with a view to his coming to America, the cause of which was as follows: Four members of the church having settled in the same neighborhood in the vicinity of Lexington, Kentucky, namely: James Bain, Adam Goodlett, Thomas Robinson and James Pringle, took council together in a prayer meeting, on the best means for obtaining a dispensation of the Gospel among them. This was in the year 1796, at which time the above named branch of the church in America was small. The Presbytery of New York and Pennsylvania was the only church court, except sessions in the country. And there was but one number of it settled west of the Allegheny mountains, viz.: the Rev. Mathew Henderson, in the vicinity of Pittsburg. It was certain that it would be a long time before this small fountain in the east would rise high enough to extend its waters so far

west. The brethren therefore resolved to apply to the synod of Scotland for assistance. From prudential motives, Synod in complying with the petition (in which they asked for but one) appointed two ministers to go to the country, Mr. Armstrong and the worthy Andrew Fulton (who also about four years since rested from his labors). "You might be startled," says a member of synod in a letter to a friend in this country, some years afterward, "at the idea of two ministers coming at once, but we thought, as the synod defrayed all expenses, if any disappointment as to success should follow, we, not you, would bear the blame. It was a venture in a noble cause, and kind providence has crowned it with success." At the time of receiving the petition and synods making choice of persons for the mission, Mr. Armstrong had not yet left the ranks of the students, which would imply that they thought him particularly qualified to undertake the appointment. In an address to the brethren in Kentucky accompanying the mission, they say: "Had you witnessed, dear brethren, our anxious solicitude to have you provided with able and faithful laborers, had you beheld our entire unanimity, and had you heard the expressions of our unfeigned joy, when the two brethren appointed to you modestly signified their acquiescence in our choice, you would assuredly gather that you are very dear to the church here, and that these two servants of Christ are called by their Master to preach the Gospel to you." And in no instance has the discrimination and confidence of that synod, in the appointment of foreign missionaries, been more happily exercised or better placed, as the subsequent character and conduct of these two ministers evinced, and in few instances, we are

willing to believe, has such extensive liberality been more gratefully received. At their appointment they were commissioned by the synod to constitute themselves on their arrival, into a court, by the name of Associate Presbytery of Kentucky. They arrived in the summer of 1798, and after casting the net in new waters, in which they were not unsuccessful, on the 28th day of November, following, constituted the court. At this presbytery Mr. Armstrong received a unanimous call to act as pastor to the united congregation of the Dales Fork, Millars Run and Cane Run, and was installed in the charge April 23, 1799, and continued his labors in it until the fall of the year 1804. This year the three congregations, with very few exceptions, emigrated to the state of Ohio, on account of slavery in Kentucky. If Mr. Armstrong was not the projector of it he took an early interest. A few years observation of its horrors gave experimental force to an opinion, which he doubtless admitted before in theory, namely: That slavery is unfavorable to religion. Its effects in America seem to warrant the belief that it is incompatible with the existence of the churches of the reformation. They settled together in Greene county in the confident expectation of his being resettled among them as soon as it could be done in an orderly way. They were organized under the name of the united congregation of Massiescreek and Sugarcreek, and on the 2nd day of September, the same year, he was ordered by the presbytery to rejoin his charge. Here he labored seventeen years and the handful of corn in the earth appeared with prosperous fruits. His charge was shortly afterward divided and another minister called to preside over one-half of it, from which time



his labors were confined to Massiescreek congregation until the 9th of January, 1821, ten months before his decease.

Andrew Fulton and his congregation a few years before his death also moved to the free state of Indiana. Mr. Armstrong was a man of very low stature, but had naturally a strong constitution. During the early part of his ministry his labors were severe, and he had often to dispense the Supper three and four times a year without assistance. He had upwards of one hundred miles to go to the presbytery and between six hundred and seven hundred to the synod, both of which he attended punctually with few exceptions.

In compliance with calls to supply vacancies and organize churches he had often to go journeys from fifty to two hundred miles through the wilderness, which afforded no other comforts of hospitality than that which his saddlebag and the root of a tree furnished. In the pulpit he had an air of authority which impressed his audience with a feeling of respect and confidence in his judgment, while his talents, though not of the brilliant kind, were above what usually fall to the lot of men. The Rev. Pringle, of Perth, Scotland, speaking of the two missionaries in a letter to a friend in this country said: "Some are perhaps endowed with more talents, but their qualifications are of the solid, permanent and useful kind; though they don't flash so much at first, they improve on acquaintance." Mr. Armstrong had an aversion to controversy, both in pulpit and out of it, and it was his practice to refute error as an error of the heart, which persons might be under the influence, of whatever their profession. And he frequently guarded his people against supposing themselves religious, because they could

condemn much in the practice or principles of others. "Beware," was his admonition, "lest these very people rise in judgment against you at last." So strong was his aversion to railing at others that even the memorable tempest of religious fanaticism which in 1802 burst forth in Kentucky with such fury, threatening to extend its sweep over the whole country and to carry before it the firmest pillars of the church, did not draw from him in his pulpit exercises a condemnatory epithet. The means he employed to counteract its influence were indirect. He took up those points of the word assailed by the delusion and these best calculated to counteract its temper and enforced them. That faith is the product of mere human power, was the fundamental error of the "new lights." His people will remember the earnestness with which he insisted, at the time, three days successively on the text, "Do ye now believe?" The clearness and force with which he opened up the nature, origin and effects of faith, as he posed the consciences with an answer to the interrogatory. He was a firm friend to the principles of the Reformation, and fully approved of the principles of the society to which he belonged, on the subject of separation of corrupt churches. In his adherence to these principles he was firm but not obstinate. On terms of communion, questions about church order, or other points, when his Bible did not clearly decide, he was not rigid.

In private life he was a social, cheerful and instructive companion. He was self-denied, humble and patient, not from a disposition naturally unambitious, meek and placid, but from a sense of duty and the power of the gospel over his mind.

In conversation he was particularly fond of anecdotes which contained some useful moral, and of these he had a large fund. From a conviction that religion often suffers both neglect and scandal from men's imprudence in the management of their worldly concerns he frequently took occasion in his familiar intercourse to deal much in maxims of good sense respecting these. It was known to a few that he was rather partial to the civil institutions of his native land, but he never meddled with politics. When the news of General Hull's surrender was received, which was on a Sabbath day in the interval between discourses, he immediately convened the congregation, and after a short admonitory address adapted to the occasion, dismissed them to make preparations for marching the next day, and went part of the day's ride with them. From the day of his arrival among his people in Kentucky till the last period of his ministry in this place, his congregation continued to increase and flourish under his care, until the last year of his life peace, harmony and mutual good will prevailed between him and his flock. At that period, however, and in an evil hour, when men slept, an enemy sowed tares, which sprung up and had like to have choked the wheat. This began by an alarm of fire, and some mischief was done and threatened to be done about the house. An old cabin was burned, and attempts made to set the barn on fire, suspicion arose, and the question was asked, who could do the mischief? The family suspected some persons in the neighborhood and others suspected some person in or about the house. No one knew and mutual jealousies and criminations arose, and the brand of discord and contention kindled into a flame, and in this state of things and

under very uneasy feelings, he began to suspect that his usefulness in the congregation was at an end; that his labors would be no longer acceptable. This impression gained strength and on occasion of a congregational meeting he sent in his resignation. The congregation were unwilling to part with him, but he continued firm in his resolution, and the presbytery granted the prayer of his petition. He brought no charge against the congregation.

Shortly before his decease he went to Black Rock, Indiana, with a view to the removal of his family to that place, but when he returned, which was on the 27th day of September, he took sick that night, and on the Sabbath following sent for Rev. Thomas Beveridge, who visited him on Monday in company with Mr. Bain. He looked forward to dying without fear. When speaking of his family he was overcome by his feelings; he felt for them whose only object had been to make him happy. He had no unbelief respecting them, but could commit them to Him who is the judge of the widow and the fatherless. He had always valued the Gospel, but more now than ever from the support it gave him in his trying hour. To Mr. Adams, a young minister, he said on his death-bed review of the doctrines he had embraced and taught, he found nothing to fault; they were the ground of his hopes for eternity. For years he had no doubt of his interest in the atoning blood of Christ, and his faith did not fail him now, and on Sabbath morning, 14th of October, 1821, between the hours of twelve and one o'clock, he died. After his decease on the backs of letters or stray slips of paper, it is said, were found notes of the ground work of some of his best efforts.

## WILLIAM COOLEY'S RECOLLECTIONS.

The first settler in the northern central part of the county of whom we have any record or well authenticated account was James Galloway, Sr., who emigrated to this place from Bourbon county, Kentucky, early in the spring of 1798, now very nearly eighty-three years since. About twenty years previous, to wit, November 23, 1778, he married Miss Rebecca Junkin, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. How long he sojourned in Kentucky we have not been able to determine. Mr. Galloway possessed many of the traits of Daniel Boone. He was in the service of the United States eighteen months during the Revolutionary war, in the capacity of hunter, to procure game for the army. He was engaged in several conflicts with the Indians, and on one occasion was brought face to face with Simon Girty, who, perceiving that Galloway was unarmed, accosted him thus: "Now, Galloway, d—n you, I have got you," and instantly fired. Galloway received a dangerous wound, and was supposed by Girty to have been killed. He, however, wheeled his horse and made for camp, a mile distant, which he reached in safety, but in a fainting condition. The ball passed through his shoulder and lodged some place near the back of the neck. After carrying this bullet many years, it was extracted, some say by a cobbler, others by Dr. Joshua Martin. However this may have been it was a source of considerable annoyance, and the wound was effected very much by the state of the weather, and served as a barometer. On occasions, when something important was to be done, requiring fine weather, young Hugh would be dispatched to Mr. Galloway to learn the condition of the barometer.

Mr. Galloway's family on coming to this county consisted of himself, wife, his sons, James, Samuel, William, Andrew, and one daughter, Rebecca. His family was afterward enlarged by a son and daughter, Anthony and Ann. James Galloway (blacksmith) and Adam McPherson accompanied Mr. Galloway from Kentucky and settled in different neighborhoods. The same year Thomas Townsley settled near the falls of Massies creek. These were the first settlers of this portion of Greene county, so far as we have been able to discover.

How Mr. Galloway succeeded in erecting his first cabin we are left to conjecture, as his boys were mere children, the eldest being a lad of sixteen; but as necessity is the mother of invention, we can have no doubt, therefore, but Mr. Galloway soon had a place of habitation for himself and family. The matter of subsistence was a serious question for a man of so large a family, as he would not be able to bring any considerable amount of provisions in his journey through an unbroken wilderness, and it must necessarily have been several months before he could derive any benefits from the fruits of the soil. Fortunately game was abundant, and Mr. Galloway, with his unerring musket was able to supply his family with all the delicacies of the season; yet there was not the means for the enjoyment of that luxurious living of the present day.

In the year 1799 or 1800 George Galloway, Esq., located on the farm now owned by Andrew Holland, lying on the Yellow Springs pike, immediately north and west of the river. The tract located by James Galloway, consisting of one hundred and sixty-one acres, lay still farther north toward Yellow Springs. Subsequently Mr.



Galloway sold to Rev. Robert Armstrong three hundred and one acres, which is now mainly comprised in the farms owned by James H. Dickey, John H. and Henry B. Jacoby. About this time, or at all events prior to 1803, Matthew Quinn settled on the farm now occupied by Mr. Mathias Routzong. Others coming in from time to time, the country gradually became settled. Mills were a necessity. Owen Davis had built one on Beaver creek in 1799, which was patronized by the inhabitants for forty miles around. Whisky, though perhaps not so essential as bread, was nevertheless used to a considerable extent as a medicine as well as a beverage. The country was new, chills and fever prevailed, and the system needed bracing. At all events supply and demand to a considerable extent regulated trade. To supply this seeming necessity, Mr. Galloway erected a distillery on the small stream that crosses the Yellow Springs pike near the old stone house previously described. What was its capacity we know not, but presume it was sufficient to meet the wants of the neighborhood in the surrounding community. Although we have been assured that the early settlers in this community generally partook of their whisky in moderation, and never to excess, yet at this time, and for many years afterward, it was the custom on all occasions to pass around the bottle.

That there was at this period more of a community of interest and social equality among the people than at the present day, does not admit of a doubt. Log-rollings, raisings, wood-choppings, etc., brought the people frequently together from many miles around. There were no drones in the community, and on these occasions things went lively. At a raising the hands would di-

vide, putting their best men on the corners to do the notching, and then a strife arose as to who would be first to get their log in place. And thus they would continue till the square part of the building was completed; and then beveled logs thrown up at the ends, and poles thrown across lengthwise, at intervals of from three to four feet, completed the loft part of the structure. For a covering, clapboards, of an inch in thickness and about six in breadth, and in length corresponding with the distances between the poles, were placed up and down in such a manner as to make a close roof. The weight poles are then placed in position, and the roof is complete.

About the beginning of the century Mr. Solomon McCully settled on the north of the river, on the Fairfield pike, at present occupied by Owen Swadner. Further on Arthur Forbes, on the farm occupied by Robert A. Mitchell; John James and David Anderson on what used to be called the Kershner farm, situated on the Yellow Springs and Dayton pike; Ezekiel Hopping, on the tract now owned by William Confer and George Taylor, still further north. We cannot give the exact dates of the settlement of these parties, but they were at an early day. James Andrew settled on the farm immediately west of Mr. Armstrong, and now occupied by W. Cooley. His eldest daughter, Nancy, was the wife of Mr. Armstrong. His family consisted of Jane, William, James, Rebecca, John, Hugh, George, Ebenezer and Elizabeth. Mr. Andrew was a handicraftsman, as well as farmer. He made spinning wheels, little and big. He also stocked plows with wooden moldboards. If we go back to the days of our grandmothers, we shall find abundant material for reflection. Every article of cloth-

ing for the body or the house was made at home. Toil, toil, incessant toil, from one year's end to another, to procure the simplest comforts of life. Now, we get a hat or a coat, and don't know how it was made or whence it came. We have time to read, to think, to meditate how to make life enjoyable. Let us be thankful, and when disposed to murmur at our hard lot, think of our grandfathers and grandmothers.

Mr. Andrew, having served his generation, fell asleep in the year 1822, aged seventy-two years. Of his ten children, but two remain, Mr. Hugh Andrew of Xenia, and Ebenezer Andrew, of Sugarcreek township. James, Hugh and George carried on farming operations quite successfully for many years on the old homestead and lands adjoining, each owning fine farms of two or three hundred acres. Two of James' sons, William and Harvey, are in the ministry of the United Presbyterian church; H. M., living in Xenia; and Samuel, George's son, near Frost's Station. Others are scattered through the west, and not a single one living within five miles of the old homestead. Such radical changes does time make, that the place that knows us now will soon know us no more forever.

Mr. Andrew, of whom we formerly spoke, for years continued his occupation of wheelwright and stocking plows. Mr. George Junkins had established a blacksmith shop near the Fairfield pike, south of R. A. Mitchell's present residence. A culprit had stolen a set of plow irons of John Ellis (grandfather of Samuel Ellis, who lives near the railroad crossing on the Clifton pike), and taken them to Junkins' shop to be relayed. The irons were taken thence to Mr. Andrews to be stocked with wooden

mold-boards, etc. The irons were stamped, and it was the design of the thief to have the marks obliterated in order to avoid detection; but in this he failed, which fact led to his arrest and punishment. At this time there was a sugar tree on the public square, Xenia, which served as a whipping post. His sentence was to receive eight lashes on his bare back. This occurred on the 8th of October, 1808, and is said to have been the last public whipping for a crime in Greene county.

The lands west of the Little Miami river were congress lands, and were disposed of very differently from those on the other side of the river, and in the following manner: "James Madison, president of the United States of America. To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting: Know ye, that James Andrew, of Greene county, having deposited in the treasury a certificate of the register of the land office, at Cincinnati, whereby it appears that he has made full payment for the northeast quarter of section 35, of township, number 4, in range number 7, of the land lying between the Great Miami river and the Virginia Reservation, etc., etc. Dated Washington, February 12, 1810. Signed by James Madison, president of the United States, and R. Smith, secretary of State." A similar patent was issued for the southeast quarter of section 36, to the same, in the year 1816. They were printed and written on parchment, and are unique in appearance.

In 1802 or 1803 James Galloway, Sr., and James Galloway, Jr., started to Louisville, to see Colonel Anderson in regard to the appointment of a surveyor, and on their way stopped several days with Samuel Galloway, then living on McConnell's Run, in Kentucky, where Robert Armstrong

preached. While there they became acquainted with him, and joined in the communion of the Lord's Supper, after which resuming their journey, they reached Louisville, and through the influence of his father and his uncle, George Pomroy, James Galloway Jr., received the appointment. On their return they again tarried with Samuel Galloway, and meeting Mr. Armstrong, they urgently invited him to come to Ohio and preach; to which he agreed, on condition that it was the desire of the people there. When they reached home, they consulted the people, and the desire being unanimous, James Galloway, Jr., was sent to Kentucky to bring him here. Writing to his brother George to meet him in Dayton and pilot him to the settlements, he started, in company with Mr. Armstrong, and traveled along the road cut by General Wayne from Cincinnati, arrived here in safety and soon began his labors preaching at the house of James Galloway, Sr., to the following families: Matthew Quinn, Alexander Forbes, William Jenkins, Elias Bromagen, Widow Criswell (who had united with his church in Kentucky and came to Ohio in 1801), Alexander McCoy and sons, John and James Stevenson, Thomas and John Townsley, George and James Galloway, and perhaps a few others. He also preached at Sugarcreek, at the house of James Clancy, on the present site of Bellbrook. Among his congregation were John and Joseph C. McKnight, Joseph Vance (father of Governor Vance) and his brother, Captain Lamb, William Tanner, the Snodgrasses, two Snowdens, Van Eaton and several others. A few of these were members of the Associate Reformed and Presbyterian churches, but all were glad to listen to Mr. Armstrong. During his stay here he was

urgently solicited to remain as permanent pastor. This he neither agreed nor refused to do, but stated that he was dissatisfied with Kentucky on account of slavery. He also stated that if he could persuade his congregation to emigrate with him, he would come, provided he received a call. A petition was straightway presented to the Associate Presbytery of Kentucky, by James Galloway, Jr., which was granted, and Rev. Andrew Fulton was appointed moderator in the call. Shortly after his appointment he preached in James Galloway's barn, and baptized his son Anthony and daughter Ann, the first baptism by this church in the county, date September 1, 1804.

In August, 1803, Colonel James Morrow, with quite a number of others, members of Mr. Armstrong's congregation in Kentucky, came to this county to locate land. They made their camp and passed the Sabbath near a spring on the edge of the prairie at Old Town. There seems to have been a mutual feeling of discontent on the part of Mr. Armstrong and his people, in reference to the workings of the slave system. The encroachments and domineering spirit of slavery and slaveholders were already being felt. Ohio, the first born of the ordinance of 1787, was a free state. The movement of the people here, seconded by the people there, mutually contributed to the accomplishment of the same end. Colonel Morrow and his associates succeeded in locating lands in the fertile region of Massie's creek and Sugar creek, and, with others, moved to them in the spring of 1804. The call for Mr. Armstrong was made in due form, and John McKnight, of Sugarcreek, and James Galloway, Sr., were appointed commissioners by the congregation



to lay it before the presbytery of Kentucky, and urge its acceptance. The call was presented and accepted, and Mr. Armstrong immediately set about making preparations for his new field of labor. He had been married two years previously to Miss Nancy Andrew. He and his wife set out on horseback to visit her father's people, who lived near Nashville, Tennessee. In October they again started for their old home in Kentucky and their new one in Ohio. It was arranged to take Mrs. Armstrong's brother Hugh, with them, then a lad of some ten years of age. A small saddle was made and placed on the horse, behind Mr. Armstrong, on which young Hugh rode to Kentucky. On their arrival at Mr. Armstrong's home in Kentucky, they were met by William Gowdy, who lived near Alpha, who had been delegated with a four-horse team to bring Mr. Armstrong's household goods, books, etc. Mr. Armstrong and his wife made the journey on horseback, while young Hugh was assigned to the wagon with Gowdy. We may as well state right here, that the young Hugh spoken of is the same Hugh we have with us, and who is perhaps with a single exception the oldest citizen of the county, and to whom we are indebted for information that otherwise would be inaccessible. Mr. Armstrong and wife reached their destination several days in advance of the wagon. They stopped at Mr. James Galloway, Sr.'s, and were his guests through the winter. On the arrival of the wagon, young Hugh, not exactly liking the looks of things, asked and obtained leave to return with Mr. Gowdy to his residence. Mr. Gowdy was a young married man at this time, while his father's family lived near. In his father's family were two

daughters, Nancy and Ann. To the latter a young man by the name of James Bull had been for some time paying his respects, and the happy couple were about to unite their destinies in the bonds of matrimony. Great preparations were made for the important event. Says Mr. Andrew, everybody was there, from Den to Beersheba, and he supposes that there were at least one hundred guests. Mr. Armstrong performed the ceremony, which is supposed to have been the first marriage in the county. As the result of this marriage we have Mr. William and John Bull; Mrs. Susanna, wife of Mr. James Turnbull; Mrs. Margaret, wife of James Hopping, Esq.; James Law, Robert Scott, Amos and Rankin Bull. The oldest is about seventy-two years of age, while the youngest is fifty-two. Rev. James Law Bull is a United Presbyterian minister in the west. The rest, except John, are, and always have been, citizens of the county. All early in life made a public profession of religion and united with the Associate Presbyterian congregation of Massies-creek, and all are now members of the United Presbyterian church except John, who passed from earth in 1834.

Mr. Bull was a quiet and good citizen, a member of the Presbyterian church, and in the vanguard of reform in his day and generation. As early as 1820 he resolved to discontinue the use of whisky in his harvest field. In this he was joined by his neighbor, George Townsley, Esq. This put them to some inconvenience, as men would come and go again as soon as they found they were not to get any whisky. Harvesting in that day was a slow process, as the grain was all cut with a hand-sickle. One-half acre, reaped and bound, was a day's work, though some experts put up an

acre. Afterward cradles came into use, and now everybody knows how grain is cut. Mr. Bull was born in 1776, and died in 1872, lacking only four years of being a centenarian. His wife died in 1836.

In the spring of 1805, Mr. Armstrong, having completed his log cabin, with stone chimney, on the tract of land purchased of Mr. Galloway (as before stated), located in his new home. His duties were manifold and arduous. In addition to his regular labors as pastor of a congregation, in preparing two sermons for each Sabbath, necessarily much time would have to be devoted to secular matters. A new farm was to be opened up and improved; family visitation and catechistical instructions must not be neglected; meetings of presbytery and synod must be attended, although often several hundred miles away—long and tedious journeys to be made on horseback. All this would seem to require a pretty active life. With all his manifold labors, we have never heard that there was any complaint of dereliction in duty, but, on the contrary, that his sermons were well prepared and forcibly delivered, and that his congregations, possessing more than ordinary intelligence, were edified and instructed. Mr. Armstrong had two places of preaching, one on Massie's creek and the other on Caesar's creek. Massie's creek, the nearest place of preaching, was some three or four miles from his residence, which he usually walked. But as the river was between his home and place of preaching, high water sometimes presented an obstacle not so easily overcome. But in this, as in other matters, he was enabled to devise an expedient which answered every purpose, except in extremely high water. He had a pair of stilts on which he used to cross, it

is said, with great circumspection. His other place of preaching was some twelve miles distant. As time passed his worldly circumstances improved. His farm was being opened up. Stock was accumulating around him. In his inexperience in farming operations, he frequently found the knowledge and services of his old friend and patron, James Galloway, Sr., of great value. As they were neighbors, Mr. Galloway was frequently consulted. On one occasion he had a horse bitten by a rattlesnake, which Mr. Galloway readily cured by the application of a weed that is said to exist where snakes abound.

In the year 1805 another of those grand weddings appeared at the house of Squire George Galloway. The parties were James Stephenson and Anna Galloway, half-sister to the Squire. The guests were numerous, so much so that accommodations could not be found within, and a large log heap was built without. Mr. Stephenson was the party who donated the ground for the church and cemetery. He, with his brother John, had settled in the Stephenson neighborhood as early as the year 1797, the year preceding the settling of the Galloways.

January 6, 1806, James Galloway, Jr., or Major Galloway as you please, and Martha Townsley were married by Rev. Joshua Carman. In 1809 the Major built a fine brick residence a short distance west of the Fairfield pike, on the farm at present owned by Mr. Joseph Collins. Many will no doubt remember seeing this brick building standing out in the field as they passed along the pike. In the following year James Galloway, Sr., built the stone house (which is still standing) on the Yellow Springs pike, but its use is perverted to that of a stable.

In the chimney of this building there was a date-stone marked 1810. This stone has been removed and inserted in the rear end of the Galloway building in Xenia, in their late improvement. On the 27th of June, 1812, a terrible tornado passed over this section of country, extending several miles in length and about half a mile in width, leaving scarcely a tree or shrub in its track. A portion of the Major's brick mansion was blown down and the balance of the building left in a very unsafe condition till rebuilt and repaired. In 1813, probably, George Galloway (usually designated Pennsylvania George) and Rebecca Galloway, oldest daughter of James Galloway, Sr., were married. Miss Galloway had had a former suitor, which she rejected, who was no less a personage than the distinguished Tecumseh. He had been a frequent visitor in the family and took a wonderful liking to the white girl and, according to the Indian custom, made his advances to the father, who referred the case to the daughter. The undaunted chief appealed to the girl herself, offering her fifty broaches of silver. She told him she didn't want to be a wild woman and work like the Indian women. He told her she need not work. Notwithstanding the rejection of his suit, he ever after remained friendly with the family, though he was sometimes found to be rather a tough customer. On one occasion, when at the shop of blacksmith James Galloway, and being under the influence of whisky, he proved to be rather annoying, when Galloway took him, much to the disgust of the chieftain, and tied him to a tree till he got more sober and quiet.

In the year 1814 Rev. Armstrong sold his first purchase to Samuel Goe, and bought lands on the other side of the river,

in order to avoid the difficulties so often experienced by high waters. About the same time a new congregation was organized in Xenia, and Mr. Armstrong having been released from the Sugarcreek branch of his congregation, the two united in a call for the Rev. Francis Pringle, Jr., who was settled in the united charge of Xenia and Sugarcreek. This left Mr. Armstrong in charge of the Massiescreek congregation alone, and perhaps no pastor in the entire county has, at any time, presided over a more intelligent congregation in the history of the county. Several of its members were at different times called to fulfill important positions of honor and public trust. Col. James Morrow served several years as county commissioner and as member of the lower house of the legislature. Joseph Kyle also served several terms in the legislature. Judge Samuel Kyle was an associate judge for thirty-five consecutive years. Robert Moody was one whose cool and clear judgment was surpassed by few; David Jackson was a man of intellectual power; Thomas Raugh had a clear and penetrating mind; and the same can be said of the McCoys, Laugheads, McHattons, Andersons, Greggs, Browns, Bradfutes Collins, Kings, Turnbells, Deans, Gibsons, Andrews, Junks, Bulls, Galloways and Struthers.

#### THE OLD CABIN AND PIONEER CHURCH.

The main portion of the house occupied by Mr. Andrew Holland, with two enormous stone chimneys, was built in the year 1800 by George Galloway, Esq. It was built with logs and weather-boarded. In this Mr. Armstrong ministered through the winter of 1804 and 1805.

Subsequently "a church was built on a



lot of three acres donated by Mr. James Stevenson for church and cemetery purposes." (For description of same see Andrew Galloway's sketch.) Thus these good old seceders continued to worship till about the year 1812 or 1813, when they built a larger, nobler and more comfortable house of hewed logs a short distance from the first. In the building of this house the labor was divided up among the members of the congregation. Mr. Armstrong was to furnish a gallon of whisky and Squire, George Galloway was to haul the logs, which had to be done with oxen. For some reason the squire couldn't manage the oxen very well, and employed a wicked gentile to take his place, who attributed the Squire's want of success to the fact that he didn't swear. However this may have been in regard to the driving of oxen, profane swearing became a violation of law—human and divine—and the Squire, from a double sense of duty, faithfully inflicted its penalties on its perpetrators. On one occasion a violator of this law was fined fifty cents, and gave a dollar in payment of his fine; but the Squire being unable to make change, the perpetrator let off with another oath. "There," said the Squire, "that makes the change."

Through the above contributions we have been enabled to give the names of many settlers from 1800 to 1805. We shall start from this period with the name of John Todd, who emigrated from Virginia in 1780, first to Nashville, Tennessee, then from Nashville to Xenia in 1805, followed in September, 1806, by his son-in-law, Henry Philips, wife, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr. Todd. Mr. Todd and family lived in a hewed-log house, on Main street a little east of the old Towler cabin, in which

Philips and others succeeding him kept a tavern as late as 1820. In June, 1807, Dr. Andrew W. Davisson and Rebecca Todd were married by William McFarland, justice of the peace. Dr. Davisson was the first physician in Xenia. He also built the first brick house in Xenia, in 1811, on Main street, near the site of B. Knox's saddler shop; and in 1814 the first stone house was built by him on Main street. Doctor and Mrs. Davisson were members of the old seceder congregation under Francis Pringle in 1811. She died in Chicago in 1870, at the age of eighty.

#### THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE.

During the initial steps toward educational advancement in this county the facilities for literary attainments were not so varied as are thrown around the youth of to-day. Following our cicerone along a blazed path through the woods to the old log school house; rapping, a voice from the far interior says, "Come in;" we pull the latch string, enter, and, at the request of the "master," settle down upon a puncheon bench, the cynosure of all eyes. The first thing we observe is that nearly the whole end of the house is occupied by a fireplace, within whose capacious depths the crackling blaze sends forth light, heat and cheerfulness. Our gaze being attracted to the outside, we look, not through French plate, but a hole made by sawing out a log and replacing it with paper greased with lard. Our attention is recalled by a shrill voice, "Master, mayn't I git a drink?" The urchin goes to the bucket sitting on a bench near the door, takes the tin from the accustomed peg, dips it full, drinks a few sips, holding it over the bucket meanwhile, pours the balance back, looks around awhile, goes back

to his seat, and, with his dog's-eared book close to his face, is soon lost in study. We observe the benches are made out of flat rails and puncheons, with wooden pins in them for legs; backs, they have none. The "master" has a table, made by driving pins in the wall and placing hewed puncheons on top of them. Under each window a similar contrivance accommodates the scholars.

While examining these unique writing-desks we are again startled by a sharp cry, apparently in agony, of, "Master, please mayn't I go out?" Consent is given, and the boy hurriedly moves toward the door, pausing to take down a crooked stick and carry it out the door with him. Our curiosity is excited, and while the master's back is turned we ask a big, white-headed boy near us what it is for, who, opening his mouth wide and staring at us in blank amazement, says, "No other boy don't darst go out while that stick is gone."

As incentives to close application to study, we observe a rule, of about a pound in weight, and a formidable-looking beechen rod, whose acquaintance every boy in school has long ago formed. Dilworth's Arithmetic, Webster's Spelling-book and the Testament were the text-books. It seemed to be an expressly settled fact that during a recitation a boy could get up a better spirit of inspiration by stenatorian competition with his fellows; and in the spelling class the boy could spell the loudest should stand head. It was interesting to see the boys at the end of the bench, standing on tip-toe with every muscle in a quiver, waiting for the master to say "noon," in order to get out first and raise the biggest yell.

#### PIONEER HABITS OF LIFE IN THE WEST.

The history of the manners and customs

of our forefathers will appear like a collection of "tales of olden times." It is a homely narrative, yet valuable on account of its being real history.

"Then the women did the offices of the household; milked the cows, cooked the mess, prepared the flax, spun, wove and made the garments of linen or linsey; the men hunted, and brought in the meat; they planted, ploughed and gathered in the corn; grinding it into meal at the hand-mill or pounding it into hominy in the mortar was occasionally the work of either or the joint labor of both.

"The men exposed themselves alone to danger; they fought the Indians, they cleared the land, they reared the hut or built the fort, in which the women were placed for safety. Much use was made of skins of deer for dress, while the buffalo and bear skins were consigned to the floor for beds and covering. There might incidentally be a few articles brought to the country for sale in a private way but there was no store for supply. Wooden vessels either turned or coopered, were in common use as table furniture.

"A tin cup was an article of delicate luxury, almost as rare as an iron fork. Every hunter carried his knife; it was no less the implement of a warrior; not infrequently the rest of the family was left with but one or two for the use of all. A like workmanship composed the table and the stool; a slab hewed with the axe, and sticks of a similar manufacture, set in for legs, supported both. When the bed was, by chance or refinement, elevated above the floor and given a fixed place, it was often laid on slabs placed across poles, supported on forks set in the earthen floor; or where the floor was puncheon the bedstead was

hewed pieces pinned on upright posts or let into them by auger holes. Other utensils and furniture were of a corresponding description applicable to the time.

"The food was of the most wholesome and nutritive kind. The richest milk, the finest butter and best meat that ever delighted man's palate were here eaten with a relish which health and labor only know. Those were shared by friend and stranger in every cabin with profuse hospitality.

"Hats were made of the native fur, and the buffalo wool employed in the composition of cloth, as was also the bark of the wild nettle.

"There was some paper money in the country, which had not depreciated one-half or even a fourth as much as it had at the seat of government. If there was any gold or silver, its circulation was suppressed. The price of a beaver hat was five hundred dollars.

"The hunting shirt was usually worn. This was a kind of loose frock reaching half way down the thighs, with large sleeves, open before, and so wide as to lap over a foot or more when belted. The cape was large and sometimes handsomely fringed with a raveled piece of cloth of a different color from that of the hunting shirt itself. The bosom of his dress served as a wallet to hold a chunk of bread, cakes, jerk, tow for wiping the barrel of the rifle, or any other necessary for the hunter or warrior. The belt which was always tied behind answered several purposes besides that of holding the dress together. In cold weather the mittens and sometimes the bullet-bag, occupied the front part of it. To the right side was suspended the tomahawk, and to the left the scalping knife in its leathern sheath.

"The hunting shirt was generally made of linsey, sometimes of coarse linen, and a few of dressed deer skins. These last were very cold and uncomfortable in wet weather. The shirt and jacket were of the common fashion. A pair of drawers, or breeches, and leggins, were the dress of the thighs and legs; a pair of moccasins answered for the feet much better than shoes. These were made of dressed deer skin. They were mostly made of a single piece, with a gathering seam along the top of the foot and another from the bottom of the heel, without gathers, as high as the ankle joint or a little higher. Flaps were left on each side to reach some distance up the legs. These were nicely adapted to the ankle and lower part of the leg by thongs of deer skin, so that no dust, gravel or snow could get within the moccasin.

"The moccasins in ordinary use cost but a few hours' labor to make them. This was done by an instrument denominated a moccasin awl, which was made of the back spring of an old clasp knife. This awl, with its buck-horn handle, was an appendage of every shot pouch strap, together with a roll of buckskin for mending the moccasins. This was the labor of almost every evening. They were sewed together and patched with deer skin thongs, or whangs, as they were commonly called.

"In cold weather the moccasins were well stuffed with deer's hair or dry leaves, so as to keep the feet comfortably warm; but in wet weather it was usually said that wearing them was "a decent way of going barefooted;" and such was the fact, owing to the spongy texture of the leather of which they were made.

"Owing to this defective covering of the feet, more than to any other circumstance,



the greater number of our hunters and warriors were afflicted with the rheumatism in their limbs. Of this disease they were all apprehensive in cold or wet weather, and therefore always slept with their feet to the fire, to prevent or cure it as well as they could. The practice unquestionably had a very salutary effect, and prevented many of them from becoming confirmed cripples in early life.

#### THE HOME OF THE PIONEER.

"The fort consisted of cabins, block-houses and stockades. A range of cabins commonly formed one side at least of the fort. Divisions, or partitions of logs, separated the cabins from each other. The walls on the outside were ten or twelve feet high the slope of the roof being turned wholly inward. A very few of these cabins had puncheon floors, the greater part were earthen.

"The block-houses were built at the angles of the fort. They projected about two feet beyond the outer walls of the cabins and stockades. Their upper stories were about eighteen inches every way larger in dimension than the under one, leaving an opening at the commencement of the second story to prevent the enemy from making a lodgement under their walls. In some forts instead of block-houses the angles of the fort were finished with bastions. A large folding gate, made of thick slabs, nearest the spring, closed the fort. The stockade, bastions, cabins and block-house walls were furnished with port-holes at proper heights and distances. The whole of the outside was made completely bullet proof. It may be truly said that necessity is the mother of invention, for the whole of

this work was made without the aid of a single nail or spike of iron, and for this reason, such things were not to be had. In some places, less exposed, a single block-house, with a cabin or two, constituted the whole fort.

"For a long time after the first settlement of this country the inhabitants in general married young. There was no distinction of rank, and very little of fortune. On these accounts the first impression of love resulted in marriage; and a family establishment cost but a little labor and nothing else. In the first year of the settlement of this country a wedding engaged the attention of a whole neighborhood, and the frolic was anticipated by old and young with eager expectation. This is not to be wondered at when it is told that a wedding was almost the only gathering which was not accompanied with the labor of reaping, log-rolling, building a cabin or planning some scout or campaign.

"In the morning of the wedding-day the groom and his attendants assembled at the house of his father, for the purpose of reaching the mansion of his bride by noon, which was the usual time for celebrating the nuptials, which for certain must take place before dinner. Let the reader imagine an assemblage of people, without a store, tailor or mantuamaker within a hundred miles; and an assemblage of horses, without a blacksmith or saddler within an equal distance. The gentlemen dressed in shoe-packs, moccasins, leather breeches, leggings, linsey hunting-shirts, and all home made. The ladies dressed in linsey petticoats and linsey or linen bedgowns, coarse shoes, stockings, handkerchiefs and buckskin gloves, if any. If there were any buckles, rings, buttons or ruffles they were the relics

of old times, family pieces from parents or grandparents. The horses were caparisoned with old saddles, old bridles, or halters, and pack-saddles, with a bag or blanket thrown over them; a rope or string as often constituted the girth as a piece of leather.

"The march, in double file was often interrupted by the narrowness and obstructions of our horse-paths as they were called, for we had no roads; and these difficulties were often increased, sometimes by the good and sometimes by the ill will of neighbors by falling trees and tying grape vines across the way. Sometimes an ambuscade was formed by the wayside, and an unexpected discharge of several guns took place, so as to cover the wedding company with smoke. Let the reader imagine the scene which followed this discharge: the sudden spring of the horses, the shrieks of the girls and the chivalric bustle of their partners to save them from falling. Sometimes in spite of all that could be done to prevent it, some were thrown to the ground. If a wrist, elbow or ankle happened to be sprained it was tied with a handkerchief and little more was thought or said about it.

"Another ceremony commonly took place before the party reached the house of the bride, after the practice of making whisky began, which was at an early period. When the party were about a mile from the place of the destination two young men would single out to run for the bottle. The worse the path, the more logs, brush and deep hollows, the better, as these obstacles afforded an opportunity for the greater display of intrepidity and horsemanship. The English fox chase, in point of danger to the riders and their horses, is nothing to this race for the bottle. The start was announced by an Indian yell; logs, brush,

muddy hollows, hill and glen were speedily passed by the rival ponies. The bottle was always filled for the occasion, so that there was no use for judges; for the first who reached the door was presented with the prize, with which he returned in triumph to the company.

"On approaching them he announced his victory over his rival by a shrill whoop. At the head of the troop he gave the bottle to the groom and his attendants, and then to each pair in succession to the rear of the line, giving each a dram, and then putting the bottle in the bosom of his hunting-shirt, took his station in the company.

"The ceremony of the marriage preceded the dinner, which was a substantial backwoods feast of beef, pork, fowls, and sometimes venison and bear meat, roasted and boiled, with plenty of potatoes, cabbage and other vegetables. During the dinner the greatest hilarity always prevailed, although the table might be a large slab of timber, hewed out with a broadaxe, supported by four sticks set in auger holes, and the furniture some old pewter dishes and plates, the rest wooden bowls and trenchers; a few pewter spoons, much battered about the edges, were to be seen at some tables. The rest were made of horns. If knives were scarce the deficiency was made up by the scalping knives which were carried in sheaths suspended to the belt of the hunting-shirt.

"After dinner the dancing commenced, and generally lasted till the next morning. The figures of the dances were three and four-handed reels, or square sets, and jigs. The commencement was always a square four, which was followed by what is called jigging it off; that is, two of the four would single out for a jig, and were followed by

the remaining couple. The jigs were often accompanied with what was called cutting out; that is, when either of the parties became tired of the dance, on intimation, the place was supplied by some one of the company, without any interruption of the dance. In this way a dance was often continued till the musician was heartily tired of his situation. Toward the latter part of the night, if any of the company, through weariness, attempted to conceal themselves, for the purpose of sleeping, they were hunted up, paraded on the floor and the fiddler ordered to play "Hang on till tomorrow morning."

#### THE STEALING OF THE BRIDE.

"About nine or ten o'clock a deputation of the young ladies stole off the bride and put her to bed. In doing this, it frequently happened that they had to ascend a ladder instead of a pair of stairs, leading from the dining and ball room to the loft, the floor of which was made of clapboards, lying loose and without nails. This ascent, one might think, would put the bride and her attendants to blush, but as the foot of the ladder was commonly behind the door, which was purposely opened for the occasion, and its rounds at the inner ends were well hung with hunting shirts, petticoats and other articles of clothing, the candles being on the opposite side of the house, the exit of the bride was noticed but by few.

#### THE STEALING OF THE GROOM.

"This done, a deputation of young men in like manner stole off the groom, and placed him snugly by the side of his bride. The dance still continued, and if seats happened to be scarce, which was often the

case, every young man, when not engaged in the dance, was obliged to offer his lap as a seat for one of the girls, and the offer was sure to be accepted.

"In the midst of this hilarity the bride and groom were not forgotten. Pretty late in the night some one would remind the company that the new couple must stand in need of some refreshment; black betty, which was the name of the bottle, was called for, and sent up the ladder, but sometimes black betty did not go alone. I have many times seen as much bread, beef, pork and cabbage sent along with her, as would afford a good meal for half a dozen hungry men. The young couple were compelled to eat and drink, more or less, of whatever was offered them. It often happened that some neighbors or relatives, not being asked to the wedding, took offense, and the mode of revenge adopted by them on such occasions was that of cutting off the manes, foretops and tails of the horses of the wedding company.

#### SETTLING THEM IN LIFE.

"I will proceed to state the usual manner of settling a young couple in the world. A spot was selected on a piece of land of one of the parents for their habitation. A day was appointed, shortly after their marriage, for commencing the work of building their cabin. The fatigue party consisted of choppers, whose business it was to fell the trees and cut them off at proper lengths; a man with a team for hauling them to the place and arranging them, properly assorted, at the sides and ends of the building; a carpenter, if such he might be called, whose business it was to search the woods for a proper tree for making clapboards for the



roof. The tree for this purpose might be straight grained and from three to four feet in diameter. The boards were split four feet long, with a large frow, and as wide as the timber would allow. They were used without planing or shaving. Another division was employed in getting punchcons for the floor of the cabin; this was done by splitting trees about eighteen inches in diameter and hewing the faces of them with a broadaxe. They were half the length of the floor they were intended to make.

#### THE BUILDING OF THE CABIN.

"The materials for the cabin were mostly prepared on the first day, and sometimes the foundation laid in the evening. The second day was allotted for the raising. The first thing to be done was the election of four corner men, whose business it was to notch and place the logs. The rest of the company furnished them with the timbers. In the meantime the boards and puncheons were collecting for the floor and roof, so that by the time the cabin was a few rounds high the sleepers and floor began to be laid. The door was made by sawing or cutting the logs in one side, so as to make an opening about three feet wide. This opening was secured by upright pieces of timber, about three inches thick, through which holes were bored into the ends of the logs, for the purpose of pinning them fast. A similar opening, but wider, was made at the end for the chimney. This was built of logs, and made large to admit of a back and jambs of stone. At the square, two end logs projected a foot or eighteen inches beyond the wall, to receive the bunting poles, as they were called, against which the ends

of the first row of clapboards were supported. The roof was formed by making the end logs shorter until a single log formed the comb of the roof; on these logs the clapboards were placed, the ranges of them lapping some distance over those next below them, and kept in their places by logs placed at proper distances upon them.

"The roof, and sometimes the floor, were finished on the same day of the raising. A third day was commonly spent by a few carpenters in leveling off the floor, making a clapboard door and a table. This last was made of a split slab and supported by four round logs set in auger holes. Some three legged stools were made in the same manner. Some pins stuck in the logs at the back of the house supported some clapboards, which served for shelves for the table furniture. A single fork, placed with its lower end in a hole in the floor and the upper end fastened to a joist, served for a bedstead, by placing a pole in the fork with one end through a crack between the logs of the wall. This front pole was crossed by a shorter one within the fork, with its outer end through another crack. From the front pole, through a crack between the logs of the end of the house, the boards were put on which formed the bottom of the bed. Sometimes other poles were pinned to the fork a little distance above these, for the purpose of supporting the front and foot of the bed, while the walls were the supports of its back and head. A few pegs around the wall for the display of the coats of the women and hunting shirts of the men, and two small forks or buckhorns to a joist for the rifle and shotpouch, completed the carpenter work.

"In the meantime masons were at work. With the hard pieces of timber of which

the clapboards were made, they made billets for chunking up the cracks between the logs of the cabin and chimney—a large bed of mortar was made for daubing up those cracks; a few stones formed the back and jambs of the chimney.

"The cabin being finished, the ceremony of house-warming took place, before the young people were permitted to move into it. The house-warming was a dance of a whole night's continuance made up of the relations of the bride and groom, and their neighbors. On the day following the young couple took possession of their new mansion.

"At house raisings, log rollings and harvest parties every one was expected to do his duty faithfully. A person who did not perform a share of labor on these occasions was designated by the epithet of 'Lawrence,' or some other title still more opprobrious; and when it came his turn to require the like aid from his neighbors, the idler soon felt his punishment in their refusal to attend to his calls.

"Although there was no legal compulsion to the performance of military duty, yet every man of full age and size was expected to do his full share of public service. If he did not do so he was 'hated out as a coward.' Even the want of any article of war equipments, such as ammunition, a sharp flint, a priming wire, a scalping knife or a tomahawk, was thought highly disgraceful. A man who without a reasonable cause failed to go on a scout or a campaign when it came to his turn, met with an expression of indignation in the countenances of all his neighbors, and epithets of dishonor were fastened upon him without mercy.

"Debts, which make such an uproar in

civilized life, were but little known among our forefathers at the early settlement of this country. After the depreciation of the continental paper they had no money of any kind; everything purchased was paid for in produce or labor. A good cow and calf was often the price of a bushel of alum salt. If the contract was not punctually fulfilled the credit of the delinquent was at an end.

"Any petty theft was punished with all the infamy that could be heaped on the offender. A man on a campaign stole from his comrade a cake out of the ashes, in which it was baking; he was immediately named 'The bread rounds.' This epithet of reproach was bandied about in this way: When he came in sight of a group of men, one of them would call 'Who comes there?' Another would answer, 'The bread rounds.' If any one meant to be more serious about the matter he would call out, 'Who stole the cake out of the ashes?' Another replied, by giving the name of the man in full; to this a third would give confirmation by exclaiming, 'That is true and no lie.' This kind of 'tongue-lashing' he was doomed to bear for the rest of the campaign, as well as for years after his return home.

"If a theft was detected in any of the frontier settlements a summary mode of punishment was always resorted to. The first settlers, as far as I knew of them, had a kind of innate or hereditary detestation of the crime of theft, in any shape or degree, and their maxim was that 'a thief must be whipped.' If the theft was something of value, a kind of jury of the neighborhood, after hearing the testimony, would condemn the culprit to Moses' Law, that is, to forty stripes, save one. If the theft

was of some small article, the offender was doomed to carry on his back the flag of the United States, which then consisted of thirteen stripes. In either case, some able hands were selected to execute the sentence, so that the stripes were sure to be well laid on. This punishment was followed by a sentence of exile. He was then informed that he must decamp in so many days, and be seen no more on penalty of having the number of his stripes doubled.

"If a woman was given to tattling and slandering her neighbors, she was furnished by common consent with a kind of patent right to say whatever she pleased without being believed. Her tongue was then said to be harmless or to be no scandal.

"With all their rudeness these people were given to hospitality, and freely divided their rough fare with a neighbor or stranger, and would have been offended at the offer of pay. In their settlements and forts they lived, they worked, they fought and feasted, or suffered together in cordial harmony. They were warm and constant in their friendships. On the other hand they were revengeful in their resentments; the point of honor sometimes led to personal combats. If one man called another a liar, he was considered as having given a challenge which the person who received it must accept or be deemed a coward; the charge was generally answered on the spot with a blow. If the injured person was decidedly unable to fight the aggressor, he must get a friend to do it for him. The same thing took place on a charge of cowardice, or any other dishonorable action, a battle must follow, and the person who made the charge must fight either the person against whom he made the charge, or any champion who chose to espouse his

cause. Thus circumstanced, our people in early times were much more cautious of speaking evil of their neighbors than they are at present.

"Sometimes pitched battles occurred, in which time, place and seconds were appointed beforehand. I remember having seen one of those pitched battles in my father's fort, when a boy. One of the young men knew very well beforehand that he should get the worst of the battle, and no doubt repented the engagement to fight, but there was no getting over it. The point of honor demanded the risk of battle. He got his whipping; then they shook hands and were good friends afterward. The mode of single combats in those days was dangerous in the extreme; although no weapons were used, fists, teeth and feet were employed at will; but above all, the detestable practice of gouging, by which eyes were sometimes put out, rendered this mode of fighting frightful, indeed; it was not, however, so destructive as the stiletto of an Italian, the knife of a Spaniard, the small sword of a Frenchman, or the pistol of an American or English duelist.

#### THE KEY TO CIVILIZATION.

"The ministry of the gospel has contributed, no doubt, immensely to the happy change which has been effected in the state of our western society. At an early period of our settlements, three Presbyterian clergymen commenced their clerical labors in our infant settlements. They were pious, patient, laborious men, who collected their people into regular congregations, and did all for them that their circumstances would allow. It was no disparagement to them that their first churches were the shady



groves, and their first pulpits a kind of tent, constructed of a few rough slabs, covered with clapboards. 'He who dwelleth not exclusively in temples made with hands,' was propitious to their devotions. From the outset they prudently resolved to create a ministry in the country, and accordingly established little grammar schools at their own houses or in their immediate neighborhoods. The course of education which they gave their pupils was, indeed, not extensive but the piety of those who entered into the ministry more than made up the deficiency."

#### RECOLLECTIONS OF SYLVESTER STRONG.

In the year 1807 I was two years old and came to Jamestown with my grandfather. We lived on the old Maysville and Urbana road, one-half mile from the present site of Jamestown. On the south side of us, at Bowersville, lived a gentleman by the name of Hussey. His descendants are now living in that neighborhood. Harkness Turner settled one mile from the town on General Posey's survey. Martin Mendenhall was proprietor of Jamestown; he owned the south side of the town, having one hundred and fifty acres of land. The north side of the town was owned by Thomas Browder, who came from old Jamestown, Virginia, which was the first white settlement in the United States. Jamestown, Ohio, was named after this town. John Campbell came in the same year, and settled where Ted Sheley now resides. Two miles north of Jamestown, the same fall, Isaiah Sutton settled. North of him settled "Granddaddy" Paullin. All of the Paullins of Ross township are descendants and live on the land he settled. These men were our

neighbors, and when a house was raised people would come for miles around to help. John Sheley and family were neighbors and friends of Washington; they came here from Virginia in 1807 and settled on land one-half mile below town. The Sheley family living here now are his descendants. Mr. Sheley and wife lived to be near one hundred years old. Noah Strong, my grandfather, hauled the logs to build the first house that was built in Xenia. Some of the logs were buckeye wood, and were hauled by old Buck and Brandy, the yoke of oxen brought from Vermont. The house was afterward used as a tavern and kept by Major William A. Beatty. The first person buried here was my little brother, Bushrod, who lies in the present Jamestown cemetery. The second person buried was a colored woman brought from Virginia by Thomas Browder. In 1814, on the 14th and 15th days of March, my grandfather and grandmother died of the "cold plague," which was then prevailing in the neighborhood. Within ten days, Uriah Paullin, Harkness Turner, Mr. Hussey and the Baptist minister's wife all died of the same dread disease. Reuben Strong was the first justice in Caesarscreek township. I think Peter Price was the first in this township. The town of Jamestown was surveyed in 1815, by Thomas P. Moorman and Mr. Thomas, the Clinton county surveyor. The first house raised was the present Parker Hotel property, which was used as a tavern by Thomas Watson. The next house was built by Dr. Matthias Winans, who used it as a store. He was the first physician of the town, and was the father of the late Judge James A. Winans, of Xenia. The next tavern keeper was Zina Adams, the father of the Adams boys

now living here. The first Fourth of July celebration was held at this tavern in 1830. Seven old soldiers of the Revolutionary war were present. Among them was a man named Allen, a relative of Ethan Allen of Revolutionary fame. His descendants now live at Allentown, Fayette county. Others present were Robert Snodgrass, Asa Reeves and Samuel Webb; the last named was present at the surrender of Cornwallis and saw that general hand his sword to General Washington. The names of the other three I do not recollect. We got two mails a week; they were brought by a post boy, who carried the mails from Xenia to Washington. When he got within a mile of town he would blow his horn, which brought the people together. A tan yard was started by John Miller and William Sterritt in 1810. In 1812, on the 8th of January, the battle of Lunday's Lane was fought in Canada over two hundred miles away. When the battle was fought old Martin Mendenhall, who was lying on the ground, heard the cannon roar of the battle. He was a great hunter and killed more deer and found more wild-honey than any other man. In 1812-1813 and 1814 the Shawnees, a friendly tribe of Indians, camped around here. I often visited their camp and traded corn dodgers for venison ham. We baked our bread in an oven on the coals. An old chief named Chieske, who was too old to be a warrior, lived with us and from him I learned to talk Indian. The first meeting house was built at the forks of the road, two and one-half miles south of town. It was a Baptist church. The first pastor was William Sutton. The first hatter in town was Culies. The first tailor was Ephram Munthaw, a German.

## JAMES SNODGRASS, A SOLDIER OF 1812.

Silvercreek lost an estimable old citizen in the death of James Snodgrass. He was aged eighty-seven years, seventy-nine of which were spent in Greene county. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He knew Springfield, Ohio, when three log houses comprised what is now one of the most flourishing cities in Ohio. He served five years in the army in the war of 1812, was mustered out of the service at Green Bay, Wisconsin, from which place he walked to his home in this place in 1819. He served under Captain Taylor, as he was wont to call him, who was the great soldier president, Zachary Taylor. He was in what is now known as the great city of Chicago when there was but one log tavern there and the garrison of the United States army, and was offered an acre of land anywhere he wished to select it for doing the work of erecting a house and for every house he would build. But he was anxious to get home, where he had not been for years. He died in May, 1882, and is buried at Jamestown, Ohio.

## INTERVIEW WITH JOHN MILLS IN 1879.

By John Cisco.

John Mills was born in Mason, now Fleming county, Kentucky, in 1794. In April of the year 1796 his father, Jacob Mills, in company with John Wilson and his three sons, Daniel, George and Amos, emigrated to what was then the Northwestern Territory, settling in what is now the southwest corner of Greene, the north of Warren, and the southeast corner of Montgomery counties. Mr. John Wilson

having purchased a half section of land in Greene county, his sons, George, and Amos, a quarter section each in the same, while Daniel had a quarter section in Montgomery, and Mr. Mills had a quarter section in Warren county, all adjoining. Upon surveying Mr. Mills was given all the surplus land in his section making his purchase two hundred acres instead of one hundred and sixty. This party of sturdy pioneers came first to their purchase by themselves to set things in shape for living, leaving their families behind in old Kentucky. They did some little clearing, but not much, as the land was densely timbered and stubborn to yield to cultivation, planting some corn, beans, pumpkins, etc., built a small cabin on the lands of John Wilson, which was the first one built by civilized men in Greene county. They then returned for their families, crossing the Ohio river with them at Fort Washington, now Cincinnati, and moved out over the road made by General Anthony Wayne the year before (1795), when he was in command of the soldiers of this section, engaged in the last Indian war that ever occurred here. Their families and effects were conveyed in one wagon drawn by an ox team, and on arrival all five families moved into one little cabin, while other houses were built by the joint labor of the men. The Wilsons were the first settlers of Greene county, and Jacob Mills the first this side of Lebanon, Warren county. At or near Lebanon, Ichabod Corwin, father of Tom Corwin, "The old man eloquent," had settled the year before. The part of the county where the Wilsons had settled was called the "Wilson settlement" for many years. And John Wilson was one of the sturdy men of sense who had framed Ohio's first constitution. The Wilsons and Jacob

Mills took hold of the difficulties that confronted them with strong hands and brave hearts. They were upon ground and near good water, but in the heart of a dense forest, where giant timber resisted their effort to an extent almost beyond endurance, and they must have failed to conquer had they been compelled to depend on the soil alone for subsistence, so long was it before they made clearings enough to sustain them, but the country thereabouts was full of game of all kinds, such as deer, wild turkeys, etc., that could be killed at their very doors, thus furnishing them their meat, and that of most nourishing character. And so they were enabled to clear up and establish humble yet comfortable homes, where now are beautiful farms under perfect cultivation. In the following spring John Vance, father of Joseph C. Vance, to whom Mr. Mills went to school, settled where Bellbrook now is, and shortly afterward Owen Davis, General Benjamin Whitman and Colonel Maxwell and John Paul settled on Beaver creek, where Harbine's Station now is, and where Owen Davis built the first mill ever built in Greene county, near the site of the present one. Shortly after this another settlement was made a short distance above Owen Davis' mill, on Little Beaver creek, by John John, John Webb and John Kiser; John Webb being the grandfather of Mr. Mills. In 1805 Owen Davis sold his mill to Jacob Smith and moved to where Clifton now is and built the first mill there on the site east of the present one. In those days the mills only ran two or three days in the week, as there was not grain enough raised in the country to supply them, notwithstanding men came forty or fifty miles to the Clifton mills. Mr. Davis often started up and ground



grists on the Sabbath day for those who came a long distance. At one time his religious neighbors protested and threatened Mr. Davis with prosecution, at which he told them that if they took any steps in that direction or made any more such threats he would not grind another grain for them. This settled the question; there was nothing more said. The absence of meal or flour from their homes was a more potent influence than their compunctions of conscience.

In 1809 Mr. Mills moved his family from Warren to Greene county, again settling in the woods, near the present site of Clifton. John Mills was at that time about fifteen years of age. Here the father and his three sons, Jacob, Daniel and Thomas, again went to work and cleared a farm, enduring the hardships and exposure attendant on such a life with patience and cheerfulness. They were often in company with the Indians who inhabited the county or came here on hunting excursions. Wolves, deer and other wild animals were plentiful in the vicinity, but neighbors scarce. Jacob Mills was elected major of a militia regiment while he lived in Warren county, it being the first ever organized in the state. He was elected justice of the peace in Miami township, and served in that capacity for nine years, during which time he married more people than any justice in this part of the state. He lived to be eighty years of age and died in 1850. His wife, Mary Mills, survived him nine years, being eighty-nine years of age when she passed away. In the fall of 1809 young John Mills came for the first time to Xenia to attend singing school taught by David Wilson, Daniel Wilson's oldest son, held in the court house, then bright and new, replaced by one

which was torn down this year (1900). The young ladies in attendance were mostly attired in homespun dresses, but part of them wore calico, which cost more per yard than summer silks do now. There were at that time not more than twenty-five or thirty houses in Xenia, all log but one frame dwelling and the court house, which was brick. In front of where used to be the Second National Bank there was a pond, in which the geese and ducks were swimming and the hogs wallowing. Opposite the court house Major Beatty was keeping tavern in a hewed-log house. Up Main street, where Trinity church now stands, Mr. Henry Barnes, grandfather of the Barnes boys now living in Xenia, had built him a log house in the woods. At a later period of the year Mr. Mills was in Xenia and saw a man selling cider in front of the court house for twelve and one-half cents per quart. He had a fire built on one side of a stump then standing in the street. As the cider was so cold that no one could drink it, he would draw a quart and put a round, hot iron in it, which he kept heated for the purpose, so as to make the cider palatable.

The first court held in Greene county was in a log cabin occupied by Peter Borders for a tavern, situated near where Harbine's Station now is. The court was composed of Francis Dunlavey, president; William Maxwell, Benjamin Whiteman and James Barrett, associate judges. At the meeting of this court Peter Borders obtained license to keep tavern, as it was then called, but it meant to sell whiskey, which he did in the same room where the court was held. Thus the first court room was the first whiskey saloon in Greene county. History says this term of court was in session three days, the records showing that about

all the business transacted was the licensing of Peter Borders, Archibald Lowry and Griffith Foose to keep tavern, Peter Borders paying four dollars for the privilege. Mr. Mills remembers that the court and the whiskey got mixed up and that there was a general melee, in which all hands took part in the old fashioned way. This may explain why there were but three days' session, a point in which history is silent. There were but two sessions of the court held at Peter Borders'. Afterward Xenia was made the county seat, having to contend for it with a little town called Pinkney, that had sprung up near the present site of Treibine's Mills with the hope of being made the county seat. There is not one timber left upon another of this once pretentious little town. Mr. Mills saw it when there were some three or four buildings standing, though they were then roofless, windowless and of course tenantless, the lonely and decaying monument of disappointed ambition.

Mr. Mills was not in Xenia from 1810 until 1812, at which time there were some soldiers stationed here. He describes the town as having grown wonderfully during that time; frame houses had gone up, and nice stores started, among which was the store of James and Samuel Gowdy and everywhere money was plenty. "It was such a time as we had during our late war; but, Oh, look out for the hard times that followed," said Mr. Mills. Men talk about hard times now, but they don't know anything about it. Then the very highest price for labor was from fifty to seventy-five cents per day, and could not be obtained at that by a great many, while everything you bought was from ten to twenty times higher than now. The material of the shirt in which Mr. Mills was married cost one dol-

lar per yard and was not so fine as the one which he had on when we talked with him, the material of which cost him but nine cents per yard. Salt having to be hauled from Cincinnati, three or four barrels making as much as four horses could pull over the new roads, was four dollars per barrel, calico from sixty-two cents to one dollar per yard, coffee fifty cents per pound, tea three dollars per pound, and sugar thirty-two cents per pound. Mr. Mills was married in Clifton, in 1816, to Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson, the daughter of William Stevenson, a Kentuckian, who was a cousin to the father of Colonel Robert Stevenson. Mr. Mills remained about his father's farm, working and doing what became necessary until 1820, when he moved to some land he had bought in Fayette county, just over the line from Greene. He first went there with two or three men to assist in building a cabin and getting things ready for his family. They went into the woods two miles from any habitation and camped out, doing their own cooking and washing until the cabin was completed. In February, that year, he took his family, consisting of his wife and three children, to their new home. They moved on sleds, the snow being about two feet deep. The next day after their arrival, while at dinner, a large flock of wild turkeys walked up to their door and Mr. Mills took down his gun and killed a very large gobbler. The woods around the cabin abounded with game of all kinds. An occasional bear made its way into the vicinity, and wolves could be heard howling at all hours of the night in the winter season, and now and then a human-like scream of a panther wailing dismally through the forests. Wolves sometimes approached within a hundred yards of the cabin after lambs

in daylight. Mr. Mills lived on this farm fifty-five years. During this time he and his wife reared a family of nine children to be married, the youngest child being the wife of T. J. Lucas. They had twelve children, three of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Mills died in 1875 at the age of eighty-one years. After her death Mr. Mills sold the farm and moved near Jamestown, Ohio, making his home with his son-in-law, Mr. A. W. Bryan.

PAYTON MOORMAN

Died in Xenia, Ohio, March 5, 1861, aged eighty years. Buried in Woodland cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

Few persons perhaps are so peculiarly constituted as not to relish pleasing anecdotes of those good old persons who have preceded us. In order to interest and amuse those of a later date, we would refer them to a couple of very eccentric individuals, who in the early history of Greene county were somewhat famous on account of their eccentricity. One of these gentlemen we will be pleased to introduce to our readers is the venerable Payton Moorman, of whom perhaps it will be recollected by some now living that he died in the city of Xenia. A great many funny anecdotes have from time to time been related of him. He had an old ox cart, "once upon a time," with a box bed of his own manufacture, which he called his buggy. He would attach his oxen to his buggy, and he and his good old lady (who was just as eccentric as himself) would mount in and ride to church, or to a neighbor's house to pay a friendly visit. On one occasion they had been out on a friendly call, or visit, and were returning home when a "ghost" arose

immediately before the oxen in the road. They became terribly frightened and in spite of all that Payton (who was walking) could do the oxen ran away with "Becca," his good wife, in the buggy, sweeping fences and everything that came in the way. Becca barely escaped with her life. The "ghost" which caused the stampede was some mischievous fellow wrapped in a sheet. Suffice to say the "buggy" bed was somewhat defaced by the intervention of fence rails, and brush. On one occasion Mr. Moorman was out paying a visit with "Bally," his old mare, and by some means altogether unperceived by the old gentleman some evil minded fellow had, while he was preparing to start, succeeded in adjusting a brick bat under the saddle. The old man mounted to go, but he had no time for the interchange of compliments, "Bally" starting off like a locomotive, rearing and pitching, the old gentleman "whoa, whoa, at every bound." On another occasion still, some fellow came (it being nightfall) and attached "Bally's" tail to a log of the stable. The next morning when the old gentleman gave "Bally" her breakfast in the trough she refused to approach it, whereupon the old gentleman became angered at the poor old mare and fell to whipping her, remarking "Bally, I will make thee walk up to the trough and eat thy corn," and gave the old mare several licks before he discovered his mistake.

WILLIAM SANDERS.

William Sanders was born in North Carolina, and married Elizabeth Lynders. They came to Greene county, Ohio, in 1801, and located first in Sugarcreek township, where they resided about two years,



when Ebenezer Thomas offered to trade a farm of sixty acres, situated in sight of the present town of Jamestown, for a horse. The exchange was made, and in 1803 he removed to the said farm, where he lived the remainder of his life, dying July 3, 1861, at the ripe old age of eighty-five years, and is buried in the Baptist church yard southwest of Jamestown. His youngest son, Moses, is still (1899) a resident of Silver Creek township, residing on part of the old farm, with many acres more added to it.

Some one writing for "The Torchlight" November 26, 1873, giving pen pictures of some of the old pioneers of Silvercreek, relates the following of Uncle Billy Sanders:

"Mr. Sanders once purchased a clock (a wall sweeper) from Thomas Bryan, a clock peddler, and remarked at the time that he did not know much about clocks, but that 'Betty,' his wife, knew all about clocks. The clock was carried into the house and laid upon its back prior to putting it up, and while remaining in that position 'Betty' came around and accosted her husband with 'Billy, Billy, is it going?' Mr. Bryan put the clock up, which being done, he next directed that in order to facilitate the running of the clock an application of tar be made to the machinery thereof. Accordingly 'Billy' ordered his son, Jack, to take some tar and get up into the loft and pour it down into the clock; he did so and of course it ran.

"The old gentleman was fond of imitating the conduct of others. He had on a certain occasion dined with one of his neighbors, and fried beans were served. Billy thought that this was the most delicious mess he ever ate. On day he had a log rolling, and he told 'Betty' that she must

have fried beans for dinner. Accordingly when dinner time came 'Betty' served up the beans, but they were so hard that he could not masticate them; whereupon the old gentleman exclaimed, 'Betty, your beans are not done,' to which she responded, 'the more I fried them the harder they got.' She had fried the beans without previously boiling them.

"The old gentleman was perhaps one of the most eccentric men of his time. His custom made him more so. He wore very plain clothes consisting of the old fashioned round-about and pantaloons the latter extending downward to a point about midway between the knee and ankle, and his feet clad with shoes. Some few people in Greene county may still remember Uncle Billy Sanders. Peace to his ashes."

EDWARD WARREN, A SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION.

His name appears first as a resident of Greene county, Ohio, in the enumeration that was taken of Silver Creek township for the year 1813. On the 26th day of October, 1820, personally appeared in open court (it being a court of record) Edward Warren, aged seventy-one years being duly sworn, doth on his oath declare, "I served as a private soldier in the company commanded by Captain John Holladay, in the First Regiment of foot from the state of Pennsylvania, commanded by Colonel James Chambers in the service of the United States, and I am the same Edward Warren, that in conformity with the law of the United States of the 18th of March, 1818, late a private in the army of the Revolution, and inscribed on the pension roll of the Ohio agency, at the rate of eight

dollars per month, to commence on the 5th of October, 1819." He was at the time of making this application seventy-one years old, and was a cripple in the left hand by reason of a wound received by a ball in the battle of White Plains, in the state of New York. He also says that he is debilitated in body by reason of old age, not able to work, in consequence of the wound in his left hand and old age. His wife, Susanna, died, and he had two children living with him at this time, one son, Samuel, who was sixteen years of age, and his daughter, Lydia, aged nine years. His son, Samuel, was sickly and not able to do much work. Mr. Warren says that he served sixteen months in the Revolutionary war, and was discharged in consequence of the wound in his left hand as above stated.

#### JOHN GORDON.

John Gordon was born near Salem, Virginia, on the 15th day of February, 1802, and died in Ross township, Greene county, Ohio, on the 15th of February, 1880, and was buried in the cemetery east of Grapegrove, Ross township. His father, Richard Gordon, was born in Buckingham county, Virginia, December 12, 1774, two years before the declaration of independence was declared. His grandfather, Giles Gordon, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and participated in one of the hardest fought battles of that war in Virginia.

About the close of the war, his wife (John's grandmother) stated that in her back yard where she was standing she heard the booming of the cannon, when the battle was raging at the same time, knowing that her husband was at that time engaged in

that deadly combat. After the battle was over and his grandfather came home, he related that it was dreadful, the dead and dying were everywhere, and had they been gathered and scattered over a ten-acre field he could have walked over them without touching the ground. His grandfather moved to Rockingham county, Virginia, when John's father was about ten years old, and was overseer for his brother Robert for some time. From there he moved to Campbell county, where they resided until John's father was twenty-one years old. John's father, Richard, was a resident when Salem, Virginia, was laid out as a town, and built the first house in the place. He was married to Miss Anna Garst, near Salem, January 15, 1801. John was born two miles from this place on Harrison creek, his mother not yet seventeen years old when he was born; his brothers, James and William, were also born there.

In the fall of 1805 John's father removed to Highland county, Ohio, crossed the river where Maysville, Kentucky, is now located and settled on White Oak creek, ten miles from Hillsboro, where he resided for two years, and there his brother Andrew was born in the fall of 1806.

In the fall of 1807 John's father sold his land in Highland county, Ohio, and started back to old Virginia, and after a long and tiresome journey they reached the home of John's grandfather in Botetourt county. There again John's father settled on Mason's creek, not far from Salem, John's birthplace, where they continued to reside for about nine years, or up to 1816. October 7, 1816, his father, after trying hard to make a living, became discouraged at the result of trying to raise his family on rented land, and at the above date again

started back to Ohio, and after a long and tiresome journey, arrived at the mouth of Licking river, crossed over and again became a "Buckeye," from there to Hamilton and Dayton, and from there to a place two miles west of Springfield, Ohio where they arrived at the house of Creston Frantz, an uncle of John's mother, on the 12th of November, 1816. At this time there were twelve of the family, John and his wife and ten children, John being the eldest and in his fifteenth year.

They rented a house of Daniel Frantz for a year, and while living in this temporary home his father heard of a farm four miles from Springfield which after a good deal of traveling he secured, and January 10, 1817, commenced work on the same. Snow fell that winter fourteen inches deep. He continued to work, and in the fall of that year had erected a house of hewn logs two stories high, twenty-one by twenty-six feet, with one door and one window. John continued to live here with his father until about the year 1822, he then being twenty-one years old, he began to think of doing for himself.

He had been having pretty good times socially and had been "smitten" with the charms of a pretty young lass, the youngest daughter of Jacob Wagoner, living in the neighborhood. She at the time was the "belle" of that vicinity, and as both families were well pleased, so was Mary, and John continued to pay his respects to her for about two years, and finally, April 1, 1824, they were married.

They went to housekeeping on his father's farm, where he continued for two years, when an opportunity was offered and he became the owner of forty acres of his own. He immediately went to work and

put up his cabin and moved into it soon afterwards. He added to it twenty acres more, so he had a farm of sixty acres, but in the winter of 1833 he began to think he must have more land. His brother Andrew was married and located in Ross township, Greene county, Ohio. In February, 1833, he went down to see his brother Andrew, and they went out to see a tract of land which was for sale, and each purchased one hundred and eighty-three acres. He then went back home, sold his sixty acres to his father and commenced work on his purchase in Greene county.

In the month of October, having at that time five children, he removed to his farm, where he continued to live until his death. Mr. Gordon said that the first time he saw Springfield was in the fall of 1816, there being at that time but three brick buildings, small in size, in the place. It was then in Champaign county, Urbana being the county seat. In the fall of 1817 Clark county was organized, taken from the adjoining counties of Greene, Champaign and Madison, and Springfield became the county seat of Clark county. Saul Hinkle, a Methodist preacher, was the first clerk of the courts of Clark county, and held the office as long as he lived.

#### LANCELOT JUNKIN

Was born in Kentucky on the 11th day of January, 1806, and was seventy-seven years old at the time of his death. He took part in educating a great number of citizens in this county, and he should not be allowed to pass away without some notice. His grandparents and uncles were of the colony that left Kentucky on account of slavery, and settled in this county, thus estab-



lishing a center of religious influences that made a rallying point for that class of emigrants. No other incident did so much for Greene county. The following named are a few of these colonists: The Galloways, Andrews, McCoys, Townsleys, Kyles, Morris, Laugheads.

Lancelot was the son of James Junkin, and in early life commenced as a teacher, teaching in all parts of the county. When the law came in force requiring certificates of qualifications he was the first in the county to receive a certificate. It was about 1848 that Mr. Junkin removed to Lima, Ohio, where he continued to teach until the infirmities of age made him stop and rest. He could not, however, remain idle in old age, and engaged in the sale of family medicines, selling only those that he believed to be useful. A year or more later he returned to this county with his aged partner in life, who survives him, and was residing in Jamestown, until his final illness, with his son-in-law, William Junkin, but was removed by his wife to his home, where he died, August 11, 1883, aged seventy-seven years.

#### THE OLD JUNKIN SCHOOL HOUSE.

Main street, Xenia and Limestone street, Springfield, cross each other two miles south of Cedarville, Ohio. In early days one was called Federal and the other Limestone road. In the northeastern corner of the crossing was the "nigger field." From 1825 to 1833 its appearance was that of a dense thicket of bushes and small saplings woven together with briars and wild vines. The nigger cabin was a local landmark, tumbled down and no signs of a chimney being visible. When the negro

cleared the field and when he died are dates that are not known. Across the Limestone road from the cabin the brick school house was built, in which Mr. Lancelot Junkin was the first teacher. A long open fireplace was at each end, while the door was in the middle of the south side, and the girls sat at the left and the boys at the right. Mr. Junkin remembered having seen the colored man, but his recollection of him was faint. He was called Dave, and tradition says he died in his cabin and was never buried.

Southwest from this school house was nearly three thousand acres of woodland and a few miles eastward was a still larger forest called the Big Woods, wild deer being found in both. The first day that school was held here seventeen deer walked leisurely across the road about one hundred yards from the cross roads. In 1825 wolves were not uncommon in these woods. I can remember seeing them by moonlight prowling around my father's sheep house, and recall the gossip about Uncle James Cresswell, father of Samuel Cresswell shooting one on the Sabbath day. Sheep were killed by them, and a wolf hunt was organized. More men than I supposed were in existence met at my father's house and arranged themselves along the road, thinking to drive them out of the woods, then shoot them. No wolves were shot, and the woods were wild with the howling the following night. Hogs ran wild in these woods, and in the winter the people would kill them and divide them according to their ear marks, each farmer having had his hogs marked before going to the woods. Often they would find a litter of pigs, and the one finding them would mark them, if the mother happened to be his; but rascality took advantage of this state of affairs, and a dishonest man

wandering in the woods finding a litter of young pigs would mark them his, when he had never owned them. A man of this kind was called a "hog-or-an-nary."

The woodland adjacent to the brick school house was traversed by an obscure wagon way called Kenton's trace. Tradition says it had been opened by Simon Kenton as a passway from Limestone, Kentucky, now called Maysville, to Old Chillicothe, on the Miami, or Old Town north of Xenia, which was the old Chillicothe of the Shawnee Indians. It was made when the Shawnee Indians were friendly with the white settlers of Kentucky.

Some horses being stolen from the whites afterward, they blamed the Indians and raised an army and came northward to destroy Old Chillicothe and kill the inhabitants. They rested for supper at a small creek close to the present residence of Nixon Brown, having followed Kenton's trace thus far. Their plan was to wait until the moon would rise at midnight, then go and surprise and kill the Indians. One of the officers had a slave with him named Caesar, who learned of the plan, and also the fact that Kenton's trace led to the Indian town. When the whites had quieted down he crept away, followed the trace, notified the Indians and fled with them. The party came on, destroyed the crops and burnt the town, but found no one to kill. The creek was afterwards known as the creek where Caesar ran away.

"Caesarcreek," taking its name from the first fugitive slave within the bounds of Greene county. These facts I got from Thomas Coke Wright, who claimed to have gotten them from Simon Kenton.

The brick school house was built in 1826 and school began in it that fall with-

out waiting to have it plastered. The directors ordered the patrons of the school to furnish one cord of wood four feet long for each pupil. As my father had subscribed for four scholars, my brothers provided the four cords, which made the first fires of the school. Though four subscribed, nine of us attended the first day. The room was very full the first few days, many of the pupils being adults. One of the pupils, Miss Harriet Bower, afterwards became the wife of the teacher. This district was late in being organized, but to make up for lost time school was kept continuously for two years which was very uncommon in that day. Lancelot Junkin was our teacher for these two years.

The vast amount of woodland unsettled within this district tended to keep it weak for many years. Over two thousand acres of these woods were bought by Jacob Brown, father of George and Nixon Brown, in 1832 or 1833, but they were only partially opened for several years after. Boys were often lost in the woods and sometimes men. Two of my sisters had quite an adventure in them. Several members of a family living in a corner of this land were ill and my sisters started to help nurse them through the night. A dim pathway led across the corner of the woods, much shorter than the plainer road which they followed quite rapidly at first. Cattle had followed this path part of the way and then diverged to a spring, making a new path more distinct than the original one. In the dim twilight they followed this until reaching the spring, when they recognized their mistake, retraced their steps, but darkness overtook them and they could not see the pathway and so were lost, remaining in the woods the entire night, and until nearly

noon the next day. Not returning when expected, it was inferred that some of the sick were worse. One of my brothers was sent to ascertain the facts, and was surprised to find that they had not been with the sick at all. He rushed home, and the fog horn, once the property of one of our uncles who had been a boatman, was blown every few minutes, and thus they were guided home, although going, it is said, directly from home when they first heard the horn. During the night they had heard the yelping of several packs of hounds on the tracks of deer or raccoons. Not being able to find their way back they climbed upon a trunk of a big tree and sat there until morning.

FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE, CEDARVILLE TOWNSHIP.

The following account of the pioneer school house located in what is now known as Cedarville township, was contributed to the Pioneer Association of Greene county, by that veteran school teacher, Lancelot Junkin: "Come with me away back to 1813, and let me introduce you to that school house of early days, by a description of the first one which it was my lot to attend as a pupil. This house was built in 1812 in Ross township, now Cedarville township, about two miles south of Cedarville and five miles north of Jamestown. It was constructed in true log cabin style in a dense forest. The farmers and citizens within a circle of six or eight miles met on a day previously appointed and with axes they proceeded to cut down trees suitable to be used for the building. The logs were cut in length to make a house twenty-five by thirty feet and these were built to a height of twelve or thirteen feet. The roof was made of clapboards four feet in length split

from timber cut down the same day. These were laid in courses on slim logs called ribs, and these were held in position by smaller logs called weight poles. The ceiling was also made of split clapboards laid on joists of round poles, the logs being left in natural roundness with the bark left on, and the spaces between them were closed with clay mortar. Its one window was made by cutting out a log and fastening small pieces of timber perpendicularly about a foot apart, and on these paper was pasted, light coming through it. The floor was made of slabs split from large timbers and made smooth on one side by a large broadaxe and these were laid on joists or sleepers and fastened down by wooden pins. The door was made from the same material as was the floor, and hung in place by wooden hinges and fastened together by wooden pins. The fireplace was made by cutting out a section of logs some five or six feet in length and by building up short pieces of timber outside as high as the joists at the point where the logs were cut, thus making a back wall and jambs, which were well lined with clay and mortar mingled with straw to make it more cohesive. A chimney was built up from the back wall by using short split sticks which were covered from within and without by mortar similar to that which lined the fire place. This house was a type of those generally used in those days and as was common by a judicious division of labor was completed in a single day. It is probable that William Junkin was the first teacher in the house that I have described."

PIONEERS OF GREENE COUNTY THAT DR.  
WATT REMEMBERED.

Two very old men were familiar to me, Robert Woodburn, whose grandson has



been for years a prominent lawyer and politician of Marysville, Ohio, and Joseph McFarland, always kindly and respectfully called "old Uncle Joe."

Mr. Woodburn gradually sunk, body and mind, through softening of the brain, and often would he get lost in the wide forest referred to in previous articles. Uncle Joe was the delight of small boys, and at a barn raising or log rolling he would gather the boys around him and amuse them with wonderful stories. One day he showed us his gun and told us how he kept the foremost sight smooth by looking along it. He said when he was young that he looked so sharp that he would wear the sight out in a year, but now they lasted lots longer.

The first that I ever heard of an electrical experiment was from one of his stories. "I seed a man set upon a stool and filled so full of fire that to pint his finger at his nose he would spit the fire right after you. Now, don't you tell that it was hell fire, for maybe it wasn't." He was the pioneer of the McFarlands on Massies creek and vicinity, a granduncle of Professor McFarland of the State University, a man of commanding appearance, a good neighbor and had the respect of all.

On a farm adjoining him lived Uncle George Ward, who had a beautiful meadow thickly set with herd grass, sometimes called red top. He regretted that the ground was not adapted to timothy and clover, and when some one spoke of his nice hay he replied, "Oh, burn the light stuff. I could carry a ton of it on my shoulder," and he threatened to thrash Colonel Stevenson for laughing at his expression.

Not far off was Judge Samuel Kyle, a man of unbounded influence in the neigh-

borhood, a pattern of propriety and possessed of abundant means, his credit being good save in a single case. Charley Mahan charged a business man with trying to cheat him. Said Charley: "You always was a rascal; you could not borrow one dollar with old Judge Kyle as security." He meant no reflection on the Judge, but intimated that the other man's character was beyond redemption.

South of Judge Kyle on the Federal road lived John Mitchel, whose youngest son, R. P. Mitchel, has lately become a citizen of Xenia, and R. B. Davidson, of E. Miller & Company, is a son of his youngest daughter, the widow of the late Dr. Davidson, the only orator I ever heard speak.

Southeastward from my starting point at the crossing of the Federal and Limestone roads lived a large collection of people named Mahans. Mathew Mahan was a local preacher, and after his wife had died and his children had been provided with a home, he went at his own expense as a missionary to an Indian tribe, I think the Wyandots. He was a mechanical genius and taught them several trades, such as brick mason, harness making, carpentry, etc. It is unnecessary to say he died in peace, respected by all who knew him.

Charles Mahan lived on the Limestone road two miles south of Jamestown. Yearly camp-meetings were held on his farm. He was the grandfather of Mrs. Samuel Elwell, of Xenia, and his own mother and his wife's mother lived with him. I know of no one now that suggests extreme old age as they did. They sometimes walked to our house, knitting and resting by the way. Their balls of yarn would frequently get away from them, and as a little four-year-old boy

it was my delight to race after them. And to add to my enjoyment they often dropped them voluntarily.

William Mahan lived where Mathew Wilson now lives (1883), and, like the rest of them, he had a large family, but he was less prosperous than his brothers. His second son was a prodigy of physical development, and once ten men undertook to catch him in a ten-acre field in four hours and failed.

James Mahan, another brother, lived near the camp ground; I think where George Shigley resided. He lost three sons by drowning. Most of the Mahans moved west.

Mathew Mahan, Jr., a grandson of both Charles and Mathew, Sr., became an influential minister of the Methodist church. James Clark, living among the Mahans, was noted for prudence and credibility.

THOMAS TOWNSLEY, SR., A SOLDIER OF THE  
REVOLUTION.

Thomas Townsley was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, A. D. 1755. In 1782 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Patterson of the same county, and to them were born five children, as follows: Martha, William, George, Joanna and Nancy. Martha, January 16, 1806, became the wife of Major James Galloway, Jr. His son William died November 10, 1825, aged forty-two years, and is buried in the cemetery at Clifton, Ohio. His son, George Townsley, Esq., was the father of our respected townsman, Thomas P. Townsley (now deceased). He was a useful and respected man in his day, filling with honor the office of county auditor when that office was first made an elective one. He was born September 17, 1786, while his parents

were journeying from Pennsylvania to Kentucky, and died October 12, 1857, and is buried in Woodland cemetery, Xenia, Ohio. Joanna was born May 25, 1789, and was married to James Gowdy (first merchant of Xenia) and lived a happy married life for three years and six months, when, at the age of twenty-eight years, she died. A little daughter, their only one, died a few hours before, and they were both buried in the Associate Reformed graveyard, East Third street. Nancy married Mr. Robert Nesbitt, one of Xenia's pioneer carpenters. In 1786 Mr. Townsley and his younger brother, John, with their families, bid adieu to their Pennsylvania homes and emigrated to Kentucky, where they resided till the year 1800, when they removed to what was to be Greene county, Ohio, and located on survey No. 3746, two miles east of the present town of Cedarville, which survey was a part of the Virginia military land set apart for those who took part in that war. Mr. Townsley enlisted first in the Revolutionary war at the age of twenty-one at Sherman's Valley, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1776, as a private soldier in Capt. Thomas Clark's Company (I), Watt's Regiment, and served two months. He after that, April 1, 1778, enlisted as a wagoner in McCabe's Brigade, and served two months. He again enlisted as a private soldier in Capt. John Nelson's Company, — Regiment, for which he received a pension, having applied September 15, 1832, from Xenia, Ohio. He was wont to speak of the time that he was wagoner as having hauled in his wagon wounded Hessian soldiers. He died at the home of his son-in-law, Major James Galloway, February 22, 1841, and was buried in the cemetery at Clifton, Ohio.

## DANIEL DEAN, SR.,

Was born in the village of Tubermore, County Londonderry, in the north of Ireland, in the year 1766, and emigrated to this country in the year 1784, landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when but eighteen years of age. He was a son of Roger and Mary Dean. He sojourned in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia until about 1788, when he removed to Kentucky and purchased some land. In 1790 he sent back to Ireland for his mother. In 1791 he was married to Miss Jeannette Steele. In 1812, having a large family of children and not being willing to rear them under the influence of slavery, and having purchased a tract of eighteen hundred acres of land on the waters of Caesars creek, Greene county, Ohio, he removed to it, and here he resided until his death, which occurred on the 24th of January, 1843, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His mother died July 21, 1825, aged eighty-six years. These, with many of his lineal descendants, lie buried in the Dean "burial place," selected by himself on the tract of land already alluded to on the banks of a small stream of water that flows on the west side of the same. Early in life he made a public profession of religion by joining the Associate Reformed church, in the congregation under the pastoral charge of Rev. Rankin. He and his wife remained members of this congregation until their removal to Ohio. After their coming to Ohio, there not being any organization of that body in their neighborhood, they connected themselves with the Associate congregation of Massiescreek, then under the pastoral care of Rev. Robert Armstrong. He became a member of the Caesarscreek congregation

(Associate) upon its organization, and so remained until the day of his death. His children consisting of five sons and six daughters, all married and settled on the land before alluded to. Some have moved away and settled in different portions of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas. His five sons were Robert, William, Daniel, Joseph and James. These five sons were the senior members and heads of families of the large connection of that name in Greene county. Robert Dean was a soldier in the war of 1812 and served a tour of duty to Fort Wayne under Capt. Robert McClellan. He died May 8, 1856, aged sixty-three, and is buried in the Dean Graveyard.

## SAMUEL KYLE.

Associate Judge Samuel Kyle was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in November, 1777. His father, Joseph Kyle, Sr., served as a soldier in Dunmore's war, and was present at Camp Charlotte, in what is now Pickaway county, when Logan, the chief of the Mingoes, sent in his famous speech. In 1790 the family emigrated to Kentucky and located in Fayette county. In 1804 they came to Ohio and settled in what is now Cedarville township, and he was appointed justice of the peace some time afterward. On the 22d of May, 1810, he took his seat on the bench as associate judge, Judges James Snowden and David Houston being his associates; the Hon. Francis Dunlavy, presiding judge, and James Collier, sheriff. He was on the bench when that remarkable scene occurred when the presiding judge ordered James Snowden to leave the bench because he had not taken an oath of office under the new constitution, and on his refusal he ordered



the sheriff to lock him up in jail, and when the sheriff refused to obey the order he sent both the judge and sheriff to jail and the court broke up. He held the office of associate judge for thirty-five years. He was also the appraiser of real estate. He did a great deal of surveying and located more lands in early times than any other man. He was a member of the Associate church when it was first organized by Rev. Robert Armstrong in this county, and his Christian life was blameless and exemplary. He was a man of practical good sense, and did well in whatever he undertook. He was dignified in deportment, mild in manners, bland and courteous in all social intercourse. In the war of 1812 he took a part. He died at his residence near Cedarville, Ohio February 25, 1857, aged seventy-nine.

DAVID M. LAUGHEAD, SR.,

Son of David, was born in Fayette county, Kentucky, in 1778. His father, David Laughead, Sr., had made a visit to this county previous to his settlement here with his family, having served under General Clarke in his celebrated campaign against the Indians, resulting in the destruction of the village of Old Chillicothe, or Old Town, in the month of August, 1780, the site of the old historic Indian town in Greene county.

In 1804, the Laugheads, father and son, removed from Kentucky to this county, settling near this city, upon the very land where the subject of this sketch died. At that time the present flourishing city of Xenia consisted of two log houses in the center of town, one of them the well known Crumbaugh House, where now stands the Eavey & Steele building, and the other on

the present site of the Xenia National Bank.

In company with the Laugheads came the ancestors of a large number of the present population of Xenia and vicinity, among whom we might name William and Robert Kendall, Joseph Kyle, Sr., and his family, among whom was his two sons, Joseph Kyle, Esq., and his brother, Judge Samuel Kyle; Alexander McCoy, John Bigger, Stephen White, James Clency and Major James Morrow. These composed a large portion of the Rev. Robert Armstrong's congregation, which transplanted itself almost bodily to this state and county. Inspired by a strong hatred of slavery, their pastor, Rev. Robert Armstrong, followed and organized the first Associate church in Greene county.

David M. Laughead was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Kyle February 7, 1810, by Rev. Robert Armstrong. After the breaking out of hostilities in 1812 the settlers were continually called upon for services, generally of a very difficult and dangerous nature. Mr. Laughead was found to be an active and willing volunteer in several important expeditions, principally among which was the celebrated expedition to Ft. McArthur (near the present town of Kenton), from there to Ft. Finley on the Auglaize and from thence to Upper Sandusky. The company composing this expedition were of a very singular element, most of the privates being men high in military title, embracing in its ranks such men as Major James Galloway, Capt. Thomas Constant, Capt. Robert Gowdy, Col. William Buckles, Capt. George Junkin, Adjt. William Rodgers, Mr. Hugh Andrews and others. The company was placed under the command of Capt. Samuel Herrod. The

object of the expedition was to guard a train of pack horses from Ft. Arthur to Ft. Finley, a very dangerous enterprise it may well be supposed, considering the hostile nature of the country swarming with savage Indians.

When near Ft. Arthur they were met by a messenger, who told them that the fort was surrounded by Indians, and of course they would have to fight their way into it. This news served only to hasten their progress, but on arriving at the fort they found the report of the express exaggerated; the Indians were in the vicinity, it was true, but they experienced no difficulty in making their way into the fort.

At this time occurred the death of Mr. Cunningham, of Bellbrook, shot through the body by an Indian bullet. The expedition reached its destination without mishap and returned soon after. When near Urbana on their way home they were met by Gen. Benjamin Whiteman and Dr. Joshua Martin, who informed them that the citizens of Xenia were excited over a rumor that the whole company, except three, had been murdered by the Indians, and that they had been chosen to advance into the enemy's country and ascertain the truth of the report. The meeting under the circumstances was a joyous one, and the members of the company breaking ranks made their way to Xenia, arriving on Sabbath morning, as the citizens were wending their way to church.

Mr. Laughead lived to see the wonderful changes which have transformed the wilderness into a land, as it were, flowing with milk and honey. He lived to enjoy the fruits of the hardships of the pioneer life, and raised a large and respected family, and to become possessed of all that which should attend old age, as love, honor, obedience,

troops of friends and finally to die with all the consolations of religion and a life well spent.

#### ORIGIN OF THE NAME INDIAN.

The name Indian was erroneously applied to the original man of America by its first discoverers. The attempt to arrive at the East Indies by sailing west caused the discovery of America. When they were first discovered, Columbus and many after him supposed they had arrived at the eastern shore of the continent of India, and hence the people they found there were called Indians. The error was not discovered until the name had so obtained that it could not well be changed. It is true that it matters little to us by what name the indigenous of a country are known, and especially those of America, in as far as the name is seldom used among us but in application to the aboriginal Americans; but with the people of Europe it was not so unimportant. Situated between two countries, India and America, the same name for the inhabitants of both must at first have produced considerable inconvenience, if not confusion, because in speaking of an Indian no one would know whether an American or Zealander was meant. Therefore, in a historical point of view, the error at least is much to be deplored as that the name of the continent itself should have been derived from Americus instead of Columbus.

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE CAESARSCREEK ASSOCIATE CHURCH, BY DR. GEORGE WATT.

About 1831 or 1832 an event occurred which resulted in almost a revolution of the old neighborhood, and this was the or-

ganization of the Caesarscreek congregation of the Associate, often called the "Sceder" church. It is the congregation now worshipping in Jamestown, with Rev. W. A. Robb as pastor. To the left as you go to Jamestown, nine miles from Xenia, is a country graveyard, which was the burial place of this congregation. Its first pastor was the Rev. Andrew Heron, who came from Rockbridge county, Virginia. He was then in the prime of life, and his only son, Rev. John M. Heron, was ten years old. Dr. Heron was regarded as quite an acquisition to the ministerial talent of the county. He was clerk of the Associate synod for many years. His first wife was a McCampbell, a cousin of Joseph McCampbell, who resides between Xenia and Jamestown, and his second wife was Mrs. Irvin, *nec* Martha Creswell.

When the congregation was organized, David Brown, grandfather of Xenia's ex-postmaster, Thomas Brown; James Moore, father of the late Dr. Daniel D. Moore; James Irvin and Col. John Duncan were elected ruling elders. A tide of emigration flowed into the congregation, many coming from Virginia, some of whom had been members of Dr. Heron's charge in that state and these were followed in some cases by hangers-on and dependents, and these two distinct grades of society came in at once. Samuel Bromagen did the stone work of the house and also the brick work, and I think that John and William Bradfute did the carpenter work. Colonel John Duncan was wonderfully lively with a tinge of eccentricities in his character that made him more interesting. The first time I ever saw David Brown he was in search of a cow. As John Watt was township clerk and knew the earmarks, he called on him. John asked

him the appearance of the cow. "Well, John, she's na a black coo, but she's a white coo; but she's na a large coo, but she's na sma coo, and she's a pretty coo." As the Scotch dialect was music to me I enjoyed the description of the cow much better than I did the sermon. Some Scotch shepherds moved into the congregation, among them a married man and his wife and two bachelor brothers. Mr. Brown said he would go around with them and arrange work, as nearly every farmer would make rails in preference to shearing sheep and they could get all their rails made. "We will make our own rails," said the eldest of the three. "But ye can na do it," said Mr. Brown. "You lie, you dog; we made twa apiece yesterday," was the prompt reply.

Dr. Heron gave a course of expository lectures on the prophecies of Isaiah, a paraphrase of a psalm, or part of it, and the lecture took up the forenoon. Next we had a recess of fifteen minutes in winter and forty-five in summer, in which we partook of the basket or, with the most of us, a pocket dinner. A sermon took up the afternoon, and most of us got home at sundown, even in winter. The service began the same hour the year round, and eleven did not mean twelve by Dr. Heron's watch. Once he began with my brother Hugh and myself present, and not many were late the next Sabbath. Dr. Heron, with his course of lectures, went through the book of the prophet Isaiah, and in reading this book in after years when I came on a chapter I had heard him expound I seemed to have found a bright place. The last time I laughed aloud during religious service was in the old meeting house. The house was very full, when a big woods beau with his red



hair, freckles and very tall dulciner came late. By packing two pews already full room was made for them by the usher, but not in the same pew. He sat to my right and she directly in front of him. Narrow lace collars were worn by ladies then, but she had a broad lace cape that extended well down her back over a dress still whiter than her cape. One of her long red hairs had strayed from its comrades and was resting on the cape. The contrast of color was too painful for Joshua, and he made several attempts to remove the hair without attracting attention. I came to the conclusion, as I knew he was near-sighted, that he did not know that it still had its natural attachment, and felt that if he would snatch it and she would jump I would have to laugh. To enforce sobriety on myself I thought of death, fire and brimstone, a reproof from the minister, a rebuke from my parents, the teasing of my comrades, the embarrassment of the young lady. After I had suspected the red hair had been abandoned to its fate, and when the pastor was in the midst of an eloquent declamation, Joshua grabbed it. The red head shot up like a rocket, a wild yell of alarm came from somewhere up there, and after an explosion of laughter I subsided and was too miserable to remain for the afternoon service, and the red hairs were carefully taken home as well.

The next day I met Dr. Heron and asked him to scold me. "For what?" said he. "For laughing aloud in church yesterday," said I. "But scolding is one of the exact sciences," said he, "and you must tell me all about it, so that I can properly adapt the penalty." After hearing me through he said, "Well, I am glad I did not see it, for a laugh in the pulpit might have done more

harm than a laugh in the pews." I felt better, and had the kindest feelings for the Doctor as long as he lived. I had the satisfaction of hearing the last sermon he ever preached.

REV. ANDREW HERON.

Andrew Heron was born in Scotland, October 11, 1788. He first came to the United States (as he says in his application to become a citizen of this country in 1840) in the year 1807. He was nineteen years of age. He remained a while at Cambridge, New York, where he studied theology and was licensed to preach by the Associate church. For a number of years he acted as missionary, traveling on horseback through Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the Carolinas, and preached to the congregations in those states. In 1818 he was settled in Rockbridge county, Virginia, where he remained thirteen years. During this time he acted for a while as professor of languages in Washington College at Lexington, the same over which General Lee presided at the time of his death. In 1831 he removed with a considerable part of his congregation, and formed what was known as the Caesarscreek congregation, near Jamestown, Greene county, Ohio. Here he remained until 1844, when he was displaced by the disruption in the Associate church. His next charge was in Indiana, where he remained, however, only a few years. Yielding to the infirmities of age, he returned to this county and became a resident of Cedarville. He received the degree of D. D. from Washington College, Virginia. In familiarity with the Scriptures he had few equals, and his retentive memory enabled him to quote scripture while preach-

ing, with peculiar fitness. He was twice married. By his first wife he had one son, Rev. John Heron, who is yet (1900) living in Janestown, Ohio. Dr. Andrew Heron died August 30, 1873, in his eighty-fifth year, and is buried in Woodland cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.

#### FIRST ORGANIZATION OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

It appears that it dates its origin back to 1804. In that year James Miller and family from Scotland, and David Mitchel and wife from Kentucky, settled on Clarkes run, and these two families organized the first praying band of this congregation and were for some years the only members. In the spring of 1808 James Reid and family came and settled in the same neighborhood and took an active interest in the society organized. In the fall of 1808 William Moreland and family found a home here and identified themselves with the society. The first Reformed Presbyterian preaching in the bounds of this congregation, and perhaps in the state of Ohio, was in the fall of 1809, by Rev. Thomas Donnelly and Mr. John Kell, then a licentiate. Mr. Kell preached in the morning and Mr. Donnelly in the afternoon. Soon after this Rev. John Black, of Pittsburg, visited the little society, constituted a session and received James Reid and wife as the first accessions to the church. At this time there were nine or ten members in the congregation. The next Sabbath Mr. Black preached in a log cabin on the farm on which Mr. Dallas formerly lived. On that day the ordinance of baptism was administered for the first time in the congregation. The parties baptized

were William and Joseph Reid. In the next few years some eight or ten families were added to the congregation. For a time the supplies were very limited. The congregation built its first church edifice in 1812, on James Miller's farm. The first church edifice was a rude structure, twenty-two feet square, built of round logs, the cracks closed with clay, the roof of clapboards four feet long, fastened down with weight poles. This was used for a place of worship for twelve years. The first preacher the church ever engaged was Rev. John Kell, who administered to them about one-fourth of his time, from 1810 to 1816. The first pastor was Rev. Jonathan Gill in 1816 who remained until 1823, when at his own request the pastoral relations were dissolved. From 1823 to the spring of 1828 Rev. Gavin McMillan preached about one-fourth of his time for the people.

In 1824 a new house of worship was built on the bank of Massies creek six miles from Xenia, it being a stone building thirty-six by forty feet. The fall of 1828 the Rev. Hugh McMillan assisted the Rev. Gavin McMillan in the dispensation of the Lord's Supper. They were so well pleased with him that they gave him a unanimous call to become their pastor. The call was accepted in April, 1829, and the Rev. Hugh McMillan returned from South Carolina and was soon after installed their pastor, which relation he sustained until his death in 1860. At the time the Rev. McMillan became pastor there were sixty-six members in the church. A large number of his members came with him from the south, so that in a few years they formed the larger part of the congregation. In the time of the division in 1833 the congregation numbered

one hundred and sixty-five. Thirty-eight of this number going with the other synod reduced the roll to one hundred and twenty-seven.

In 1839 the congregation built a new church on a lot near the old one, of brick, forty-five by fifty-five feet. In 1848 the members living around Xenia and vicinity asked for a distinct organization which was granted. The Xenia congregation took off fifty members, and they made a call for the Rev. Hugh McMillan to become their pastor, but he declined and removed to Cedarville, where he continued to work and labor till his work on earth was ended. In 1853 the old brick church was pulled down and rebuilt in Cedarville, being a more central point. In it is material from the old church of 1824 and also from that of 1839. The congregation was without a pastor from October, 1860, until May, 1863. There were in the congregation at this time about one hundred and seventy members. In the fall of 1862 a unanimous call was made for Rev. J. F. Morton, and by him accepted. In May, 1863, Rev. J. F. Morton was ordained and installed as pastor of the congregation and still (1899) sustains that relation. At that time there were nine members of the session, but five of that number have gone to their rewards, viz.: R. C. Reid, James McCullum, William Harbison, John Orr and William Reid. At present there are eight, three having been added in 1871. During the last twenty years there have been two hundred and twenty accessions, forty-five dismissed by certificates, one hundred and thirty baptized and one hundred deaths including adults and children. The present membership is about two hundred.

GREENE COUNTY OFFICIALS FROM 1803 TO 1840.

1803. Clerk of court, John Paul; county recorder, John Paul; sheriff, Nathan Lamme, from May 10, 1803, to December 7, 1803, when he resigned and William Maxwell was elected; county surveyor, James Galloway Jr.; prosecuting attorney, Daniel Symms; associate judges, Benjamin Whiteman, James Barrett and William Maxwell.

1804. Clerk of the court, John Paul; county recorder, John Paul; sheriff, William Maxwell; county commissioners, Jacob Smith, James Snowden and John Sterritt; county surveyor, James Galloway; prosecuting attorney, Arthur St. Clair; associate judges, Benjamin Whiteman and James Barrett.

1805. Clerk of court, John Paul; county recorder, John Paul; sheriff, William Maxwell; county commissioners Jacob Smith, James Snowden and John McLane; county surveyor, James Galloway; associate judges, Benjamin Whiteman and James Barrett; coroner, James Popenoe.

1806. Clerk of court, John Paul; county recorder, John Paul; sheriff, William Maxwell; county commissioners, James Snowden, John McLane and William A. Beatty; county treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.; county surveyor, James Galloway, Jr.; associate judges, David Huston, James Barrett and Josiah Grover; coroner, James Popenoe.

1807. Clerk of court, John Paul; recorder, John Paul; sheriff, James Collier; commissioners, James Snowden John McLane and Andrew Read; treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.; surveyor, James Galloway,



Jr.; coroner, James Popenoe; associate judges, James Barrett, Josiah Grover and David Huston.

1808. Clerk of court, John Paul; recorder, John Paul; sheriff, James Collier; treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.; commissioners, John McLane, Andrew Read and James Morrow; surveyor, James Galloway, Jr.; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, David Huston, James Barrett and Josiah Grover; coroner, James Popenoe.

1809. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; sheriff, James Collier; treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.; commissioners, Andrew Read, James Morrow and William Buckles; surveyor, James Galloway, Jr.; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, David Huston, James Barrett and James Snowden; coroner, William Campbell.

1810. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; sheriff, James Collier; treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.; commissioners, James Morrow, William Buckles and John Haines; surveyor, Samuel Kyle; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, David Huston, James Snowden and Samuel Kyle; coroner, William Campbell.

1811. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; sheriff, James Collier; treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.; commissioners, William Buckles, John Haines and Samuel Gamble; surveyor, Samuel Kyle; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John McLane and Samuel Kyle; coroner, William Campbell.

1812. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.; commissioners, John Haines,

Thomas Hunter and Peter Pelham; surveyor, Samuel Kyle; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John McLane, Samuel Kyle; coroner, William Campbell; sheriff, James Collier.

1813. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; sheriff, John Hivling; treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.; commissioners, Thomas Hunter, Peter Pelham and Benjamin Grover; surveyor, Samuel Kyle; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, Jacob Haines, Samuel Kyle; coroner, William Townsley.

1814. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; sheriff, John Hivling; commissioners, Benjamin Grover, Thomas Hunter and Peter Pelham; surveyor, Samuel Kyle; prosecuting attorney, William Ellsberry; associate judges, Jacob Haines and Samuel Kyle; coroner, William Townsley.

1815. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; sheriff, James Popenoe; treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.; commissioners, Benjamin Grover, Thomas Hunter and Peter Pelham; surveyor, Samuel Kyle; prosecuting attorney, William Ellsberry; associate judges, Jacob Haines, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner, George Allen.

1816. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; sheriff, James Popenoe; treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.; commissioners, Thomas Hunter, Samuel Gamble and John Haines; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, Joshua Collett; associate judges, Jacob Haines, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner, James Collier.

1817. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; sheriff, James Popenoe; treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.;

commissioners, Thomas Hunter, John Haines and David Conley; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, Joshua Collett; associate judges, Jacob Haines, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner, James Collier.

1818. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; sheriff, James Popenoe; treasurer, James Galloway, Sr.; commissioners, Thomas Hunter, David Conley and Peter Pelham; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, Jacob Haines Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner, James Collier.

1819. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; sheriff, John Smith; treasurer, Ryan Gowdy; commissioners, David Conley, Peter Pelham and John Sterritt; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner, James Collier.

1820. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; auditor, Peter Pelham; sheriff, John Smith; treasurer, Ryan Gowdy; commissioners, David Conley, Peter Pelham and John Sterritt; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner, David Conley.

1821. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; auditor, George Townsley; sheriff, John Smith; treasurer, James Gowdy; commissioners, David Conley, John Sterritt and William Buckles; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner, James Collier.

1822. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; auditor, George Townsley; sheriff, John Smith; treasurer, James Gowdy; commissioners, David Conley, John Sterritt and Stephen Bell; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner, James Collier.

1823. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; auditor, George Townsley; sheriff, John Smith; treasurer, James Gowdy; commissioners, John Sterritt, Stephen Bell and Samuel Shaw; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner James Collier.

1824. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; auditor, George Townsley; sheriff, James Popenoe; treasurer, James Gowdy; commissioners, John Sterritt, Stephen Bell and Samuel Shaw; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner, James Collier.

1825. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; auditor, George Townsley; sheriff, James Popenoe; treasurer, James Gowdy; commissioners, Samuel Shaw, Stephen Bell and William Buckles; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner, James Collier.

1826. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; auditor, George Townsley; sheriff, James Popenoe; treasurer, James Gowdy; commissioners, Stephen Bell, Mathias Winans and William Buckles; surveyor, Moses Collier; prose-

cuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; coroner, James Collier.

1827. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; auditor, George Townsley; sheriff, James A. Scott; treasurer, James Gowdy; commissioners, William Buckles, Mathias Winans and Simeon Dunn; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston, coroner, James Collier.

1828. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; auditor, William Richards; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; commissioners, William Buckles, Simeon Dunn and Mathias Winans; surveyor, Moses Collier; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston; infirmary directors, George Townsley, William McKnight and George Galloway; coroner, James Collier; sheriff, James A. Scott.

1829. Clerk of court, Josiah Grover; recorder, Josiah Grover; auditor, William Richards; sheriff, James A. Scott; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; commissioners, William Buckles, Samuel Gowdy and John Barber; surveyor, Moses Collier; coroner, James Collier; infirmary directors, George Galloway, Samuel Gowdy and Abraham Larew; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

1830. Clerk of court, James L. Grover; recorder, John H. McPherson; auditor, William Richards; sheriff, James A. Scott; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; commissioners, William Buckles, Samuel Gowdy and John Barber; surveyor, Robert Watson; coroner, James Collier; infirmary directors, George Galloway, George Townsley and

J. Davison; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

1831. Clerk of court, James L. Grover; recorder, John H. McPherson; auditor, William Richards; sheriff, James A. Scott; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; commissioners, William Buckles, Samuel Gowdy and John Barber; surveyor, Robert Watson; coroner, James Collier; infirmary directors, George Galloway, George Townsley and J. Davison; prosecuting attorney, John Alexander; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

1832. Clerk of court, James L. Grover; recorder, John A. McPherson; auditor, William Richards; sheriff, Amos Quinn; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; coroner, James Collier; commissioners, William Buckles, John Barber and John Fudge; surveyor, Robert Watson; infirmary directors, George Galloway, George Townsley and Josiah Grover; prosecuting attorney, C. Clark; associate judges, John Clark, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

1833. Clerk of court, James L. Grover; recorder, John H. McPherson; auditor, William Richards; sheriff, Amos Quinn; coroner, James Collier; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; commissioners, William Buckles, John Fudge and Ryan Gowdy; surveyor, Robert Watson; infirmary directors, George Townsley, Samuel Gowdy and Josiah Grover; prosecuting attorney, C. Clark; associate judges, Simeon Dunn, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

1834. Clerk of court, James L. Grover; recorder, John H. McPherson; auditor, William Richards; sheriff, Amos Quinn; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; commissioners, William Buckles, John Fudge and Ryan Gowdy; coroner, John Schnebly;



surveyor, Moses Collier; infirmiry directors, George Townsley, Samuel Gowdy and Josiah Grover; prosecuting attorney, Cornelius Clark; associate judges, Simeon Dunn, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

1835. Clerk of court, James L. Grover; recorder, John H. McPherson; auditor, William Richards; sheriff, Amos Quinn; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; coroner, John Schnebly; commissioners, John Fudge, Ryan Gowdy and Timothy G. Bates; surveyor, Moses Collier; infirmiry directors, Samuel Gowdy, John Ankeney and Josiah Grover; prosecuting attorney, Cornelius Clark; associate judges, Simeon Dunn, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

1836. Clerk of court, James L. Grover; recorder, John H. McPherson; auditor, William Richards; sheriff, Amos Quinn; coroner, William Coburn Robinson; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; commissioners, John Fudge, Ryan Gowdy and Timothy G. Bates; surveyor, Moses Collier; infirmiry directors, Samuel Gowdy, John Ankeney and Samuel Crumbaugh; prosecuting attorney, William Ellsberry; associate judges, Simeon Dunn, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

1837. Clerk of court, Thornton Marshall; recorder, John H. McPherson; auditor, Thomas Coke Wright; sheriff, Amos Quinn; coroner, W. C. Robinson; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; commissioners, John Fudge, Daniel Lewis and Ebenezer Steele; infirmiry directors, Samuel Gowdy, John Ankeney and Samuel Crumbaugh; prosecuting attorney, William Ellsberry; associate judges, Simeon Dunn, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

1838. Clerk of court, Thornton Marshall; recorder, John H. McPherson;

auditor, Thomas Coke Wright; sheriff, James A. Scott; coroner, Casper L. Merrick; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; commissioners, John Fudge, Daniel Lewis and Ebenezer Steele; surveyor, Moses Collier; infirmiry directors, Samuel Gowdy, John Ankeney and Samuel Crumbaugh; prosecuting attorney, R. C. Poland; associate judges, Simeon Dunn, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

1839. Clerk of court, Thornton Marshall; recorder, John H. McPherson; auditor, Thomas Coke Wright; sheriff, James A. Scott; coroner, Casper L. Merrick; treasurer, Samuel Newcomb; commissioners, John Fudge, Daniel Lewis and E. Steele; surveyor, Moses Collier; infirmiry directors, Samuel Gowdy, John Ankeney and Samuel Crumbaugh; prosecuting attorney, R. C. Poland; associate judges, Simeon Dunn, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

1840. Clerk of court, Thornton Marshall; recorder, John H. McPherson; auditor, Thomas Coke Wright; sheriff, William Coburn Robinson; coroner, John Duncan; treasurer, Alfred Trader; commissioners, John Fudge, Daniel Lewis and Bennet Lewis; surveyor, Moses Collier; infirmiry directors, Samuel Gowdy, John Ankeney and Samuel Crumbaugh; prosecuting attorney, R. C. Poland; associate judges, Simeon Dunn, Samuel Kyle and David Huston.

#### GREENE COUNTY SOLDIERS IN THE WAR OF 1812.

As may be supposed the task of gathering this material has been no easy one, with nothing direct on record in our

county records, concerning the war with Great Britain. The roster of the soldiers in that war has been taken from the books on file in the adjutant general's office in Columbus, and by inquiry and researches in different townships in the county. And after the lapse of over three-fourths of a century if some names have been omitted, or if in putting the names in correct alphabetical order, it has not been done according to Webster, I am in hopes it will be overlooked.

In June, 1812, the United States declared war against Great Britain. In this war the west was a principal theater. Defeat, disaster and disgrace marked its opening scenes, but the latter events of the contest were a series of splendid achievements. Crogan's gallant defense of Fort Stevenson; Perry's victory upon Lake Erie; the total defeat by Harrison, of the allied British and savages under Proctor and Tecumseh on the Thames; and the great closing triumph of Jackson at New Orleans, reflected the most brilliant luster upon the American arms. In every vicissitude of this contest the conduct of Ohio was eminently patriotic and honorable. When the necessities of the national government compelled congress to resort to a direct tax, Ohio, for successive years cheerfully assumed and promptly paid her quota out of her state treasury. Her sons volunteered with alacrity their services in the field, and no troops more patiently endured hardships or performed better service; hardly a battle was fought in the northwest in which some of the brave citizen soldiers did not seal their devotion to their country with their blood.

After the breaking out of hostilities, the settlers of Greene county were continually

called upon for services, generally of a very difficult and dangerous nature. The companies composing these expeditions at times were of a very singular element, most of the privates being men high in military title and rank embracing in its ranks such men as Major James Galloway, Captain Constant, Captain Robert Gowdy, Colonel Robert Buckles, Captain George Junkin, Adjutant William Rogers, and others. One company so constituted was placed under the command of Captain James Morrow; another company under Captain Samuel Herrod, of Ross township. The object of the latter was to guard a train of pack-horses (no use for the army wagon in those days) from Fort McArthur to Fort Finley, a very dangerous enterprise it may well be supposed, considering the hostile nature of the country, swarming with savage Indians. On this expedition, when near Fort McArthur, they were met by an express or messenger, who told them that the fort was surrounded by savages, and of course they would have to fight their way into it. The news served only to hasten their progress, but on arriving at the fort they found the report of the express exaggerated. The Indians were in the vicinity it was true, but they experienced no difficulty in making their way into the fort.

At this time occurred the death of a Mr. Cunningham of Bellbrook, who was shot through the body by Indian bullets. Captain Robert McClellan, of Sugarcreek township, Greene county, was then in command of Fort McArthur with his company from said township. Our old and respected friend Thomas Coke Wright (deceased), gave the following account of this sad event: "Captain Robert McClellan, who recently died in Greene county, was brave

even to rashness. While he commanded at Fort McArthur one of his men went a short distance from the walls for the purpose of peeling bark. While he was engaged on a tree he was shot twice through the body by a couple of Indians in ambush, whose rifles went off so near together that their reports were barely distinguishable. He uttered one piercing scream of agony and ran with almost superhuman speed, but fell before he reached the fort. An instant alarm was spread through the garrison, and the thought was no doubt entertained that this was the commencement of a general attack, which had long been expected. Instead of shutting the gates to keep out danger, McClellan seized his rifle and calling on some of his men to follow (of which few obeyed) he hastened to the place of ambush and made diligent search for the enemy, who by an instant and rapid retreat had effected their escape; nor did he return until he had scoured the woods all around in the vicinity of the fort. The site of Fort McArthur was about three miles southwest of Kenton, Hardin county." Two sons of the old hero, Captain Robert McClellan, namely: David and William McClellan, are yet (1901) living west of Xenia, beside other descendants.

But to resume the story of Captain Samuel Herrod's company, as told by David M. Laughead, who was along with this expedition. "The company reached its destination without mishap, and returned soon after. When near Urbana, on their return, they were met by General Benjamin Whiteman and Dr. Joshua Martin, who informed them that the citizens of Xenia were excited over a rumor that the whole company except three had been murdered by the Indians and that they had been chosen to advance into the

enemy's country and ascertain the truth of the report. The meeting, under the circumstances was a joyful one, and the members of the company breaking ranks made their way to Xenia, arriving on Sabbath morning, when the citizens were wending their way to church."

An act had been passed authorizing the president to detach one hundred thousand militia for six months also for organizing the regular army. The same month a requisition was made by the president upon Ohio for twelve hundred militia, in obedience to which Governor Meigs issued orders to the major generals of the middle and western division of the state to meet in Dayton with their respective quotas April 29th. With an ardor and love of country unsurpassed, many more than were wanted tendered their services, and the best citizens flocked in from Greene, Montgomery, Warren and Miami literally contending with each other as to who should go first. The officers for the three regiments formed were respectively, Duncan McArthur, colonel; James Denney and William A. Trimble, majors of the First Regiment. James Findley, colonel; Thomas Moore and Thomas B. VanHorn, majors of the Second Regiment. Lewis Cass, colonel; Robert Morrison and J. R. Munson, majors of the Third Regiment.

On the 25th of May, 1812, they were formally put under the command of General Hull, governor of the territory, and superintendent of Indian affairs. Speeches were made by Governor Meigs, Colonel Cass and General Hull and the fire of patriotism and military ardor burned bright in every bosom, and all things looked auspicious. June 1st the army marched up the Miami to Stanton in Miami county, where



they halted until their baggage came up the river in boats, on the arrival of which they continued their march to Urbana, about thirty miles east of Stanton, where on the 8th they were informed that they would be reviewed by the governor and some Indian chiefs. June 15th the army broke camp and marched for Detroit, on their way wading through a swamp knee deep for over forty miles. On Saturday, September 22nd, news reached Dayton that Hull had surrendered at Detroit August 16th. This created intense excitement and consternation along the frontier counties, and steps were taken at once to organize the militia. There were over forty thousand dollars' worth of stores at Piqua, and the Indians who had assembled there at the grand council were still hanging around. Hand bills were distributed calling upon all able bodied citizens to meet with arms at Dayton immediately, to march to the relief of the frontiers. On Sabbath morning before seven o'clock a company of seventy men was raised, and under marching orders for Piqua in a few hours, led by Captain James Steele, at that time a resident of Sugarcreek township, Greene county. Before the morrow seven other companies were raised from the surrounding country, with Captain Caldwell's troop of horse and Johnson's Rifle Company, from Warren county, which later, in company with Captain Davis' battalion, left on Monday. General Benjamin Whiteman, of Miami county, marched with nearly a full brigade.

The list that has been prepared will further along show who many of these brave boys were and where they belonged, although for years they have been in their

graves, yet after almost one hundred years their memory shall be kept green.

The governor gave General Munger command at Piqua and had the stores removed to Dayton. The whole country was thoroughly aroused to a sense of the eminent danger that threatened the frontiers. Troops were rapidly pushed forward to resist the expected attack of the English and Indians, led by the infamous Proctor and Tecumseh, in the main, whose scattering bands were infesting the isolated settlements. The excitement was intense; all men capable of bearing arms were scouting or in the army. The women and children were huddled together in block-houses. In this connection we submit the following from Hugh Andrew, who is still remembered by many persons living today. He says:

"Hull, who surrendered at Detroit, was commander of all the northwestern armies, except a few companies of rangers quartered in block-houses. Prior to his defeat he was encamped at Dayton, and I was then a private. I was on duty during a greater portion of the war, but did not engage in any active battle. My company was encamped some time on the Sandusky river. One night I was detailed for guard duty; nothing unusual occurred until the dawning of the morning, when I heard the rustling of the thicket a short distance from my post; peering through the semi-darkness, I saw a dark object approaching, could not discern its features, but concluded naturally that they were those of an Indian. It came yet a little closer and stopped. I brought my gun to my shoulder and took aim and fired. A loud report and all was silent, and when the smoke

had cleared away I perceived the object had vanished. Upon being relieved I went to the spot where I had seen the Indian (as I supposed), saw spots of blood, by which I tracked him to the rear of the guard house, thence farther beyond the limits of the camp where I discovered the carcass of a hog, that had strayed from some settlement. Thus ended my experience in Indian killing.

"The announcement of Hull's surrender reached Xenia on the Sabbath day, while the people were attending worship. They were panic stricken as it was considered that we were on the frontier and liable to be invaded by the British armies without a moment's warning. Simultaneously with the news of the surrender an order was issued requesting the First Regiment, composed partly of Greene county men, to report at Yellow Springs on the following morning (Monday) at ten o'clock. I was then in my eighteenth year, in the vigor of youth, and mounting my horse, rode to Xenia. Here we equipped ourselves with the necessities of war, and were on the ground at the appointed time. We did camp duty that night, and on the morrow marched to Urbana, where we remained several days. A large concourse of people had been gathered here from all parts of this section, who were willing and anxious to answer the country's call. After several days' delay, and a protracted discussion, it was decided that a portion of the First Regiment would proceed northward, while all others should return to their homes and await further orders. In 1813 Fort Meigs was besieged by the British and Indians. A call was made for a volunteer regiment of mounted militia. I volunteered with about seven hundred from this county. We

were out a short time, and then ordered to go back to Xenia. On our return we were met by a call for volunteers to be stationed at Fort McArthur, until the arrival of a drafted company. I volunteered again, and at the expiration of twenty days we were relieved by a company in charge of Captain Robert McClellan, from Sugarcreek township, Greene county.

"In the month of August, 1813, there was an urgent call for a company of volunteers to guard a train of provisions which was being conveyed from Fort McArthur to Fort Finley. Together with fifty-one others I answered the call. The train consisted of pack-horses loaded with bacon, to secure the safe delivery of which it was necessary to provide a strong guard. The service was performed successfully, and the company voted to join a detachment near Upper Sandusky. Upon our arrival it was whispered that the camp was surrounded by Indians. At night the fires were put out, the sentry called in, and arrangements made to march to an open plain, where we could more successfully defend ourselves, which place was reached in safety. We waded the river and took possession of Fort Wall, then unoccupied. On the following day we marched to Upper Sandusky.

"During the battle of Lower Sandusky (or Fort Stephenson) our forces were commanded by General Corwin. He took possession of the fort, but was ordered by General Harrison to evacuate the same. Harrison was well aware that the enemy far exceeded the American forces in point of numbers, and concluded that the latter must withdraw at once to avoid overwhelming defeat. Corwin was loath to leave behind him the provisions and equipments,

and disobeyed orders. Under his direction a number of men were detailed to strengthen the fort, and dig a trench around the same. On top of the wall was placed a huge cannon, charged with log chains. When the British began to storm the fort they descended to the ditch. Here they were charged upon and slain by the hundreds and ere long beat a hasty retreat, leaving behind a number of prisoners. Corwin was promoted on the spot, and remained in the regular service until the commencement of the Civil war, at which time he died in New Orleans."

Sugarcreek township was well represented in the war of 1812. Captain Ammi Maltbie of that township had the honor of erecting a block-house at what was called McPherson's Station. There were several stations in Logan county, namely: Manary's, McPherson's, Vance's and Isaac Zane's. Manary's was built by Captain James Manary, of Ross county, and was situated three miles north of Bellefontaine, on the farm of John Laney. McPherson's, as has been stated, was built by Captain Maltbie and his men, and was situated three-fourths of a mile northwest of Bellefontaine. Vance's, built by Ex-Governor Vance, then captain of a Rifle Company, stood on a high bluff on the margin of a prairie, about a mile east of Logansville. Zane's was at Zanesfield. This Isaac Zane deserves more than a passing notice. In the first organization of Greene county Isaac Zane's name appears upon the enumeration list of Beavercreek township, one of the four townships into which Greene county had been divided. His name also appears among sundry court papers, where he had business with the courts of this county while he was a citizen of the county.

He was born about 1753, south of the Potomac in Virginia, and at the age of nine years was taken prisoner by the Wyandots and carried to Detroit. He remained with his captors until the age of manhood, when like most prisoners taken in youth, he refused to return to his friends and home. He married a Wyandot woman from Canada, of half French blood, and took no part in the war of the Revolution. After the treaty of Greenville in 1795, he bought a tract of eighteen hundred acres on the site of Zanesfield, where he lived until his death in 1816. At the breaking out of the war many hundred friendly Indians were collected and stationed at Zane's and McPherson's block-houses, under the protection of the government who for a short time kept a guard of soldiers over them. It was at first feared that they would take up arms against the Americans, but subsequent events dissipating their apprehensions they were allowed to disperse.

Major James Galloway was up in that part of the country in 1800, and there is no doubt but that he was well acquainted with Zane, McPherson and other noted pioneers of that section. Years afterward he gave from memory his recollection of that part which had been formerly Greene county. Major James Galloway was on the River Raisin under General Tupper in the defense of the frontier, being appointed to the position of major and in that capacity he served during the campaign. Little can be found among the records of our county in reference to the war of 1812. Among Major Galloway's private papers can be found here and there indications of his services as major in the First Regiment, which was called into the service of the United States during the war. Receipts



had been given by the five captains who were under him for the supplies that were needed in the service. The first one was for ten blankets for the company of Captain Samuel Black, date, November 6, 1812, place, Camp McArthur. Under the same date and place and for same supplies, signed Captain Jacob Shingledecker, Captain Martin Armstrong, John Owens and James Redding. Same place, date and supplies, and again later, January 30, 1813, received of Major Galloway one common tent, and one camp kettle. Signed J. Taylor. And again February 27, 1813 to Major Galloway, one wall tent and camp kettle. Signed, C. S. Mur; place, Miami Rapids. From the above receipts we would infer that Captains Samuel Black, Jacob Shingledecker, Martin Armstrong, James Redding and J. Taylor were the commanders of companies under Major Galloway.

Another instance brings to our recollection that grand old pioneer preacher, the Rev. Robert Armstrong, who was the pastor of Massiescreek congregation (Stevenson's) for seventeen years. It is said of him that once during the war of 1812 word came on the Sabbath while they were congregated for worship that the Indians were expected to show hostilities immediately. The people were dismissed in the midst of his sermon and the preacher and his flock returned to the nearest house and began molding bullets and otherwise preparing for war, and not far away was heard the sound of the hammer in a blacksmith's shop of parties engaged in making knives, tomahawks and other articles that could be used in a hand-to-hand contest, but fortunately no violence was attempted among them.

It is no wonder that in the late Civil

war there were so many recruits raised in the neighborhood of Clark's Run, and the old church yard, for in it lie buried some twenty-five or thirty of those who participated in the War of 1812. And besides these there are also some nine or ten who were soldiers in the War of the Revolution, the ancestors of the "Boys in Blue." "Blood is thicker than water, and will tell," a saying that was manifest in the recruits of the late war to a remarkable extent.

That part of Xenia township lying north and west of the Little Miami river, embracing one school sub-district and a fractional part of another, contained, during the Civil war, between twenty-five and thirty voters; its enthusiasm was so great that it furnished thirty-seven recruits for the army, a matter perhaps unparalleled in the whole Union. About one-third were boys under twenty years of age.

#### GREENE COUNTY SOLDIERS IN THE WAR OF 1812.

In the following list we give the name of the soldier, with the township from which he enlisted, followed by the name of the captain of the company, with remarks accompanying where something was learned of the person:

- Anderson, Daniel, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; married Jane Dinsmore, September 4, 1817; died September 24, 1861, aged 70 years, in the Union neighborhood.
- Anderson, Robert, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; married Mary Campbell, September 5, 1826.
- Anderson, John H., Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain. He was the son of John Anderson, Sr.; married Hannah Painter, February 18, 1806.
- Anderson, David, Miami; James Galloway, captain; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Anderson, James, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; buried in Clifton cemetery.

- Anderson, Mason, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Anderson, William, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; son-in-law of Joseph Kyle, Sr.; died September, 1853, aged seventy-eight; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- Alexander, Matthew, Xenia; Samuel Herrod, captain; buried in Jamestown cemetery, or else on his farm.
- Alexander, John, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died January 30, 1865, aged seventy years; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Adams, Eli, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; August 2, 1810, married Elizabeth Beeks.
- Adams, Ephraim, Miami; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Andrew, Robert, Caesar's Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Andrew, Samuel, Caesar's Creek; John Watson, captain; removed to Clinton county, Ohio.
- Andrew, Hugh, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; died March 15, 1881, buried in Woodland, Xenia, aged seventy-two years.
- Andrew, James, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died March 30, 1824; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson) churchyard.
- Allen, Benjamin, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died April 15, 1868, aged eighty-two years; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Allen, Edward, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; buried in graveyard south of New Burlington, Ohio.
- Allen, Jackson, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died September 15, 1857, near Topeka, Kansas.
- Aley, John, Beaver Creek; Jacob Shingledecker, captain; soldier in War of 1812; buried in the Aley graveyard.
- Ankeney, Henry, Bath; Jacob Shingledecker, captain; buried in Union graveyard, Byron; died May 18, 1850.
- Arthur, Charles, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Alsop, John, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Allen, Joseph, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; grandfather of John C. Tanner; buried in Caesar's Creek graveyard, two miles southwest of North Burlington.
- Bowers, John, Xenia; unknown; buried in Woodland, Xenia; the old drayman of Xenia; died 1867.
- Binkley, Philip, Xenia; John Davis, captain; buried in Woodland, Xenia; died December 17, 1857, aged eighty-five.
- Blessing, John, Xenia, from Virginia; buried in Woodland, Xenia; died December 2, 1864, aged seventy-seven.
- Blessing, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died July 30, 1828, aged fifty-eight; buried at Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Brewer, John G., Miami; from New Jersey, born August, 1794, buried in Woodland, Xenia; died in Xenia, 1886, aged ninety-six.
- Barnes, Henry, Sr., Xenia; John Davis, L. D., captain; from West Chester, Virginia, to Kentucky, 1794, to Ohio, 1807; buried in Woodland; died August 2, 1856, aged seventy-five.
- Butts, Samuel, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery, near Alpha; died February, 1827, aged sixty-one years.
- Burrows, William, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron.
- Burrows, Daniel, Beaver Creek; Samuel Herrod, captain; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron.
- Beall, George, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; born October 12, 1791, died May 1, 1874, buried near Painterville, New Hope churchyard.
- Beall, Jonathan, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; son of Isaac and Mary Beall, buried in Union graveyard (Byron).
- Beall, Aaron, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain; died July, 1860, aged seventy-seven years; buried in Union graveyard (Byron).
- Booker, Peter, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Bosharp, John, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Buckles, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died 1870, aged eighty-one; buried Middle Run churchyard (Bellbrook); son of William Buckles, Sr.
- Burrell, John D., Caesar's Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; buried in Baptist graveyard, between Jamestown and Jasper; died May 16, 1864, aged eighty-one years.
- Birt, Henry, Caesar's Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; removed to Rush county, Indiana.
- Barrett, Philip, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died in Sugar Creek township in 1826.
- Byrd, Andrew, Sr., Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died in 1834, buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Bell, David, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; moved to Jay county, Indiana; died and is buried in that county.
- Beaks, William, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Bain, James, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died August 9, 1832, aged seventy-five, buried in Pioneer graveyard in Bellbrook.
- Bissell, Samuel, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; removed from the state.
- Buckles, David, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; removed west; September 2, 1819, married Hulda Gerard.
- Burney, Thomas, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Barrett, James, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; removed to Allen county.
- Bias, Isaac, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Bowen, Ephraim, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; removed to Randolph county, Indiana.
- Benham, John, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, cap-

- tain; removed to Montgomery county, buried at Centerville.
- Bingamon, Thomas, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried at Waynesville, Ohio.
- Bingamon, Lewis, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Blue, Samuel, Miami; James Morrow, captain.
- Baldwin, David, Miami; James Morrow, captain; buried at Bloxsoms, near Selma; died December 11, 1831, aged forty-two.
- Barnes, John, Miami; James Morrow, captain; buried in Clark county.
- Bishop, Solomon, Miami; James Morrow, captain; died in 1839; August 19, 1814, married Elizabeth Forbes.
- Bull, John, Xenia; Charles Wolverton, captain; supposed to have been murdered at New Orleans, in 1834.
- Bull, James, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; died 1872, aged ninety-six, buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- Bull, Richard, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; died in 1834, aged fifty-two; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- Bull, Thomas, Xenia; Charles Wolverton, captain; removed to Owen county, Indiana.
- Beatty, William A., Xenia; James Morrow, captain; kept first tavern in Xenia, died in Jackson county, Indiana, in November, 1821.
- Buckles, William, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died March 29, 1846, aged seventy-nine, buried in Middle Run graveyard.
- Buckles, Robert, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died December 25, 1850, aged eighty, buried in Middle Run graveyard.
- Bales, John, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; died March 11, 1864, aged seventy-five, buried in Taber churchyard, Jasper township.
- Barker, Joseph, Xenia; Robert Finley, captain, also Martin Shuey; 1812 substitute for Henry Hypes; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Bell, George, Xenia; Robert Buckles, captain; buried in the Bell graveyard, southeast of Xenia.
- Bilderback, Gabriel, Xenia; James Galloway, captain; died in Ross township in 1823.
- Berry, William, Xenia; James Galloway, captain.
- Brown, David, Ross; Samuel Herrod, captain; died March 8, 1866, aged seventy-five years, buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Blair, Thomas, Xenia; Samuel Herrod, captain; died in 1834, buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson) graveyard.
- Bozarth, Thomas, Ross; Samuel Herrod, captain; buried one mile west of Selma in Bloxsom graveyard.
- Baker, Joshua, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; died December 22, 1838, aged fifty; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Baker, George, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; reverted to Clark county Ohio.
- Buffinbarger, Peter, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; reverted to Clark county, Ohio.
- Buffinbarger, George, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; reverted to Clark county, Ohio.
- Bloxsom, Charles, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; buried near Selma, in the Bloxsom graveyard.
- Bloxsom, Gideon, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; buried in Bloxsom graveyard, near Selma.
- Brooks, William, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; reverted to Clark county, Ohio.
- Bocock, John, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; died 1823, aged thirty years, buried in Bloxsom graveyard.
- Bronson, Andrew, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; reverted to Clark county, Ohio.
- Bird, Mark, Sugar Creek; John McCullough, captain; removed to Missouri.
- Browder, Harmon, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; died in Ross township in 1835.
- Bone, George, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; son of Valentine; September 20, 1809, married Nancy Mullnax.
- Browder, James, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; died 1872, buried, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Bryan, Morrison, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; died at Jamestown in 1822.
- Bryan, James, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; died April, 1874.
- Ballard, William, Ross; John Watson, captain; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Borders, George, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Brown, William, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died November 15, 1864, buried at Hawker's churchyard; aged sixty-eight.
- Brelsford, James, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died near Bellbrook, Ohio, in 1866; purchased the Daniel Wilson farm.
- Benson, William, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Bond, Benjamin, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Bodkins, George, Beaver Creek; William Stevenson, captain.
- Bennet, Francis, Bath; William Stevenson, captain; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Brake, George, Bath; William Stevenson, captain; died August 18, 1864, aged seventy-six years, buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Ball, James, Bath; Wm. Stevenson, captain.
- Babcock, Thomas, Bath; Wm. Stevenson, captain; buried north of Osborn, Ohio.
- Bingham, William, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Bell, Joshua, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; moved to Iowa, buried near Des Moines, Iowa; died July 1, 1856.
- Black, William, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; died in 1815.
- Bray, Joseph, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.



- Bayliff, Joshua, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; removed to Auglaize county, Ohio, in 1839.
- Babb, James W., Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; buried in the Babb graveyard, Caesar's Creek township.
- Beatty, William B., Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; married Nancy Birt.
- Brown, George, Beaver Creek; James Galloway, captain; died, aged sixty-seven, buried at Mt. Zion cemetery.
- Butler, James, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died in 1833, buried at Woodland cemetery, Xenia.
- Bell, Daniel, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; school teacher; removed to Jay county, Indiana.
- Boblett, George, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died in 1872, age ninety-eight, buried at Maple Corner, Caesar's Creek.
- Bone, Samuel, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died October 10, 1855, age seventy-six years.
- Bonner, Chapel H., Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; removed to Van Buren, Iowa, died November, 1873, aged eighty-seven years.
- Berry, Thomas L., Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died in Miami township, 1860.
- Bell, Nathaniel, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died January 5, 1847, aged sixty-six, buried in the Bell graveyard, south of Xenia.
- Borders, Henry, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; December 4, 1818, married Jane Starr.
- Borders, James, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Burnsides, William, Xenia; John Davis, L. D., captain; removed to Champaign county, Ohio.
- Browder, James, Xenia; John Davis, L. D., captain; July 4, 1816, married Betsey Hays; died at Columbus, Ohio, 1835.
- Black, Peter, Sugar Creek; John Davis, L. D., captain.
- Black, David, Sugar Creek; John Davis, L. D., captain; April 18, 1816, married Christiana Sanders.
- Beason, Richard, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; came from South Carolina to Tennessee, thence to Ohio.
- Brinker, David, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Bonner, David S., Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; son of Frederick Bonner, Sr.
- Barnett, Arthur, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Bruce, Joshua, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried, Baptist graveyard, southwest of Jamestown, Ohio.
- Beck, Henry, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Beck, Samuel, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; January 9, 1806, married Betsey True.
- Bell, Stephen, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; removed to Springfield in 1839; died November 14, 1852. One of the founders of Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Beason, William, Caesar's Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died June 18, 1853, aged sixty-six; buried in Baptist graveyard, east of Jasper.
- Beason, Thomas, Caesar's Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died December 26, 1856, aged sixty-six; buried in Baptist graveyard.
- Barnes, James, Sugar Creek; Jacob Fudge, captain; removed to Warren county, Ohio.
- Bateman, Jeremiah; Bath; Martin Shuey, captain.
- Corry, Matthew, Miami; born in Pennsylvania, February 16, 1793; died May 5, 1864, aged seventy-five, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Collins, Archibald, Xenia; came from Pennsylvania; died May 5, 1864, aged seventy-one, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Cherry, James, Sr., Xenia; died, 1851, aged sixty-two years, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Collier, James, Xenia; Daniel Reeder, captain; died April 17, 1851, aged seventy-seven years; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Collier, Moses, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; died November 28, 1861, aged seventy-eight years; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Campbell, William, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; coroner of Greene county from 1809 till 1812.
- Conwell, Stephen, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; died March 27, 1841, aged fifty-five years; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Clark, Captain John, Sugar Creek; died August 2, 1849, aged seventy-three years; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Cottrell, Thomas, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Chambers, Adam, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain; came to U. S. in 1800, buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad river.
- Crawford, Oliver, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Chambers, William, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain; came to United States in 1800; died in 1848, aged sixty-six years; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad river.
- Carman, Rev. Joshua, Sr., Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died December 1, 1844, aged eighty-five, buried in Baptist graveyard, one mile southwest of Bellbrook.
- Carpras, Adams, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Clark, William, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; buried in Sugar Creek township.
- Cain, Samuel, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Cain, Joseph, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; kept tavern in Fairfield in 1818, died in Xenia in 1821.
- Cain, Robert, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Casbolt, Robert, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; soldier of the Revolution, also of War of 1812, built the Dr. Samuel Martin house in 1814.
- Casbolt, Thomas, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.

- Conkleton, David, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Currie, Robert, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; buried in Carmel graveyard, near Hanover, Indiana.
- Currie, William, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's); died, 1840.
- Cannon, Anthoney, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Constant, Thomas, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; captain in War of 1812; removed to Springfield, Illinois.
- Confer, George, Miami; Robert McClellan, captain; died March 16, 1857, aged seventy, buried in Union cemetery, near Byron, Bath township.
- Confer, John, Miami; Robert McClellan, captain, also Martin Shuey; died in 1834, buried at Mud Run churchyard, Clark county, Ohio.
- Chambers, David, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; died September 20, 1829, aged sixty-one, buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Cohagan, John, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; died March 7, 1836, buried on Joseph Hutchison's farm, north of Xenia.
- Crowder, William, Xenia; Charles Wolverton, captain.
- Crumbaugh, Samuel, Sr., Xenia; born August 29, 1791, died September 6, 1876, aged eighty-five, buried in Woodland cemetery, Xenia.
- Cooper, Isaac, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; Clark county.
- Clinkingbeard, John, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; Clark county.
- Calloway, John, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; Clark county.
- Coffin, Aaron, Miami; James Galloway, captain.
- Cronk Andrew, Ross; Samuel Herrod, captain.
- Casad, Samuel, Bath; John McCullough, captain; kept tavern in Fairfield in 1817.
- Carpenter, John, Bath; John McCullough, captain.
- Carpenter, Thomas, Bath; William Stephenson, captain.
- Clayton, Maxon, Bath; William Stephenson, captain.
- Clayton, John, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; March 1, 1825, married Phebe Martin.
- Copeland, John, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Chaney, Jesse, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Cline, Samuel, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Casad, Jacob, Bath; John Davis, captain; died August 22, 1827, aged seventy-two years; buried in Casad graveyard.
- Clifford, Thomas, Bath; John Davis, captain.
- Crum, John, Bath; James Galloway, captain.
- Cox, Stephen, Ross; John Watson, captain.
- Chaney, Edward, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; buried in Palmer graveyard; brother of Thomas.
- Curry, John, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; died October 15, 1855, aged seventy-three, buried in Sheley graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Cook, Jacob, Bath; Steele, captain.
- Copper, Solomon, Bath; Steele, captain.
- Cottrell, William, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died in Bath township in 1815.
- Coy, Henry, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died July 22, 1846, aged fifty-one, buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Coy, John, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died July 23, 1884, aged ninety-one, buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Coy, Jacob, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; son of Adam, died in 1884, aged eighty-one, buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Cosler, Jacob, Bath; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died June 5, 1846, aged fifty-six, buried in union graveyard, near Byron.
- Cosler, Abraham, Bath; Zach. Ferguson, captain; buried in Union graveyard.
- Cyphers, John, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Compton, Amos, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died September 14, 1824, aged fifty-four, buried in Caesar's Creek graveyard, two miles southwest of New Burlington.
- Compton, Stephen, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died July 14, 1862, aged eighty-seven, buried in Caesar's Creek graveyard.
- Compton, Joseph, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Compton, Samuel, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; brother-in-law of John Sexton, died in 1850.
- Commack, John, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Crumley, Stephen, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; removed to Indiana.
- Cline, Adam; married Barbara, daughter of Jacob Herring; died February 2, 1854, aged sixty-four.
- Clemens, John, Sr., Silver Creek; died January 21, 1866, aged eighty-one, native of Virginia.
- Comer, David; Martin Shuey, captain.
- Davis, John, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Davis, Lewis, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain; son of Owen Davis, the "Old Miller," and brother-in-law of General Whiteman, buried near Bellefontaine, Ohio.
- Davis, David, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died May 17, 1842, aged sixty-four, buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Davis, George, Bath; Zach. Ferguson, captain; December 27, 1832, married Abigail Ryan.
- Davis, John, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; removed to Missouri.

- Davis, Ziba S., Bath; William Stephenson, captain.  
 Davis Ananias, Bath; William Stephenson, captain.  
 Davis, Samuel, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; died in 1845, aged seventy, buried in Spangler graveyard, Clark county, Ohio.  
 Davis, Jonathan, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; July 25, 1838, married Sarah Ann Darst.  
 Downey, James, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron.  
 Dickensheet, William, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died May 15, 1858, buried in Pioneer graveyard, north of Bellbrook.  
 Dean Robert, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; died May 18, 1856, aged sixty-three, buried in Dean graveyard, near New Jasper.  
 Dewitt, Isaac, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain.  
 Dewitt, Elisha, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.  
 Dorsey, Aquilla, Silver Creek; Arthur Thomas, captain; born December 5, 1787, died July 13, 1887, aged ninety-nine years.  
 Dorsey, John, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.  
 Dorsey, Luke I., Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; born in 1780, died in 1849, buried in Pioneer graveyard, north of Bellbrook.  
 Driscall, Elgin, Xenia; Samuel Herrod, captain.  
 Douglass, Andrew, Ross; Samuel Herrod, captain.  
 Douglass, David, Xenia; Steele, captain; carpenter; removed to Logansport, Indiana.  
 Drummond, George, Bath; John McCullough, captain; buried in Knob churchyard in Clark county, Ohio.  
 Durnbaugh, John, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard, in Beaver Creek township.  
 Durnbaugh, Samuel, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; buried in Hawker's churchyard.  
 Dunlap, James, Sugar Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died January 29, 1856, aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland, Xenia, Ohio.  
 Dinsmore, Matthew, Bath; William Stephenson, captain.  
 Dunn, Simeon, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; died May 18, 1848, aged sixty-three, buried in Fairfield cemetery.  
 Devore, John, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried in New Hope churchyard, near Paintersville, Ohio.  
 Dashfield, Charles, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.  
 Espy, Josiah, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; died September 22, 1843, aged 53, buried at Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).  
 Espy, James P., Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.  
 Ellis, Jacob, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; died in 1846, aged fifty-nine, buried in New Burlington cemetery.  
 Elkin, William T., Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; first banker in Xenia, in 1818, removed from the county.  
 Elkin, Jarrett, Xenia.  
 Elkin, Robert, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.  
 Embree, Elijah, Xenia; Samuel Herrod, captain.  
 Edge, William, Miami; Samuel Herrod, captain; buried on the banks of the Little Miami, on the John G. Brewer farm.  
 Eyler, Benjamin, Xenia; died July 26, 1872, aged ninety-two; buried in Woodland cemetery, Xenia.  
 Eyler, Samuel, Xenia; died August, 1840, aged fifty-three, buried in Woodland, Xenia.  
 Elam, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; moved to Indiana.  
 Ervin, William, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.  
 Edgar, William, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; Clark county.  
 Engle, Isaac, Beaver Creek; soldier of 1812, from Maryland; buried at Mt. Zion.  
 Ennis, Thompson, Sugar Creek; Jacob Fudge, captain; died in 1832.  
 Ennis, Jeremiah, Sugar Creek; Jacob Fudge, captain; married to Dicey Bunt; May 25, 1825, married Elizabeth Flowers.  
 Engle, John, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; buried at Mt. Zion graveyard; May 20, 1826, married Susanna Hivling.  
 Flowers, Seth, Caesar's Creek; John Watson, captain.  
 Falkner, Thomas, Caesar's Creek; John Watson, captain; died in 1823, buried in New Hope churchyard, Paintersville.  
 Falkner, David, Caesar's Creek; John Watson, captain; died June, 1853, aged sixty-three, buried in New Hope churchyard.  
 Farmer, Upton, Ross; John Watson, captain; died in Ross township; March 23, 1832, married Harriet Stewart.  
 Forgey, James, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; buried in Mud Run graveyard, in Clark county.  
 Freeman, William, Beaver Creek; William Stephenson, captain; buried at Mt. Zion, Beaver Creek township; died in 1844.  
 Fair, Jacob, Beaver Creek; James Galloway, captain.  
 Forquire, Jonah, Bath; James Galloway, captain.  
 Forequire, Mahlon, Bath; James Galloway, captain.  
 Ferguson, Elijah, Beaver Creek; James Galloway, captain.  
 Ferguson, Zachariah, captain, Beaver Creek.  
 Fudge, John, Xenia; from Warren county; died September 15, 1868, aged seventy-two, buried in Woodland, Xenia.  
 Fudge, Jacob, Xenia; captain second regiment mounted volunteers from Warren county; died December 8, 1830, aged thirty-three, buried in Boots graveyard, near Jasper.  
 Forbes, Alexander, Miami; J. Shingledecker, captain; died October 20, 1840, aged forty-nine, buried in Clifton cemetery.  
 Folck, Jacob, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain; from Pennsylvania, born January 27, 1798, died September 24, 1866, buried in Folck graveyard.



- Fogle, Peter, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; died July 17, 1876, aged seventy-nine, buried in Union graveyard, near Byron.
- Falace, Isaac, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; from Shenandoah, Virginia; died March 9, 1858, aged seventy-nine, buried at Falace graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Fisher, Jonathan, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; born in North Carolina July 13, 1776, died April 3, 1837, buried at Mt. Holly.
- Forbes, George, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; Clark county, Ohio.
- Foster, Alexander, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; died November 21, 1828, aged fifty-nine, buried at Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) graveyard.
- Fires, James, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; an early settler near the Union church, south of Xenia.
- Flowers, John, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died in Xenia August 1, 1826, aged thirty.
- Frakes, Nathan, Bath; Martin Shuey, captain.
- Greer, John, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Gordon, William, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; removed to Madison, Indiana.
- Gordon, George, Xenia; served a tour of duty from Franklin to Fort Wayne; died December 10, 1879, aged ninety-three, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Galloway, James, major; Xenia; died September 11, 1850, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Galloway, George, Xenia; James Galloway, captain; died July 3, 1857, aged seventy-three, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Galloway, William, Xenia; James Galloway, captain; born January 25, 1785, died November 16, 1823, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Galloway, James M., Beaver Creek; Samuel Herrod, captain; burned on his farm near Mud Run church, Clark county, Ohio.
- Galloway, Samuel, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; born April 8, 1787, died December 22, 1851, aged sixty, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Galloway, John, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; buried at Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) graveyard.
- Gowdy, James, Xenia; Daniel Reeder, captain; died December 24, 1853, aged seventy-six, buried at Associate Reformed graveyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Gowdy, Robert, captain; died December 15, 1831, aged forty-eight, buried in Associate Reformed graveyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Gowdy, John, sergeant, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; removed to Franklin, Indiana.
- Gowdy, Samuel, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; died March 18, 1851, buried at Associate churchyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Gowdy, John, Rev., Xenia; James Morrow, captain; died April 4, 1869, aged eighty, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Gowdy, Alexander, Xenia; Daniel Reeder, captain; died April 14, 1872, aged eighty-one, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Garrison, David, Miami; James Galloway, captain; buried in Mud Run churchyard, Clark county, Ohio.
- Gamble, Samuel, Xenia; John Davis, L. D., captain; removed to Shelby county, Ohio.
- Grimes, Bath; John Davis, captain.
- Guffy, James, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Griffin, David, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; school teacher in Bath township.
- Greene, Timothy, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; January 5, 1801, married Hulda Webb.
- Greene, John, Beaver Creek; Zach., Ferguson, captain.
- Griffin, Joseph, Caesar's Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Gillmore, William, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Gano, Samuel, Xenia; died in Xenia July 18, 1869, aged seventy-five, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Gray, Henry, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; died in 1840, buried on the farm of Samuel Andrew, Trebein's.
- Gray, Abraham, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; died in 1820, buried on the farm of Samuel Andrew, Trebein's.
- Gilland, Jesse, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Gilland, Andrew, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Gibson, Matthew, Miami; James Galloway, captain.
- Gibson, Robert, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; April 17, 1832, married Christiana Symms.
- Gibson, Abel, Ross; Samuel Herrod, captain.
- Gibson, John, Sugar Creek; James Morrow, captain; removed to Warren county, Illinois.
- Gibson, Monteleon; James Morrow, captain; married a daughter of Thomas Embree.
- Gibson, Andrew, Xenia; Charles Wolverton, captain; September 18, 1806, married Jennie Stevenson; died July 13, 1851, aged seventy-three; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) graveyard.
- Gibson, William, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Gibson, Volentine, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Griffy, Daniel, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Grant, Robert, Miami; James Morrow, captain; died September 14, 1856, aged sixty-four, at Monmouth, Illinois.
- Goldsby, John, Miami; James Morrow, captain.
- Goldsby, George, Miami; James Morrow, captain.
- Goldsby, Briggs M., Miami; James Morrow, captain.

- Goldsby, William, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.  
 Gregory, Joshua, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; Clark county.
- Graham, John, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain; died in Miami township in 1839.
- Garwood, Stacia, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Gerard, Henry, Beaver Creek; died March 9, 1874, aged eighty-nine, buried in Beaver Creek graveyard.
- Hopping, David, Miami; James Galloway, captain; died June 30, 1859, at Smithfield, Delaware county, Indiana.
- Hopping, Gideon, Miami; John McCullough, captain; removed to Illinois.
- Harrow, John, Ross; James Galloway, captain.
- Hatfield, Nathaniel, Sugar Creek; James Galloway, captain.
- Hussey, John, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; buried in Hussey graveyard, near Bowersville, Ohio.
- Huilinger, Christian, Miami; John Watson, captain.
- Holaday, John, Caesar's Creek; James Galloway, captain.
- Husted, Christian, Miami; James Galloway, captain.
- Hinkle, Thomas, Miami; James Galloway, captain.
- Hulic, Samuel, Miami; James Galloway, captain.
- Hoop, John A., Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; born January 11, 1758, died February 1, 1841, aged eighty-three, buried on Harbison's lot, Woodland, Xenia.
- Hubble, Jacob, Miami; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Harshman, John, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died July 4, 1852, aged eighty, buried in Aley churchyard.
- Harshman, Philip, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died March 1845, buried in Aley churchyard, Beaver.
- Harshman, Henry, Beaver Creek; Martin Shuey, captain; January 22, 1820, married Polly Fogle.
- Harshman, Jacob, Beaver Creek; Martin Shuey, tain; died April 20, 1860.
- Heaton, Joseph, Xenia; Martin Shuey, captain; removed to Pennsylvania.
- Huffman, Aaron; died March 17, 1865, aged eighty, buried in Cedarville, Ohio.
- Heaton, Henry, captain, Xenia; from Pennsylvania in War of 1812; died October 5, 1865, aged sixty-seven, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Heaton, John, Major, Xenia; died June 21, 1859, aged seventy-eight, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Hawker, Andrew, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died in 1850, aged eighty-two, buried in Hawker churchyard.
- Hittle, George, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Hartsook, William, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died in 1860, aged seventy-six, buried in Mercer graveyard, south of Xenia.
- Harper, James, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Harper, Thomas, Xenia; Joseph Lucas, captain; died April 19, 1854, aged sixty-two, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Hivling, John, Captain, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died November 4, 1851, aged eighty-one years, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Hickson, Joel, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Hanes, David, Beaver Creek; John Davis, captain; removed to Menard county, Illinois; died October 15, 1855, aged seventy.
- Haines, Benjamin, Xenia; Ammi Maltbie, captain; moved to Pekin, Illinois.
- Hays, James, Miami; John Davis, captain.
- Hanna, Robert, Xenia; John Davis, captain.
- Hamill, Joseph, Xenia; John Davis, captain; born in McConnellstown, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1778, died in Xenia, March 1, 1838, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Hamill, Robert, Xenia; John Davis, captain; died in Xenia, May 24, 1860, aged eighty-seven, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Hamill, Hugh, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; died September 28, 1847, aged sixty-six, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Hobbs, Edmond, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died in Caesar's Creek township April 12, 1836, aged seventy.
- Hunt, Uriah, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Hunt, John, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Huff, Joseph, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Hall, John, Sr., Bath; William Stephenson, captain; buried near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Hall, Moses, Bath; Jacob Fudge, captain; died January, 1880, aged eighty-six, buried in Casad graveyard.
- Hardman, Henry, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; November 29, 1821, married Mary Searl.
- Haddex, Nimrod, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; died in 1820, buried in Cox graveyard, near Osborn, Ohio.
- Haddex, John, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; died March 29, 1888, aged ninety-seven, buried in Cox graveyard.
- Harris, Stewart, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; died January 9, 1869, aged eighty-four, buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Hook, James, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; died October 12, 1844, aged seventy-one, buried in the Hook graveyard on the farm.
- Harry, Samuel, Xenia; died March 2, 1867, aged seventy-five, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Hook, Lewis; died June 5, 1848, aged forty-five, buried in the Hook graveyard.
- Hoover, John, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Hyers, Anthoney, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; removed to Clark county, Ohio.
- Haverstick, William, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; died October, 1853, buried in Woodland, Xenia.

- Hale, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; moved to Indiana.
- Hawk, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Hozier, Jacob, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died in Sugar Creek township in 1855, buried at Beavertown, Ohio.
- Hamilton, William, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died December 12, 1842, aged seventy-two, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Holmes, John, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio; September 30, 1824, married Patience Pugh.
- Holmes, Samuel, Bath.
- Hufford, John, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried at Huffersville, west of Mad river.
- Hutchison, George, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; removed to Shelby county, Ohio; buried at Sidney, Ohio.
- Harbison, Joseph, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; died October 29, 1876, aged eighty-one, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Howe, Joseph, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Hays, James, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain; removed to Warren county, Indiana.
- Horney, William, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Howk, Devault, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Henderson, James, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; Clark county.
- Harpole, William, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; from Virginia; died in Ross township, 1853.
- Hicks, John, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Hartin, Edmond, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Hunter, Daniel, Beaver Creek; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Hatfield, Matthew, Beaver Creek; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Hatfield, Leven, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Harrison, William, Xenia; John McCullough, captain.
- Hiett, Gideon, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Horner, Jacob, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died in 1827, buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Hineman, William, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Inman, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Ivers, Richard, Vance; James Morrow, captain.
- Ingle, George, Vance; James Morrow, captain.
- Inlow, Abraham, Miami; James Galloway, captain; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- James, John, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died September 18, 1841, aged sixty-seven, buried at Middle Run churchyard, southwest of Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Judy, Jacob, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died in Beaver Creek township in 1823.
- John, Lemuel, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died January 8, 1836, aged forty-four, buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Johnson, Zachariah, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Johnson, Samuel, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Johnson, Christopher E., Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Johnson, David, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Johnson, Thomas, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; died September 26, 1851, aged seventy, buried in Bowersville cemetery.
- Johnson, Christopher, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Johnson, John W., Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; died October 10, 1889, aged seventy-six, buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Johnson, James, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; died January 19, 1861, aged seventy-eight, buried in the Hussey graveyard.
- Johnson, James, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; died November 22, 1857, aged eighty-four, buried in Muddy Run graveyard, Clark county, Ohio.
- Jinkens, James, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Johnson, Charles, Miami; James Galloway, captain; died in 1848, aged eighty-two, buried in Muddy Run graveyard.
- Johnson, John, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Johnson, Arthur, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; died in 1870, was not naturalized until 1840.
- Johnson, Jephtha, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Johnson, William, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- John, John, Beaver Creek; John Davis, captain; died November 1, 1822, aged seventy-six, buried at New Burlington, Ohio.
- Jackson, John, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Jacobs, James, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; removed to Indiana.
- Jobe, George, Xenia; in the war from Pennsylvania; died January 30, 1867, aged eighty, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Jolly, John, Xenia; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died in Xenia May 19, 1852, aged seventy-one, buried in Woodland.
- Junkin, George, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Jones, John, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Jones, Thomas, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Jenkins, Daniel, Miami; John McCullough, captain.
- Kendall, William, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; died near Xenia August 6, 1879, aged eighty-seven, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Kendall, John, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; born in Georgetown, Kentucky; died February 21, 1849, aged fifty-one, buried in Woodland, Xenia.



- Kyle, Joseph, Sr., Xenia; James Morrow, captain; died July 16, 1849, aged sixty-two, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Kyle, Samuel, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; died February 25, 1857, aged seventy-nine, buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Kirkpatrick, John, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Kirkpatrick, William, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died December 10, 1825, aged seventy-six, buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Kirkpatrick, George, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Kirkpatrick, Samuel D., Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Kendrick, John, Xenia; from Virginia; died August 15, 1865, aged sixty-nine, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Kiser, Richard, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Kiser, John, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Kiser, Daniel, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Koogler, Adam, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron, Ohio.
- Koogler, Jacob, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; died in 1871, aged eighty-six, buried in Union graveyard, near Byron, Ohio.
- Koogler, Samuel, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron.
- Kirkwood, William, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Kennedy, James, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- King, Peter, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- King, William, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- King, Jeremiah, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Knight, Samuel, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died March 19, 1850, buried one mile southwest of Bellbrook.
- Kelso, John, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Keenan, William, Xenia; buried near Kenton; father of Mrs. Samuel Stevenson.
- Kelso, Hugh, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Kelley, John, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Kirkendale, George, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; died July 1, 1871, in Bath township.
- Kirkendale, Jacob, Bath; William Stephenson, captain.
- Keffer, Jacob, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; April 21, 1836, married Elizabeth Miller.
- Low, Thomas, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Low, William, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried in Pioneer graveyard, near Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Loyd, James, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died May 27, 1842, aged sixty-three, buried on the farm two miles south of Xenia.
- Loyd, John, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died April 25, 1872, aged eighty-seven, buried on the farm two miles south of Xenia.
- Larew, Abraham, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; buried near Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Larew, Samuel, sergeant, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died in 1858, aged eighty-three.
- Lambert, John, Bath; William Stephenson, captain.
- Lambert, Aaron, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; died March 6, 1850, aged sixty-five; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Lendard, Thomas, Silver Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; died March 12, 1850, aged sixty-five, buried in the Jamestown cemetery.
- Lenard, Zephaniah, Silver Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Lamme, Josiah, Sugar Creek; John Davis, captain; removed to Indiana.
- Lamme, James, Sugar Creek; John Davis, captain; February 2, 1837, married Hester Black; removed to the west.
- Lamme, William, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; removed to Iowa.
- Lamme, David, Sugar Creek; Samuel Herrod, captain; died April, 1863, aged seventy-eight, buried at Bellbrook, Ohio, Pioneer graveyard.
- Lyle, James, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died January 23, 1868, aged eighty-five, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Linnville, John, Miami; Charles Wolverton, captain; buried in Massie's churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Longstreth, Arnett, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried in Mittman graveyard, near Fairfield.
- Lee, John, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain; died in 1864, Bath township.
- Livingston, Andrew, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Lawrence, William, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; buried in pioneer graveyard, north of Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Lawrence, Samuel, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried in Pioneer graveyard, north of Bellbrook.
- Laird, Benjamin, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died in Sugar Creek township in 1814.
- Logan, George, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Law, Jesse, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died in Xenia July 6, 1864, aged seventy-one, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Laughhead, David, Xenia; Samuel Herrod, captain; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) graveyard.
- Lyons, Peter, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.

- Lefong, George B., Beaver Creek; from Virginia; died April 18, 1875, aged eighty-eight, buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Larkin, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Lightfoot, Christopher, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Lewis, Joel, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died in Sugar Creek township.
- Lewis, Daniel, Sr., Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried in Bellbrook, Pioneer graveyard.
- McConnell, Robert, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died June 28, 1822, buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- McConnell, Samuel, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died December 31, 1845, aged fifty-two, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- McDonald, John, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died August 29, 1831, aged eighty-five, buried in Associate Reformed churchyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- McDonald, Dempsey, Xenia; John Spencer, captain; buried in McDonald Graveyard, southeast of Xenia.
- McIntire, John, Miami; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- McCoy, Francis F., Xenia; Samuel Herrod, captain; removed to Warren county, Illinois.
- McCoy, William, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; removed to Warren county, Illinois.
- McCoy, Alexander, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; removed to Warren county, Illinois.
- McCoy, James, Xenia; Charles Wolverton, captain; died April 2, 1863, aged eighty-six, buried in Cedarville graveyard.
- McLane, Nathaniel, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; his sawmill was one mile northwest of Xenia on Shawnee.
- McFarland, John, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; born in 1784 in Tennessee.
- McCormack, John, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; buried at Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- McCormack, William; Bath; John Davis, captain.
- McCormack, James, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; died in 1828, buried west of Mad River, Bath churchyard.
- McDermot, Edward, Bath; Wm. Stephenson, captain.
- McCabe, Ankeney, Bath; John Davis, captain.
- McCabe, Armstrong, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; married a daughter of Judge James Barrett, and removed to Vigo county, Indiana.
- McCarhen, James, Bath; James Galloway, captain; removed to Shelby county, Ohio.
- McClellan, Robert, Captain, Sugar Creek; died in 1846, aged sixty-eight, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- McClellan, Joseph, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; moved to Princeton, Indiana.
- McKnight, Josiah, Xenia; from Virginia; his people removed to Illinois; he is buried in Woodland.
- McKnight, William, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died January 16, 1853, aged seventy-six, buried in McKnight graveyard, near Spring Valley, Ohio.
- McKnight, Robert, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died February 27, 1856, aged seventy-six, buried in McKnight graveyard.
- McKnight, David, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died January 17, 1893, aged seventy-four, buried in McKnight graveyard.
- McKenzie, William, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- McBride, William, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- McBride, James, Sugar Creek; Lieutenant Robert McClellan; Justice of the Peace in Sugar Creek township at an early date.
- McIntosh, William, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- McFarland, Arthur, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; died November 27, 1834, aged forty-six.
- McFarland, Robert, Xenia; Lieutenant in War of 1812; came to Greene county in 1806, died August 23, 1869, aged eighty-five, buried in Baptist graveyard near Cedarville.
- McCulley, Wm., Xenia; James Morrow, captain; died September, 1823, aged thirty-four, buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) graveyard.
- McCulley, James, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) graveyard.
- McCullough, John, captain; Miami; died September 9, 1817, buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) graveyard.
- Moore, Charles, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Moore, James, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Moore, Wm. M., Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Moore, Wm. C., Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Moore, James, Xenia; James Morrow, captain.
- Mendenhall, Joseph, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; removed to Hamilton county, Indiana. (Son of John).
- Mendenhall, Benj., Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died February 10, 1891, buried at Spring Valley.
- Mendenhall, Obadiah, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; removed to Indiana.
- Mendenhall, Aaron, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; removed to Indiana.
- Mendenhall, Richard, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; removed to Hamilton county, Indiana.
- Martin, Jonah, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Martin, Ezekiel, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Martin, Samuel, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Moorman, John, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.

- Moorman, James, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Moorman, Pleasant; Martin Shuey, captain; died in Silver Creek township in 1860.
- Moorman, Thomas, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; died October 26, 1845, buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Moorman, Macaji, C., Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Moorman, Samuel, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Mitchell, George, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; son-in-law of Patrick Killeen, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Mitchel, John, Bath; Wm. Stephenson, captain.
- Mitchel, James, Xenia; John Davis, captain; died November 28, 1848, aged eighty-three, buried at Massie's Creek graveyard (Stevenson's).
- Mitchel, Wm. M. Bath; John Davis, captain.
- Mitchel, David, Xenia; Chas. Wolverton, captain; buried in Massie's Creek graveyard (Stevenson's).
- Mitchel, Robert, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Myers, James, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Myers, George, Beaver Creek; Wm. Stephenson, captain.
- Morgan, Vansant, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Morgan, George, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Morgan, Jacob, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Morgan, Jonathan, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Morgan, Samuel, Bath; Wm. Stevenson, captain.
- Morgan, Thomas, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1824.
- Mercer, John, Ross; Samuel Herrod, captain; born September 14, 1789, died June 28, 1880, aged ninety-one; came from Frederick county, Virginia.
- Mercer, Henry, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Mercer, Edward, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died February 5, 1837, aged sixty-seven, buried in Mercer graveyard, four miles south of Xenia.
- Mercer, Robert, Bath; Martin Shuey, captain; died in Bath township, September 23, 1868.
- Murphy, John, Xenia; Samuel Herrod, captain.
- Murphy, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Murphy, David, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; removed to Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Manier, Isaac, Bath; Wm. Stephenson, captain; buried west of Mad river, Bath township.
- Miller, Augustus, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; buried in Pioneer graveyard, north of Bellbrook.
- Miller, Isaac, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried in Middle Run churchyard, Bellbrook.
- Miller, George, Xenia; James Morrow, captain.
- Miller, John, Miami; James Morrow, captain.
- Miller, Daniel, Miami; James Morrow, captain.
- Miller, William, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain; died September 25, 1873, aged seventy-nine, buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Mitman, Jacob, Bath; from Pennsylvania, in the War of 1812, buried in Mitman graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Mann, Charles, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; died December 24, 1865, aged eighty-three, buried in New Burlington cemetery.
- Mann, David, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; died July 29, 1856, aged seventy-two, buried in New Burlington cemetery.
- Moberly, John, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Maxon, Jesse, Bath; Wm. Stephenson, captain; buried in Mitman graveyard, near Osborn, Ohio.
- Maddux, William, Xenia; buried at Soldiers' Home in Dayton.
- Morningstar, Geo., Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; lived on the Benjamin Stine farm.
- Mirmiars, Wm., Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- May, Geo., Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried in Rockfield graveyard, Bath township.
- Maltbie, Ammi, captain; Sugar Creek; died June 18, 1854, aged seventy-four, buried one mile southwest of Bellbrook in Baptist graveyard.
- Mock, Daniel, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; moved to Fayette county, Ohio.
- Mock, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; moved to Fayette county, Ohio.
- Marshall, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; buried on the Marshall farm, overlooking the Little Miami River.
- Morrow, Jas., captain, Xenia; Charles Wolverton, captain; buried in Massie's Creek graveyard (Stevenson's).
- Moody, Robert, Miami; James Morrow, captain; died in Xenia, August 24, 1872, aged ninety-six, buried in Massie's Creek graveyard (Stevenson's).
- Millman, Ephraim, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Moreland, William, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain; buried in Massie's Creek graveyard (Tarbox).
- Merriman, Joshua, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Newlin, Mark, Beaver Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried at Beaver Creek.
- Napp, Moses, Miami; James Galloway, captain.
- Noble, Joshua, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Newport, William, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Neeley, James, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died in 1826, in Sugar Creek township.
- Nelson, John, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.



- Nave, Jacob, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; removed to Clark county, Ohio.
- Nagley, John, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; reverted to Clark county, Ohio.
- Nagley, George, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; reverted to Clark county, Ohio.
- Nagley, Henry, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; reverted to Clark county, Ohio.
- Owens, George, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died December 27, 1865, aged seventy-one, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Owens, Jonathan, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died June 9, 1853, aged seventy, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Owens, James, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; married Deborah Marshall August 5, 1805.
- Orr, John, Xenia; Capt. Chestnut, S. C.; buried at Cedarville, Ohio.
- Oliver, John, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Oliver, Allen, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Pollock, Samuel, Ross; Jacob Fudge, captain.
- Pollock, John; Samuel Herrod, captain; buried in Massie's Creek graveyard (Stevenson's).
- Perry, Allen; Sugar Creek; Robert McClelland, captain.
- Perry, Ebenezer, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; died June 4, 1855, aged seventy-five, buried two miles west of Bowersville, road to Paintersville.
- Parmer, Thos., Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Palmer, Joseph, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died December 14, 1864, aged seventy-four, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Palmer, Jacob, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Painter, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, John Watson, captain; died, 1867, Caesar's Creek township, buried in New Hope churchyard.
- Painter, Jacob, Caesar's Creek; John Watson, captain; buried in New Hope churchyard.
- Peal, John, Caesar's Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Puterbaugh, Daniel, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried at Mt. Zion, Beaver Creek township.
- Porter, James, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died in 1814. His discharge says there is yet seven months' pay due him.
- Poague, Jas., Sugar Creek; Robt. McClellan, captain.
- Poague, William; Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died October 25, 1842, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Pearson, John, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Poague, Thomas, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; body removed from Mercer graveyard to Woodland, Xenia.
- Pringle, Robert, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Provost, Joseph, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain; died August 10, 1835, aged sixty, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Pedrick, William, Xenia; James Morrow, captain.
- Popenoe, James, Xenia; Zach. Ferguson, captain; buried in Centerville, Ohio, died, 1848.
- Price, John, Xenia; Capt. Steele.
- Price, William, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Price, Thomas, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Price, Peter, captain, Caesar's Creek; buried at Jamestown.
- Pelham, Jesse, Xenia; Capt. Steele.
- Pelham, Samuel, Xenia; Capt. Steele; died in 1823; editor of first paper published in Xenia, "The Vehicle."
- Powers, Wm. D., Xenia; Capt. Steele; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron.
- Parks, James, Xenia; Capt. Steele.
- Poland, Robert, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Powers, Daniel, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; a bounty jumper, a much wanted man; see history of Greene county, Bath township.
- Proctor, John, Bath; William Stephenson, captain.
- Perkins, Thomas, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Popenoe, James, Xenia; Capt. Ankeney; died in 1848, aged seventy-three, buried at Centerville, Ohio.
- Quinn, Amos; James Morrow, captain; buried in Seceder graveyard, west Market street, Xenia, where the school house now stands.
- Quinn, James; James Galloway, captain.
- Rodgers, William, adjutant, Sugar Creek; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Rice, Russel, Xenia; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Rains, Simon, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died November 21, 1855, aged eighty-one, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Rains, Jonathan, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Rains, William; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died March 25, 1875, aged ninety-four, buried in Miami township.
- Retter, Jacob, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Retter, John, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Rue, Jacob, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Rupert, Enos, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; died May 11, 1828, aged fifty-six, buried in Beaver Creek churchyard, Alpha.
- Rupert, Moses, Beaver Creek.
- Russel, Moses, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; removed to Sidney, Ohio, died in 1851, aged seventy-five.
- Russel, Alexander, Miami; James Galloway, captain.
- Rich, Jacob, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried on his farm two miles south on the Burlington road.

- Ragan, Reason, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died in Indianapolis, January 5, 1864.
- Rowan, Alexander, Ross; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Rowan, Edward, Ross; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Reece, Daniel, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; died in Xenia township in 1817.
- Richards, William, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; removed to Chicago.
- Roberts, Silas, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; from Pennsylvania, died in Xenia July 29, 1864, aged seventy-four, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Renolds, James, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Riley, John, Miami; James Galloway, captain.
- Ray, William, Beaver Creek; Samuel Herrod, captain.
- Robinson, Edward, Sugar Creek; John Davis, L. D., captain; died October 17, 1845, aged seventy-three, buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Robinson, Joseph, Jr., Sugar Creek; John Davis, captain; died in Sugar Creek township in 1820, buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Ross, Alexander E., Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Ross, John, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died in Sugar Creek township in 1823.
- Rockafeld, Aaron, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died in Bath township in 1836, buried in Rockafeld graveyard.
- Ritenhouse, John, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Romain, Christopher, Bath.
- Read, Lieut. William, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; born January 21, 1793, died December 25, 1862, buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Smith, Samuel; Jacob Fudge, captain.
- Smith, John, Xenia; died October 24, 1862, aged sixty-two, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Smith, Hon. Jacob, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; died in 1819, buried on the Harbine farm, near Alpha, reinterred in Woodland, Xenia.
- Smith, Thomas, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Smith, Jeremiah, Sugar Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died in Sugar Creek township in 1848.
- Smith, Matthias, Esq., Bath; John McCullough, captain; died August 6, 1823, buried in Folck graveyard; his widow married Abram Hivling, Sr.
- Smith, David, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Smith, Spencer, Miami; James Galloway, captain.
- Smith, Josiah B., Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; second son of Jacob, Sr., the old miller.
- Smith, John, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; son of Jacob, Sr.; was sheriff of Greene county from 1819 to 1824; came to Beaver Creek township in 1801, died at Springfield May 4, 1852, aged seventy-two, buried at Springfield, Ohio.
- Smith, Walter; born May 9, 1788, died February 2, 1873, aged seventy-two, buried in Beaver churchyard.
- Sellers, John, Xenia; Jacob Fudge, captain; died December 17, 1884, aged seventy-eight, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Sanders, Hezekiah, Xenia; John Davis, captain; died August 4, 1883, aged eighty-four, buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Sanders, Jesse, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; died May 21, 1880, aged eighty-eight, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Sanders, Isaac, Xenia; John Davis, captain; died August 4, 1863, aged eighty-four, buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Sanders, Samuel, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Sanders, Forris, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; moved to Indiana.
- Stark, William T., Xenia; died September 1, 1858, aged sixty-eight, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Scott, James A., Xenia; Adam Tannyhill, captain; died August 12, 1881, aged eighty-seven, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Scott, William, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; died June, 1843, aged eighty, buried in Massie's Creek graveyard (Tarbox).
- Scott, John, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Scott, Andrew, Xenia; John Davis, captain; son of William and Jane.
- Schebly, James, Sugar Creek; died July 15, 1879, aged eighty-seven, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Shingledecker, Jacob, Capt., Beaver Creek; died October 4, 1849, aged seventy-five, buried in Union graveyard, near Byron.
- Shingledecker, Abraham, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Shingledecker, John, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Sype, William, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Stewart, Moses, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Stewart, Andrew, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; died in Beaver Creek township in 1815.
- Stewart, Robert, Silver Creek; John Spencer, captain; buried in graveyard at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Stewart, John, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain; buried in churchyard, Clifton, Ohio.
- Stewart, John T., Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain; died April 16, 1850, aged sixty-nine, buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Stewart, Edward, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Stewart, Samuel, Capt., Vance.
- Snodgrass, James, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died in Sugar Creek township in 1846.
- Snodgrass, Samuel, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died in Sugar Creek township in 1823.
- Snodgrass, Robert, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Snodgrass, William, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died in Sugar Creek township in 1840.
- Sterritt, Robert E., Xenia; Ammi Maltbie, captain;

- buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Sterritt, Joseph, Xenia; Ammi Maltbie, captain; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Sutton, Robert, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Sutton, Jeremiah, Caesar's Creek; John Davis, captain.
- Sutton, William, Caesar's Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died in 1818, buried in Caesar's Creek township.
- Sutton, Amaziah, Caesar's Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Sutton, William G., Caesar's Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried in Indiana; he went there on a visit, died, and is buried there.
- Sutton, Cornelius, Bath; William Stephenson, captain.
- Sutton, Jesse, Xenia; John Spencer, captain.
- Sutton, Amos, Bath; John McCullough, captain.
- Stipes, Isaac, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Stevens, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Stevens, Evan, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Sparks, Thomas, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Soward, Reuben, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Schrofe, Christopher, Miami; James Morrow, captain.
- Schrofe, David; James Morrow, captain.
- Schrofe, Lewis; James Morrow, captain.
- Schrofe, Sebastian, Miami; John Spencer, captain; removed to Indiana.
- Stevenson, Robert, Xenia; James Morrow, captain, also Samuel Herrod; buried in Massie's Creek graveyard (Stevenson's).
- Stevenson, John, Xenia; James Morrow, captain, also Samuel Herrod; buried in Massie's Creek graveyard.
- Stevenson, James, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; buried in Massie's Creek graveyard.
- Stephenson, William, Capt., Bath; died November 11, 1834, buried in the Mitman graveyard, near Osborn, Ohio.
- Sparks, Lenard, Xenia; James Morrow, captain.
- Street, John, Xenia; James Morrow, captain.
- Shanks, Thomas; Samuel Herrod, captain.
- Shover, Simon, Bath; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died in Bath township in 1813.
- Shoup, Moses, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died May 7, 1880, aged eighty-seven, buried at Mt. Zion.
- Slaughter, Ezekiel, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Sulavan, John; Vance; James Galloway, captain.
- Spencer, Francis, Ross; Samuel Herrod, captain; son of Michael.
- Spencer, Michael, Ross; Samuel Herrod, captain; died in Ross township in 1828.
- Spencer, John, Capt., Xenia; captain in War of 1812.
- Stanfield, William, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died May 22, 1842, aged seventy-two, buried on the Smith Stow farm, south of Xenia.
- Stanfield, John, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died March 13, 1842, brother of William.
- Saterfield, John, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Schooley, Israel, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain.
- Searls, Elisha, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; kept tavern in Fairfield in 1817.
- Sleeth, John, Bath; William Stephenson, captain.
- Sleeth, David, Bath; William Stephenson, captain.
- Snipp, Jacob, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; died August 27, 1877, aged eighty-seven, buried in Aley churchyard.
- Stanton, William, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Shepherd, Jesse, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; buried in Caesar's Creek township.
- Steele, Samuel, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Sheigley, Adam, Xenia; John Davis, captain.
- Simonton, Benjamin, Miami; James Galloway, captain.
- Silvey, James, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Snyder, Jacob, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Snyder, Henry, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Snyder, Jonathan, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died December, 1858, aged seventy-eight, buried in Beaver Creek cemetery, near Alpha; came from Washington, Maryland.
- Shaw, Samuel, Xenia; Capt. Steele; one of the first elders in first U. P. church, Xenia.
- Stratton, Mahlon, Xenia; John Watson, captain; removed to Clinton county, Ohio.
- Staley, Daniel, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; born February, 1782, died April 16, 1829, aged forty-seven, buried in Marshall graveyard on the little Miami river.
- Staley, Elias, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Swigart, John, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; died October 7, 1847, aged fifty-six, buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Swigart, Jacob, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.
- Swigart, Michael, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died February 19, 1849, aged eighty-four, buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Saum, Jacob, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; born January 2, 1777, died September 5, 1858, aged eighty-one, buried in Beaver Creek cemetery, near Alpha.
- Shellinger, Adam, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; died August 25, 1825, aged sixty-two, buried in New Burlington cemetery.



- Shellinger, George, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; died September 26, 1813, aged twenty-one, buried in New Burlington cemetery.
- Sheley, Benjamin, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; son of John and Margaret.
- Sharp, Aires, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Shaner, George, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; buried in Shaner graveyard, one mile west of Jamestown, Ohio.
- Shaner Adam, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; buried in Shaner graveyard, one mile west of Jamestown, Ohio.
- Tiffany, John, Xenia; from Virginia; died July 9, 1855, aged eighty, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Townsley, George, ensign, Xenia; Robert McClellan, captain; died October 1, 1857, aged seventy-two, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Townsley, Thomas, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; buried at Clifton, Ohio; died February 2, 1841.
- Townsley, Samuel, Xenia; Martin Shuey, captain; died April 24, 1853, aged sixty-two, buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Todd, John, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; removed to Madison, Indiana.
- Todd, John B., Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; removed to Indiana.
- Todd, James, Xenia; James Morrow, captain; removed to Indiana.
- Truby, Jacob, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Truby, John, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Tingley, John A., Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; died January 10, 1830, aged fifty-five, buried at the Cost graveyard.
- Torrence, William, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; buried in the Pioneer graveyard, near Bellbrook.
- Towell, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; came from Virginia; buried in Grape Grove cemetery, near the village.
- Thompson, John, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Thompson, William, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Taylor, Benjamin, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Taylor, Harry, Miami; James Galloway, captain; buried in Folk graveyard, Bath township.
- Taylor, Peter, Miami; James Galloway, captain; buried at Pleasant Grove church, near Byron, Ohio.
- Taylor, David, Miami; John Davis, captain.
- Taylor, John A., Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Thornburg, Israel, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Thornburg, Richard; Joseph Lucas, captain; buried in New Hope churchyard, near Paintersville, Ohio.
- Towler, Joseph, Miami; James Galloway, captain.
- Thorn, William, Xenia; Samuel Herrod, captain; died in 1853, buried near Selma, Clark county, Ohio.
- Tatman, Joseph, Bath; John Davis, captain; buried in the Mitman graveyard; near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Talbert, Josiah, Xenia; John Davis, captain; removed to Champaign county, Ohio.
- Talkert, Richard C., Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; removed to Madison, Indiana.
- True, Martin, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; buried in old Methodist graveyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Thomas, Jacob, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died in Silver Creek township in 1837.
- Thomas, Daniel, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; buried in Middle Run graveyard, three miles south of Bellbrook.
- Turner, William, Silver Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; born in 1797, died December, 1870, buried in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Turner, Henry, Silver Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jamestown, Ohio.
- VanEaton, Abraham, Sugar Creek; John Clark, captain; buried in Pioneer graveyard, north of Bellbrook, Ohio.
- VanEaton, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died in 1858, aged sixty-six, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Vance, John, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Vance, Joseph, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Vance, James, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Vaughn, William, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Vaughn, Thompson, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Vogle, Peter, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Vanmeter, Joel, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Vance, Ephraim, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Vance, Joseph, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Williams, John, Xenia; Ammi Maltbie, captain; died April 6, 1826, aged forty-three, born in Kentucky April 4, 1783, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Williams, Garret, Xenia; Ammi Maltbie, captain; buried near Madison, Indiana.
- Williams, Remembrance, Sr., Xenia; Ammi Maltbie, captain; moved to Madison, Indiana, in 1817, died February 2, 1843.
- Williams, Robert, Bath; John McCullough, captain; buried in Middle Fork, Indiana.
- Williams, Stephen, Silver Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Warman, William, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain.

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- Wright, George C., Xenia; Berry Applewhite, of Virginia, captain; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Wright, Merrit, Xenia; Berry Applewhite, of Virginia; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Wright, Lewis, Xenia; Berry Applewhite, of Virginia, captain; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Wright, Jesse, Xenia; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Wamble, Edward, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Willand, John, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain; buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Wayland, Christian, Bath; James Galloway, captain.
- Wayland, John, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Wilson, Michael, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Wilson, David, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Wilson, Jeremiah, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Wilson, William, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain.
- Wilson, John, Sugar Creek; Martin Shuey, captain.
- Wilson, Joseph, Caesar's Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died December 28, 1872, aged eighty-five, buried in Baptist graveyard, between Jasper and Jamestown.
- Wilson, George, Sugar Creek; James Morrow, captain.
- Wilson, John, Jr., Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Wilson, Spencer, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Wilson, John, Bath; James Galloway, captain.
- Wilson, Joseph, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain; died March 11, 1823, aged sixty-nine, buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Wilson, James, Bath; William Stephenson, captain.
- Wilson, Jacob, Miami; buried in the Clifton cemetery.
- Westfall, Jonathan, Bath; J. Shingledecker, captain; died in Bath township in 1813.
- Webb, James, Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Webb, Henry, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain.
- Whicken, Matthew, Sugar Creek, Ammi Maltbie, captain; buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Whicken, John, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Walcutt, John H., Sugar Creek; Ammi Maltbie, captain.
- Ward Henry, Xenia; James Morrow, captain.
- Woodward, Henry, Bath; James Morrow, captain.
- Winget, Hugh, Bath; James Morrow, captain.
- Winget, James, Bath; James Galloway, captain.
- Walborn, Robert, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Wells, Benedict, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Wheeler, Ebenezer, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Watson, Charles, Silver Creek; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Weddle, Peter M., Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Watson, James, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Wallace, Jonathan, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain; died at the house of Anthony Byer, Clark county, April 25, 1850, aged seventy.
- Watson, James, Xenia; Robert Gowdy, captain.
- Watson, John, Capt., Silver Creek; died August 3, 1861, aged eighty, buried in the Moorman graveyard, near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Wolf, Adam, Miami; Samuel Stewart, captain; died in 1857, aged sixty-seven, buried in Mud Run churchyard, Clark county, Ohio.
- Wead, Merida, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Willets, Samuel, Vance; Samuel Stewart, captain.
- Walton, Edward, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; died in Spring Valley April 4, 1867, aged ninety, buried in Caesar's Creek graveyard, two miles southwest of New Burlington, Ohio.
- White, John, Xenia; Samuel Herrod, captain; died June 22, 1866, buried at Cedarville, Ohio.
- White, Benjamin, Sugar Creek; Robert McClellan, captain; removed to Ladoga, Indiana.
- Whiteman, Benjamin, General, Miami; died July 3, 1852, aged eighty-three, at his home near Clifton, Ohio; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Whiteman, Henry, Xenia; Samuel Herrod, captain.
- Whiteman, Greenbury, Xenia; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Whiteman, Jacob, Xenia; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Watts, Edward, Xenia; Capt. Steele; buried near the Stand Pipe, Xenia.
- Watts, William, Beaver Creek; Zach. Ferguson, captain; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron.
- Williamson, William, Bath; William Stephenson, captain; buried in Mitman graveyard, east of Osborn, Ohio.
- Worton, John, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Wikle, Philip, Silver Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain; died in 1888, aged eighty-five, buried at Port William, Ohio.
- Worrel, John, Caesar's Creek; Joseph Lucas, captain.
- Young, Abraham, Silver Creek; John Watson, captain.
- Yates, William, Beaver Creek; J. Shingledecker, captain.

#### GREENE COUNTY PIONEERS FROM 1803 TO 1840.

- Adams, Jesse, Xenia, 1826; married Martha Small, June 2, 1836.
- Abernathy, John, Silver Creek, 1830; married Nancy Moorman, November 27, 1837.
- Adams, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1806; from Virginia; died October 14, 1871, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Adams, Anglo, Xenia, 1806; December 24, 1823, married Eleanor Jones.
- Adams, Ephraim, Xenia, 1806; a soldier in the war of 1812.

- Adams, Eli, Xenia, 1809; a soldier in the War of 1812; August 2, 1810, married Elizabeth Beeks.
- Adams, Martin, Xenia, 1817; son of Thomas; from Kentucky; died December 30, 1870, aged seventy-four, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Tar-box).
- Adams, Rev. Jas., Xenia, 1823; successor of Rev. Robert Armstrong, died near Hanover, Indiana.
- Adams, Thomas B., Xenia, 1833; from Virginia; died August 13, 1877, aged seventy-six, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Adams, James G., Miami 1830; born in Troy, Ohio, died January 2, 1898, aged seventy-seven, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Adams, Esbon, Xenia, 1818; December 31, 1818, married Martha, daughter of Major James Gal-  
loway.
- Adams, Thomas, Jr., Xenia, 1839; died in Xenia township in 1846; buried in Woodland cemetery.
- Adams, Harvey, Caesar's Creek, 1839; died; buried one mile north of Jamestown, Ohio.
- Adams, Nimrod, Caesar's Creek, 1839; died June 2, 1864, aged sixty, buried New Hope, Paintersville, Ohio.
- Adams, James, Caesar's Creek, 1807; September 26, 1826, married Margaret Sutton.
- Adams, Reuben, Silver Creek, 1825; July 12, 1825, married Matilda Ruth.
- Adams, Zina, Silver Creek, 1824; father of the Adams boys, Morgan, Thomas and John.
- Adams, John, Silver Creek, 1837; from Virginia, blacksmith; brother-in-law to Dr. Dawson, Rock-  
bridge county, Virginia.
- Adams, Zina B., Silver Creek, 1839.
- Adams, J. R., Silver Creek, 1839.
- Adams, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died Novem-  
ber 21, 1835, aged thirty-eight, buried in New  
Hope, Paintersville, Ohio.
- Adams, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; from Virginia;  
died August 1, 1879, aged seventy-seven; buried  
in McKnight graveyard.
- Adams, Jackson, Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died  
March 17, 1891, aged sixty-four, buried in Wood-  
land, Xenia.
- Adams, Jonathan, Xenia, 1840; from Virginia, died  
December 14, 1884, aged seventy-seven, buried  
in Woodland, Xenia.
- Adar, James, Silver Creek, 1840; July 6, 1820, mar-  
ried Ann Davis.
- Adar, David D., Silver Creek, 1840; buried at  
Jamestown, Ohio.
- Adar, Andrew, Silver Creek, 1825; September 25,  
1825, married Margaret Stotler.
- Addison, John, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Adsit, Hiram, Caesar's Creek, 1833; son of Elias;  
from New York; born June 4, 1807, died Septem-  
ber 7, 1847, aged forty.
- Adsit, Elias, Sugar Creek, 1830; from England, died  
November 30, 1859, aged eighty-two, buried in  
Woodland, Xenia.
- Aken, James, Xenia, 1829; died September 6, 1855,  
aged sixty-eight, buried in Massie's Creek (Ste-  
venson).
- Aken, John, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Aken, William, Beaver Creek, 1803; May 3, 1805,  
married Catharine Shover.
- Aken, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1803; November 11,  
1823, married Jane Downey.
- Alexander, Samuel, 1806; buried in Clifton ceme-  
tery.
- Alexander, Matthew, Sr., 1806; soldier of War of  
1812, died in 1821, buried on his farm near  
Jamestown, Ohio.
- Alexander, Matthew, Jr., 1810; buried in Jamestown  
cemetery.
- Alexander, Francis, 1816; son of Matthew, Sr.; May  
2, 1820, married Elizabeth M. Gaff.
- Alexander, Cyrus; son of John.
- Alexander, Hon. John, Xenia, 1804; from South  
Carolina, born April 16, 1777; first lawyer to  
practice in Xenia; died June 28, 1848, aged sev-  
enty-two; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Alexander, Wm., Jr., Xenia, 1816; from South Car-  
olina, brother of Hon. John, born July 9, 1785,  
died June 3, 1824; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Alexander, John, Xenia, 1806; carpenter; son of  
Nathaniel; soldier of 1812; died January 30, 1865,  
aged seventy, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Alexander, Robert, Xenia, 1810; son of Matthew Al-  
exander.
- Alexander, Joseph, Xenia, 1825, died July 15, 1845,  
aged forty-five, buried at Massie's Creek (Ste-  
venson's) cemetery.
- Alexander, Joseph T., Xenia, 1828; March 6, 1832,  
married Mary Pollock.
- Alexander, William, Bath, 1829; May 6, 1824, mar-  
ried Patsey Miller.
- Alexander, Wm. J., Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840; born  
June, 1827, died 1897, buried at Spring Valley,  
Ohio; lawyer of Xenia.
- Alexander, Nathaniel, Sugar Creek, 1806; from Vir-  
ginia, died in 1846; his grandson, James, lives in  
Portland, Indiana.
- Alexander, Washington, Sugar Creek, 1841; son of  
Hon. John, born in 1801, died November 9,  
1867, aged sixty-seven, buried in Woodland.
- Alexander, Clement, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Alexander, George, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Alexander, John A., Miami, 1817; died in Miami,  
township in 1870; ex-sheriff of Clark county,  
Ohio.
- Alexander, Jacob, Miami, 1819; died March 27, 1837,  
aged seventy-five, buried in Massie's Creek (Ste-  
venson's) cemetery.
- Allen, Levi, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1819; buried in  
Caesar's Creek churchyard, two miles south of  
New Burlington.
- Allen, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1812; buried two miles  
south of Burlington, Ohio.
- Allen, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1812; soldier in War  
of 1812, died April 15, 1868, aged eighty-three,  
buried in Woodland, Xenia.



- Allen, Jackson, Sugar Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812.  
 Allen, Edward, Sugar Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; June 28, 1810, married Mary Beason.  
 Allen, Levi, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1815; died December 23, 1873, aged eighty-six, buried in Preble county, Ohio.  
 Allen, John C., Sugar Creek, 1817; son of Benjamin; tanner; died July 4, 1800 aged seventy-five, buried at Woodland, Xenia.  
 Allen, Joseph, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1827; April 28, 1815, married Elizabeth Caldwell.  
 Allen, Jeremiah, Sugar Creek, 1827; May 13, 1829, married to Hannah Bellsford; buried at Centerville, Ohio.  
 Allen, Matthew, Beaver Creek, 1814.  
 Allen, James, 1804; December 29, 1831, married Mary Marlow.  
 Allen, Sylvania, 1816; July 2, 1818, married Anna Moodie.  
 Allen, Davis, Xenia, 1814; from Shenandoah county, Virginia, born October 25, 1765, died April 13, 1818, aged fifty-two, buried on the old Allen farm, near John B. Lucas's farm.  
 Allen, Reuben, Xenia, 1814; son of Davis; buried on the farm of Lydia Peneweight.  
 Allen, Davis, Jr., Xenia, 1814; from Virginia; January 1, 1818, married.  
 Allen, John, Xenia, 1814; son of Davis, died August 6, 1864, aged seventy-two, buried in Woodland, Xenia.  
 Allen, Obed, Xenia, 1814; son of Davis, moved to Rochester, Indiana, February 8, 1821, married Rebecca Byrd.  
 Allen, Homer, Xenia, 1814; son of Davis; moved to Bellefontaine, Ohio.  
 Allen, Milo, Xenia, 1814.  
 Allen, Jackson, Xenia, 1814; son of Davis; died September 15, 1857, aged forty-five, near Topeka, Kansas.  
 Allen, John, 1814; November 6, 1817, married Susanna Kirkpatrick.  
 Allen, Wm., Sr., Beaver Creek, 1803; on the first grand jury held in Greene county in the house of Peter Borders.  
 Allen, William, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1803.  
 Allen, Nathan, Beaver Creek, 1803.  
 Allen, George, Beaver Creek, 1813; October 15, 1817, married Harriet Pruden.  
 Allen, Wesley, Beaver Creek, 1815; died June 13, 1869, aged sixty-six, buried in Bloxsom graveyard, near Selma, Ohio.  
 Allen, Smith, Beaver Creek, 1827.  
 Allen, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1839.  
 Allen, Lewis, Beaver Creek, 1839.  
 Allen, Davison, Miami, 1829; buried in Clifton, Ohio.  
 Allen, Elijah, Ross, 1820; removed to Clark county, Ohio; died October 7, 1855, aged seventy.  
 Allen, A., Ross, 1839.  
 Allen, Burgess, Silver Creek, 1839; removed to Fayette county; soldier of the Revolution; related to Ethan Allen.  
 Allen, William, Vance township, 1820.  
 Allen, Adam, Mad River, 1803.  
 Allen, Adar, Mad River, 1803.  
 Allen, Matthew, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Benjamin; died 1871, aged fifty; buried in Woodland, Xenia, Ohio.  
 Allen, Levi, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Benjamin, buried in Woodland, Xenia, Ohio.  
 Allen, John B., Xenia, 1836; from Virginia; died December 21, 1893, aged seventy-eight, buried in Woodland, Xenia.  
 Allen, Henry C., Xenia, 1809; died in Bath township in 1809.  
 Aley, John, Beaver Creek, 1810; from Frederick county, Maryland; died October, 1865, aged fifty-five, buried in Aley churchyard.  
 Aley, Jacob, 1810; born November 4, 1783, died November, 1853.  
 Aley, Abraham, 1818; died in Miami City, Ohio, buried in Aley churchyard; soldier of the Revolution.  
 Aley, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1827; aged fifty-five, buried in Aley churchyard.  
 Aley, Isaac B., Beaver Creek, 1827.  
 Allison, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1822; from Pennsylvania; died in Shelby county in 1846.  
 Allison, James, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Samuel; died August 22, 1864, buried in Woodland, Xenia.  
 Allison, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1840; removed to Kansas; died May, 1899, aged eighty-one.  
 Allison, Samuel, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Samuel; died in Xenia in 1900, buried in Woodland, Xenia, Ohio.  
 Allison, William, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Samuel, Sr.; died December, 1900; buried in Woodland, Xenia, Ohio.  
 Allison, James, Sr., Bath, 1804.  
 Allison, Isaac, Ross, 1840.  
 Aldridge, John C., Silver Creek, 1840; February 25, 1836, married Mary C. Birdsell.  
 Aldridge, William, Silver Creek, 1830; died December 22, 1886, aged seventy-two, buried at Bowersville, Ohio; married Abigail Cruzan.  
 Aldridge, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1840; November 6, 1828, married Sarah Bragg.  
 Aldridge, James H., Xenia, 1840; died in Xenia; August 20, 1833, married Mary Rumbaugh.  
 Aldridge, Littleberry, 1817; July 19, 1817, married Rebecca Read.  
 Alhaugh, John, Xenia, 1814; died September 18, 1815, after a short illness.  
 Alderman, James, Ross, 1840.  
 Alberry, George, Xenia, 1840.  
 Ainsworth, G. C., Bath, 1826; died March 12, 1842, aged forty-two, buried in the Cox graveyard, Osborn, Ohio.  
 Ainsworth, George, Bath, 1840; October 14, 1832, married Matilda Cox.  
 Ainsworth, J. C., Bath, 1839; buried near Bath church, west of Mad River.  
 Aims, Darrow, Bath, 1806.

- Aims, Jacob, Bath, 1803; February 18, 1824, married Anny Truby.
- Ambler, John, Miami, 1809; removed to Clark county.
- Ambler, Thomas, Miami, 1819; removed to Clark county.
- Anderson, Mason, Sugar Creek, 1810; soldier in War of 1812.
- Anderson, Seth, Sugar Creek, 1803.
- Anderson, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1803.
- Anderson, John, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1807; died in 1816, buried on the Anderson farm, six miles south of Xenia.
- Anderson, John H., Sugar Creek, 1807; son of John; soldier of 1812; February 19, 1806, married Hannah Painter.
- Anderson, James, Sugar Creek, 1807; from South Carolina; son of John; born November 3, 1796, died September 25, 1858, near Spring Valley; soldier of 1812.
- Anderson, Preston, Sugar Creek, 1810; son of James; died in Greene county, Iowa.
- Anderson, Elijah, Sugar Creek, 1811; removed to Greene county, Iowa.
- Anderson, T. Robert, Sugar Creek, 1829; soldier of the late Civil war; born 1823, died.
- Anderson, William, Sugar Creek, 1839; died August 12, 1862, aged sixty-two, buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Anderson, Eli, Caesar's Creek, 1806; son of Daniel; was married January, 1828; removed to Indiana.
- Anderson, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1839; son of James; born December 10, 1815, died September 19, 1889, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- Anderson, Joseph W., Caesar's Creek, 1839; November 28, 1833, married Mary Ann Faulkner.
- Anderson, John F., Xenia, 1806; died May 1, 1885, aged seventy-two, in Spring Valley, Ohio.
- Anderson, Daniel, Xenia, 1806 soldier of 1812; died September 24, 1861, aged seventy, in the Union neighborhood.
- Anderson, Barbary, Xenia, 1807.
- Anderson, George, Xenia, 1815.
- Anderson, David, Xenia, 1816.
- Anderson, Wm., Jr., Xenia, 1829; son of James; removed to Greene county, Iowa, October 6, 1831, married Amelia Dinsmore.
- Anderson, David, Jr., Xenia, 1819.
- Anderson, Wm. A., Xenia, 1839; died August 12, 1862, aged sixty-five, buried in Woodland.
- Anderson, Nelson, Xenia, 1839.
- Anderson, Alexander, Xenia, 1840; a drover; died September 28, 1885, aged sixty-five, buried in Woodland.
- Anderson, B. D., Xenia, 1840; died June 30, 1883, aged seventy-two, buried in Woodland; a resident of Xenia forty years.
- Anderson, Dr. J. N., Xenia, 1840; died December 17, 1849, aged thirty-two, buried in Woodland.
- Anderson, John A., Miami, 1810; died at Yellow Spring December 24, 1871, aged eighty-three.
- Anderson, Samuel, Xenia, 1838; died August 25, 1869, aged fifty-two, buried in Woodland.
- Anderson, Robert, Xenia, 1833; from Cumberland county, Virginia; died June 17, 1873, aged seventy-five, buried in Woodland.
- Anderson, William, Xenia, 1804; from Kentucky; son-in-law of Joseph Kyle, Sr.; a soldier of 1812; died September, 1853, aged seventy-eight, buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) cemetery.
- Anderson, James, Xenia, 1804; from Perthshire, Scotland; died November 8, 1874, aged sixty-nine, buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) cemetery.
- Anderson, John, Xenia, 1810; from Perthshire, Scotland; died January 11, 1862, aged ninety-three, buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) cemetery.
- Anderson, Thomas, Bath, 1839; died December 21, 1865, aged sixty-nine, buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Anderson, John, Miami, 1808; died in 1845, aged forty-five, buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Anderson, William, Miami, 1808; died September 4, 1888, aged seventy-seven, buried in Clifton cemetery; married Lydia Knott.
- Anderson, David, Miami, 1829; soldier of 1812, buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Anderson, Wm. A., Silver Creek, 1839; died August 12, 1872, aged sixty-three, buried in Woodland; February 27, 1839, married Sarah Vandolah.
- Anderson, Elijah, Vance, 1817.
- Anderson, Isaac, Mad River, 1803.
- Anderson, Thomas, Mad River, 1805.
- Anderson, Nathaniel, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Anderson, John, Sugar Creek, 1834; from Virginia; died April 6, 1885, aged seventy-two, buried in Woodland.
- Anderson, John, Xenia, 1834; born November 6, 1813, died May 6, 1885, buried in Woodland.
- Andrew, William, Sugar Creek, 1815; died May 19, 1850, aged seventy-three, buried near Eleazer church.
- Andrew, James, Sugar Creek, 1825; died February 6, 1849, aged sixty-five, buried in Woodland.
- Andrew, John T., Sugar Creek, 1828; October, 1828, married Nancy McClellan.
- Andrew, Arthur, Sugar Creek, 1839.
- Andrew, Eli, Sugar Creek, 1839.
- Andrew, Robert, Caesar's Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812.
- Andrew, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1806.
- Andrew, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; removed to Clinton county, Ohio.
- Andrew, William, Caesar's Creek, 1840; soldier of late Civil War, Company D, Seventy-fourth Infantry.
- Andrew, Aaron, Caesar's Creek, 1840; June 4, 1835; married Frances Lucas.
- Andrew, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1833; married to Catherine Driscall March 28, 1833.
- Andrew, James, Beaver Creek, 1804; from Nash-

- ville, Tennessee; died March 30, 1824, aged seventy-two, buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's); soldier of 1812.
- Andrew, James, Beaver Creek, 1807; son of James, Sr.; died February 7, 1849, aged sixty-five, buried in Woodland.
- Andrew, William, Beaver Creek, 1811; son of James, Sr.
- Andrew, John, Beaver Creek, 1812; son of James, Sr.
- Andrew, Ebenezer, Beaver Creek, 1821; son of James, Sr.; died in Bellbrook, May, 1881, aged eighty-two, buried at Bellbrook.
- Andrew, George, Beaver Creek, 1816; born March 1, 1786, died April 24, 1868, aged seventy-two, buried in Woodland.
- Andrew, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1835; son of James, Sr.; died June 8, 1888, buried in Woodland.
- Andrew, Hugh A., Beaver Creek, 1816; born in Orange county, North Carolina, died March 15, 1881, aged eighty-six, buried in Woodland.
- Andrew, William P., Bath, 1819; died in Bath township in 1832.
- Andrew, Hugh, Bath, 1810; died in Bath township in 1811.
- Andrew, Samuel, Bath, 1826.
- Andrew, H. M., Xenia, 1830; merchant tailor, of the firm of Moore & Andrew; died at the Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio, August 31, 1899.
- Andrew, Harrison, Ross, 1840; died September 3, 1884, aged sixty-six, buried in Baptist graveyard, near Cedarville.
- Ankeney, David, Beaver Creek, 1830; died November 2, 1830, buried in Woodland, aged forty-one.
- Ankeney, Henry, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812, died May 18, 1850, buried in Union cemetery, Byron.
- Ankeney, Theobald, Beaver Creek, 1818; born January 29, 1797, died March 6, 1846, buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Ankeney, John, Beaver Creek, 1818; died April 15, 1872, aged seventy, buried in Woodland.
- Ankeney, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1839; died December 20, 1867, aged sixty, buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Ankeney, John, Beaver Creek, 1839; died February 10, 1847, aged fifty-four, buried in Woodland.
- Ankeney, Henry, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1839; died March 7, 1870, aged sixty-seven, buried in Beaver Creek churchyard, Alpha.
- Ankeney, Henry, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1830; born in Washington, Maryland, February 17, 1813, died March 7, 1880, aged sixty-seven; son of David.
- Ankeney, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; died June 11, 1869, aged fifty-nine, buried in Union graveyard, near Byron.
- Appleton, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Armatrout, Philip, Xenia, 1820; removed to Mattoon, Illinois; married Mary Greenwood.
- Armatrout, Peter, Xenia, 1820.
- Appelgate, Elias, Miami, 1839; buried in Glenn Forest, Yellow Springs, in 1884.
- Arnett, Charles, Caesar's Creek, 1829; October 16, 1828, married Susanna Graham.
- Arnett, Edward, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Arnett, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1830; minister of the Society of Friends at Jamestown and elsewhere; died at the age of ninety; married Mary A. Topett.
- Arnett, Alexander, Bath, 1821.
- Arnett, Seth, Mad River, 1803.
- Arnest, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; July 4, 1816, married Mary Mackay.
- Arnest, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840; removed to Miami county, Indiana.
- Arnest, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Ary, Joel, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died July, 1880, buried in Woodland; soldier of late Civil War, Capt. Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth.
- Ary, John Caesar's Creek, 1810; died November 10, 1869, aged seventy-five, buried west of Bowersville, Ohio.
- Ary, William, Silver Creek, 1818; died May 5, 1857, aged fifty-five, buried two and one-half miles west of Bowersville.
- Ary, Charles, Silver Creek, 1829; one of the heirs of John Harmer, he and his wife, Rosanna.
- Ary, Sinclair, Silver Creek, 1840; February 25, 1833, married Ruth Ogan.
- Archer, John, Bath, 1840; born August, 1823, New Jersey, buried in Bellbrook; married Lydia Baldwin.
- Archer, Thomas E., Bath, 1820; buried at Centerville, Ohio.
- Archer, Zachariah, Bath, 1807.
- Archer, Ebenezer, Xenia, 1828; born August 13, 1806, died, 1886, buried in Tarbox cemetery, aged eighty-six.
- Armstrong, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1803; died June 4, 1828, aged sixty-four, buried north of Bellbrook.
- Armstrong, John, Sugar Creek, 1816; May 12, 1825, married Elizabeth Sampler.
- Armstrong, William, Sugar Creek, 1818; son of Alexander; died August, 1828, aged forty, buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Armstrong, Rev. Robert, Sugar Creek, 1804; died in 1821, buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) cemetery, aged fifty-five.
- Archer, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840; died February 6, 1891, aged seventy-five.
- Armstrong, James, Miami, 1840; died near Yellow Springs.
- Armstrong, Edward, Mad River, 1803.
- Armstrong, George, Vance, 1816.
- Arnold, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1804.
- Arnold, John, Sugar Creek, 1836; November 9, 1837, married Rachel Mann.



- Arthur, Charles, Vance, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Arthur, John, Vance, 1840.
- Arthur, William, Vance, 1840.
- Aspy, Laurance, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Aspy, William, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Asberry, Jefferson, Xenia, 1829.
- Asberry, Squire, Xenia, 1835.
- Ashey, Lawrance, Beaver Creek, 1812.
- Atkinson, Cephus, Caesar's Creek, 1818; died in Champaign county November 15, 1862, aged seventy, buried at Urbana.
- Atkinson, Thomas, Ross, 1840.
- Atkinson, Richard E., Caesar's Creek, 1840; September 16, 1841, married Susanna Baynard.
- Atkinson, Isaac, Ross, 1840; died January 9, 1888, aged seventy-two, buried in graveyard at Selma, Ohio.
- Atkinson, William, Ross, 1840.
- Atkinson, Isaac, Ross, 1840.
- Atkinson, Levi, Ross, 1840; died in 1881, aged sixty-two, buried at Selma.
- Atkinson, Robert, Ross, 1840; died April 4, 1863, aged sixty-seven, buried east of Grape Grove; married Mary Mercer.
- Ash, Adam, Ross, 1811; July 3, 1806, married Jane McCully.
- Ash, William, Ross, 1840; died September 17, 1849, aged thirty.
- Ash, J. M., Ross, 1840.
- Askew, Childress, Silver Creek, 1819.
- Aucle, John F., Beaver Creek, 1825.
- Austin, James, Sugar Creek, 1818; born September 15, 1798, died October 28, 1886.
- Austin, Abel, Sugar Creek, 1820; born in New Jersey June 30, 1760, died in Greene county March 30, 1840.
- Austin, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1830; born March 19, 1805, died May 20, 1874, in Savannah, Missouri.
- Austin, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Austin, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1840; born December 15, 1806, died January 5, 1891, in Salt Lake, Utah.
- Austin, Joshua, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Austin, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1840; born December 15, 1799, died April 24, 1874; September 24, 1826, married Rebecca Brelsford.
- Austin, James, Xenia, 1840.
- Austin, William, Bath, 1820; born June 22, 1816, died February 18, 1898, at Dayton, Ohio; removed to Arcanum; aged eighty-six.
- Abercombe, John, Sugar Creek, 1820, born March 2, 1780; died December 10, 1830, buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Abercombe, William, Sugar Creek, 1825; born in 1804, died in 1826, buried in Pioneer graveyard.
- Atchison, Joseph P., Miami, 1840; died October 29, 1877; aged seventy-seven.
- Austin, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1840; died May 20, 1896, aged eighty-six.
- Bain, James, Sugar Creek, 1804; first school teacher of Sugar Creek, soldier of 1812, died August 9, 1832, aged seventy-five, buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook; sold the land for that purpose to the association.
- Bain, James, Sugar Creek, 1815; son of James, died in Sugar Creek township.
- Bain, Ebenezer, Sugar Creek, 1815; son of James, Sr.; October 9, 1828, married Matilda Laughead.
- Bain, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1828; son of James, Sr.; removed to Montgomery county.
- Bain, Robert L., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of James, Sr.
- Bain, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of James, Sr.; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook; married Mary Kyle.
- Bain, Samuel E., Ross, 1827.
- Bain, Mary, Xenia, 1830; widow of James, Sr.
- Barnet, Arthur, Sugar Creek, 1811, soldier of 1812, under Capt. R. McClellan.
- Barnet, Apendits, Sugar Creek, 1812.
- Barnet, John, Sugar Creek, 1826; from Maryland; died September 21, 1883, aged eighty-one, buried in Woodland.
- Barnet, James, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Barnet, Henry, Silver Creek, 1840; died March 23, 1843, aged sixty-six, buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Baker, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Baker, Peter, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Baker, George, Caesar's Creek, 1827; soldier of 1812, died in 1825, buried at Clifton, administrator of Thomas Baker.
- Baker, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1829.
- Baker, Barbary, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Baker, Stern, Caesar's Creek, 1840; March 5, 1835, married Betsey Ann Babb.
- Baker, Francis, Xenia, 1816; kept tavern in Xenia in 1817, died in Bath township in 1823.
- Baker, Richard, Xenia, 1817; son of Thomas, removed to Madison county, Ohio.
- Baker, George, Xenia, 1813; from Chester county, Pennsylvania; died in 1817, aged sixty-two, buried at Clifton; father of Brinton Baker, of Xenia.
- Baker, Brinton, Xenia, 1829; son of Thomas; born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1807, died December 1, 1900, aged ninety-three years.
- Baker, Stephen, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Baker, Simon, Beaver Creek, 1818.
- Baker, Frederick, Beaver Creek, 1818.
- Baker, Jephtha, Bath, 1818; December 31, 1812, married Rebecca Cox.
- Baker, Stephen M., Bath, 1817.
- Baker, Stephen H., Bath, 1819; January 22, 1818, married Effie Low.
- Baker, John, Miami, 1813; died in Miami township in 1830, buried in Clifton, Ohio.
- Baker, Thomas, Miami, 1813; son of Thomas, died September 22, 1827; buried at Clifton, Ohio.

- Baker, Joshua, Miami, 1817; soldier of 1812; son of Thomas, buried in Clifton; died December 22, 1838, aged fifty.
- Baker, Napoleon, Miami, 1817.
- Baker, Reuben, Miami, 1840; father of Barney; carpenter; died May 17, 1862, aged fifty-six, buried in Woodland.
- Baker, Nayl, Miami, 1818; son-in-law of Jacob Mills, son of Thomas; born May 25, 1795, died in 1865, buried at Clifton, Ohio, January 6, 1825, married Hulda Mills.
- Baker, Phebe, Miami, 1819; daughter of Thomas, married Simon Kenton, nephew of Simon Kenton, Sr.
- Baker, Milton G., 1840; from Mason county, Kentucky; died September 26, 1884, aged sixty-eight.
- Baker, Isaac, Miami, 1829; died March 7, 1882, aged seventy-three, buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio; son of George.
- Baker, Richard, Miami, 1820; son of Thomas; removed to Fayette county.
- Baker, Matthias, Silver Creek, 1829; from Bourbon county, Kentucky; died October 17, 1892, aged eighty-six, buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Baker, M. W., Silver Creek, 1830; son of William.
- Baker, William, Silver Creek, 1828; father of Matthias; born May 10, 1781, died May 26, 1838, aged fifty-six.
- Baker, Wm. G., Silver Creek, 1831; from Kentucky; born May 28, 1814; son of William.
- Baker, Douglass, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Baker, Wm. H., Silver Creek, 1840; son of Thomas; removed to Fayette county; died December 19, 1891, aged seventy-eight.
- Baker, John W., Silver Creek, 1828; from Kentucky; son of William, Sr., and father of W. R. Baker, ex-auditor of Greene county.
- Baker, C. H., Xenia, 1840.
- Bates, Conrad, Miami, 1840; died aged seventy-five, buried at Rockafeld graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.
- Bates, John, Bath, 1840; son of Conrad; died August 8, 1854, aged sixty, buried at Union, near Byron, Ohio.
- Bates, Conrad, Jr., Bath, 1833; son of Conrad, Sr.; November 12, 1816, married Sarah Cook.
- Bates, Jacob, Bath, 1813; died in Bath township in 1834; son of Conrad Bates, Sr.
- Bates, Jacob S., Bath, 1820; son of Jacob; buried at Aley; March 31, 1825, married Margaret Shingledecker.
- Bates, Lewis G., Bath, 1820.
- Bates, David, Bath, 1826; died in 1890, buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Bates, Thomas, Vance, 1826.
- Bates, Joshua, Vance, 1827; August 30, 1829, married Hannah A. Jones.
- Bates, William, Sugar Creek, 1830; removed to Urbana.
- Bates, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1819; son of John Bates; buried at Union; October 22, 1818, married Sarah Koogler.
- Bayliff, John, Beaver Creek, 1819; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1831.
- Bates, Timothy, Miami, 1821; son of Judge Bates, of West York; died January 5, 1847, at St. Mary's; one of the original owners of Clifton, Ohio.
- Bayliff, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1821; from Virginia; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1832.
- Bayliff, Joshua, Caesar's Creek, 1830; from Virginia; soldier of 1812; removed to Auglaize county; died June, 1839.
- Bayliff, Daniel, Silver Creek, 1825; born May 22, 1816, at Paintersville; son of John, Sr.
- Bayliff, Abel, 1829; October 16, 1830, married Lucretia Stull.
- Bales, Jonathan, Caesar's Creek, 1806, from Pennsylvania; died November 6, 1861, aged seventy-nine, buried in Woodland, Xenia; son of Elisha.
- Bales, Elisha, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1806; a native of Pennsylvania; died in 1828; July 25, 1816, married Elizabeth Shook.
- Bales, John, Caesar's Creek, 1806; son of Elisha; born March 6, 1789; soldier of 1812; married Sarah Lucas in 1813; died March 11, 1864, aged sixty-five, buried at Tabor churchyard.
- Bales, Elisha, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1807; son of Elisha; born October 17, 1796, died May 12, 1872, buried in Woodland.
- Bales, Jacob, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1810; son of Elisha; died May 29, 1862, aged seventy-one, buried in Shook graveyard.
- Bales, Solomon, Caesar's Creek, 1819.
- Bales, Silas, Caesar's Creek, 1805; son of John; born June 11, 1814, died July 15, 1882, aged 68, buried at Tabor, near Jasper, Ohio; married Elizabeth Smith.
- Bales, Moses, Caesar's Creek, 1827; September 6, 1834, married Julia Ann Bales.
- Bales, James, Ross, 1840; November 10, 1842, married Malinda Shirk.
- Bales, Jacob, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1840; died in Caesar's Creek township, buried in Woodland.
- Bales, Daniel, Xenia, 1820.
- Baum, David C., Beaver Creek, 1830; died in Beaver Creek township in 1839.
- Baughman, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1827; a native of Maryland, born in 1807, died September 7, 1881, aged eighty-four, buried in Woodland; son of Andrew, Sr.
- Babb, James W., Caesar's Creek, 1815; soldier of 1812, buried in Babb graveyard, Caesar's Creek.
- Babb, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1816; son of Henry Mercer Babb, of Pennsylvania, died March 3, 1858, aged ninety-two, buried in Babb graveyard.
- Babb, Abner, Caesar's Creek, 1840; father of Wm. Babb, resided on Sander's farm; removed to Cass county, Indiana.
- Babb, James H., Xenia, 1829; died at Burlington, Iowa, 1850.

- Babb, Peter, Xenia, 1822; from Virginia, born February 13, 1796, died October 25, 1865, aged sixty-nine, buried in Woodland.
- Babb, Bowen, Xenia, 1827; removed to Crawfordsville, Montgomery county, Indiana; married Elizabeth Horney.
- Babb, James M., Xenia, 1840; from Frederick county, Virginia; born January 17, 1811, died March 27, 1876, aged sixty-four, buried in Woodland.
- Babb, Samuel, Ross, 1815.
- Babb, Azel, Ross, 1820; October 8, 1826; married Hannah Hollingsworth.
- Babb, Robinson, Beaver Creek, 1840; brother of Peter Babb; removed to Cass county, Indiana.
- Babb, James S., Xenia, 1840; from Winchester, Virginia, son of Peter, born December 3, 1821.
- Babb, Thomas, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1817; died June 9, 1866, aged seventy-three, buried in Babb graveyard.
- Babb, Reece, Caesar's Creek, 1826; February 2, 1832; married Elizabeth Allen; removed to Indiana.
- Bartlett, George, Caesar's Creek, 1817.
- Bartlett, John, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Bartlett, James, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Ball, James, Bath, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Ball, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1815.
- Ball, Ewlass, Miami, 1827; pioneer physician, Clifton, Ohio; removed to South Charleston.
- Barker, Joseph, Xenia, 1810; soldier of 1812, served also as a substitute for Henry Hypes.
- Bahl, Jacob, Bath, 1840.
- Barker, Kill, Xenia, 1840; buried Woodland, died 1849.
- Baney, Thomas, Bath, 1817.
- Baynard, Solomon, Caesar's Creek, 1827; June 25, 1835, married Deborah Burrel.
- Baynard, John, Caesar's Creek, 1827; died September 25, 1866, aged seventy-five, buried in Baptist graveyard four and one-half miles south of Xenia.
- Baynard, John, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1840; July 12, 1816; married Elizabeth Dill.
- Baynard, Gideon, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died November 15, 1870, aged fifty-three, buried at Maple Corners churchyard.
- Barley, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Bargdoll, George, Silver Creek, 1819; died July 7, 1837, aged sixty-six, buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Bargdoll, George, Jr., Silver Creek, 1819; died November 30, 1857, aged sixty-two, buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Bargdoll, Daniel, Silver Creek, 1828; born September 25, 1788, died November 26, 1826, buried in Jamestown.
- Bargdoll, Joel, Silver Creek, 1828; from Virginia, died September 2, 1838, aged thirty-eight, buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Bargdoll, Evan, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Bargdoll, Mary, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bargdoll, Phebe, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bargdoll, John, Silver Creek, 1840; January 16, 1840, married Mary Ann Boots.
- Bargdoll, Joab, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bargdoll, Solomon, Silver Creek, 1820; removed to St. Joseph, Missouri.
- Baldwin, James, Silver Creek, 1828; natives of Hampshire, Virginia; father of J. W. Baldwin, Seventy-fourth O. V. I.
- Baldwin, Henry, Xenia, 1807.
- Baldwin, David, Xenia, 1811; from Virginia; home was near Old Town, soldier of 1812, father of John, who was born August 23, 1823; died December 11, 1821, aged forty-two.
- Baldwin, Reece, Xenia, 1810; from Winchester, Virginia; died March 25, 1881, aged sixty-seven, buried in Woodland.
- Baldwin, Almond, Xenia, 1826.
- Baldwin, Elias, Xenia, 1826.
- Baldwin, Uriah, Yellow Springs, 1840; died November 11, 1878, aged sixty-nine.
- Baldwin, Lydia, Yellow Springs, 1810; wife of Reece Baldwin.
- Baldwin, David Price, Yellow Springs, 1840; buried at Woodland.
- Barton, James D., Bath, 1804; September 15, 1831, married Nancy McCoy.
- Barton, Oden, Bath, 1807.
- Barton, John, Bath, 1807; died in Bath township in 1813.
- Barton, Thomas, Bath, 1807; administrator of John's estate.
- Barton, David, Bath, 1807.
- Barton, James G., Xenia, 1829; from New York; died May 29, 1876, aged fifty-one, buried in Woodland.
- Barton, Anna, Xenia, 1808.
- Barber, Stephen, Silver Creek, 1840; died June 19, —, aged thirty-two, buried at Hussey graveyard, Bowersville, Ohio.
- Barber, John, Sr., Xenia, 1816; son of William, from Washington county, Pennsylvania; father of John A., of Cedarville, died April 30, 1848, aged sixty, buried in Cedarville cemetery, Cedarville.
- Barber, David, Ross, 1819; Mrs. David Jackson died at his home in 1876; April 6, 1820, married Sarah Duncan.
- Barber, William, Ross, 1819; died in Xenia township, 1824.
- Barber, Turza, Ross, 1840; died November 6, 1863, aged fifty-three, buried at Cedarville.
- Bateman, Daniel, Ross, 1818; December 16, 1822, married Elizabeth Chalmers.
- Bateman, Owen, Miami, 1818.
- Bateman, Samuel, Ross, 1819; removed to Clark county, Ohio.
- Bateman, John, Ross, 1827; removed to Clark county.
- Bateman, Beriah, Ross, 1828; removed to Clark county.
- Bateman, Daniel, Jr., Ross, 1826; married ——— Serlott, removed to South Charleston, Ohio.
- Bateman, Jeremiah, Bath, 1821; soldier of 1812.
- Barlow, John, Bath, 1816.
- Barlow, Edmond W., Bath, 1815.
- Barlow, Elisha, Bath, 1835.
- Barlow, Martin L., Xenia, 1830; from New York; died February 13, 1867, aged fifty-seven, buried in Woodland.
- Barlow, Moses, Xenia, 1840; from New York, died March 18, 1888, aged seventy, buried in Woodland; Ex-Com. "P." Judge.



- Barlow, Thomas, Xenia, 1840.  
 Barlow, William M., Xenia, 1840.  
 Barlow, John, Jr., Ross, 1819.  
 Barlow, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; died July 30, 1849, aged thirty-five, buried in Woodland.  
 Bayless, John, Miami, 1813.  
 Bayless, Nathaniel, Xenia, 1826; died May 9, 1892, aged eighty-nine, buried in Woodland, July, 1824, married Clarasa Rice.  
 Barkman, Peter, Bath, 1830; son of David; born in this county October 6, 1822, died in 1831.  
 Bagford, James, Xenia, 1830; died November 4, 1868, aged eighty-two, buried in Woodland.  
 Ballman, Samuel, Xenia, 1830.  
 Barrett, James, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; one of the first Associate Judges of Greene county; died in 1822, buried on his farm.  
 Barrett, James, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; removed to Allen county; his wife, Nancy, buried on the old farm.  
 Barrett, Philip, Sugar Creek, 1804; soldier of 1812, died in 1826.  
 Barrett, John, Sugar Creek, 1828; son of Philip and Elizabeth Barrett.  
 Barrett, Elizabeth, Sugar Creek, 1829; Widow of Philip Barrett.  
 Barrett, Abner, Mad River, 1803.  
 Barrett, George, Sugar Creek, 1840; from Vermont; born in 1796, died August, 1875, aged seventy-eight, buried in Spring Valley.  
 Barnes, James, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812.  
 Barnes, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1803.  
 Barnes, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1805; died in Miami township in 1817.  
 Barnes, David, Sugar Creek, 1806.  
 Barnes, John, Sugar Creek, 1810; June 21, 1840, married Margaret McGuffy.  
 Barnes, Henry, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1807; native of Virginia; came from West Chester to Kentucky in 1799; came to Ohio in 1807; died August 2, 1856; aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.  
 Barnes, Henry, Jr., Xenia, 1830; born in Xenia November 30, 1814; died December 6, 1872; aged seventy-three; buried in Woodland.  
 Barnes, John, Jr., Xenia, 1830; removed from Xenia in 1845; brother of Henry, Jr.  
 Barnes, James, Miami, 1811.  
 Barnes, John, Miami, 1820; soldier of 1812.  
 Barnes, John, Miami, 1820.  
 Barnes, Andrew, Xenia, 1835; brother of Henry, Jr.  
 Barnes, George W., Xenia, 1830; died September 11, 1841; buried in M. E. graveyard, Xenia; January 11, 1837, married Susan McClellan.  
 Bannon, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1820.  
 Bazel, Jacob, Xenia City, 1835; buried in the old M. E. churchyard, East Third street, Xenia.  
 Barr, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; died October 5, 1886, aged eighty-eight; buried in Hawker's churchyard.  
 Barr, James S., Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Barr, John, Bath, 1840; died in Bath township November 13, 1843; buried in Folk graveyard.  
 Barr, John D., Bath, 1840; died in Greenfield, Indiana, March, 1881; buried in Woodland.  
 Barr, Samuel, Ross, 1818; kept tavern at his house in Ross township in 1818.  
 Barr, John W., Ross, 1840; died in Cedarville, September 16, 1882; buried at Cedarville, Ohio.  
 Barr, Samuel, Jr., Ross, 1840.  
 Barr, James, Ross, 1840; died October 7, 1879, aged sixty-four; buried at Cedarville, Ohio.  
 Barr, David, Xenia, 1840; died April 23, 1865; aged sixty-two; buried at Woodland; April 19, 1837, married Nancy Duncan.  
 Bashart, Michael, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Bancroft, John, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Batdorft, Peter, Bath, 1834; born in Berks county, Pennsylvania; died April 10, 1880; aged seventy-five; buried in Mitman graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Batdorft, John, Bath, 1840.  
 Babcock, Thomas, Bath, 1809; soldier of 1812.  
 Babcock, Samuel, Bath, 1810.  
 Babcock, William, Bath, 1810.  
 Bartles, William, Bath, 1813; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad river in Bath township.  
 Bartles, Frederick, Bath, 1827; February 26, 1829, married Margaret Wolf.  
 Bacon, Allen, Bath, 1818; died in Bath township in 1856; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Bacon, Ezra, Bath, 1818.  
 Baggs, James, Bath, 1840; died February 7, 1858; aged eighty-eight; buried in Rockafeld graveyard.  
 Baggs, John, Bath, 1840.  
 Bahaw, John, Bath, 1840.  
 Batchelor, Robert, Xenia, 1840; born December 25, 1815; died December 10, 1861; buried in Cedarville cemetery.  
 Batchelor, George, Bath, 1813; a soldier of the Revolution; died in Miami township May 15, 1827; buried at Cedarville.  
 Ballard, William, Caesar's Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; Capt. John Watson.  
 Ballard, Rev. Lyman, Ross, 1823; from Pennsylvania; died June, 1873, near Jamestown; aged ninety-one.  
 Balard, Joseph, Ross, 1827; died in Ross township in 1865; March 27, 1831, married Polly Shigley.  
 Ballard, Josiah, Ross, 1826; died October 10, 1875; aged ninety; buried east of Grape Grove.  
 Ballard, Joseph, Jr., Ross, 1840; died at Morrow, Ohio, January 1, 1873; was captain of Company H, 74th; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Ballard, William, Jr., Ross, 1840; died October 18, 1894, aged eighty-three, at Jasper; born in Adams county, Ohio.  
 Ballard, John, Ross, 1840; died February 10, 1892, aged seventy-seven; buried at Massie's Creek (Tarbox).  
 Ballard, Nathan, Ross, 1840; January 2, 1834, married Elizabeth Shigley.  
 Bard, Samuel, Miami, 1813.  
 Baird, James, Miami, 1813; died in Miami township in 1814.  
 Barney, John, Miami, 1813.  
 Barney, William, Miami, 1813.  
 Brady, John, Miami, 1826.  
 Bartleson, Peter, Miami, 1828.  
 Barkwell, James, Miami, 1829.

- Banks, Dr. Wm. Y., Miami, 1840; from South Carolina; died November 17, 1854, aged forty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Bayman, Charles, Ross, 1812.
- Balenrove, Charles, Ross, 1818.
- Badgley, Moses, Ross, 1819; died in Ross township in 1822.
- Badgley, Ephraim, Ross, 1830; April 19, 1821, married Sally Clemons.
- Badgley, Hugh, Ross, 1830; April 3, 1826, married Elizabeth Martin.
- Badgley, George, Silver Creek, 1835; died at the infirmary April 26, 1851; aged thirty-eight.
- Bailey, Daniel, Silver Creek, 1840; May 2, 1839, married Emeline Adset.
- Bailey, J. W., Ross, 1840; January 11, 1838, married Mehitabel Pratt.
- Banaham, Humphrey, Ross, 1828.
- Barkin, James, Silver Creek, 1826.
- Baxla, Julius, Silver Creek, 1826.
- Barkell, John, Silver Creek, 1828.
- Barkell, John, Jr., Silver Creek, 1828.
- Kaskin, John, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Baber, Zenos, Bath, 1830; died August 16, 1843; buried in old graveyard, east of Fairfield, Ohio.
- Back, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1804; soldier of 1812; June 9, 1806, married Betsey True.
- Beck, John, Sugar Creek, 1805; removed to Centerville, Montgomery county, Ohio.
- Beck, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1812; died in Sugar Creek township in 1857.
- Beck, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812.
- Beck, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; married Sarah, sister of William Snodgrass, of Sugar Creek township.
- Beck, James, Bath, 1807.
- Beason, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; died December 26, 1856, aged sixty-six; buried at Baptist graveyard.
- Beason, Amaziah, Sugar Creek, 1806; buried in Hicksite graveyard, near Selma, Clark county, in 1821.
- Beason, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1806; December 26, 1806, married Jane Sanders.
- Beason, Richard, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; Captain Robert McClellan.
- Beason, William, Xenia, 1811; emigrated from South Carolina to Tennessee, thence to Kentucky, thence to Ohio; soldier of 1812; died January 18, 1853, aged sixty-six; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jasper, Ohio.
- Beason, Mercer, Sugar Creek, 1803; came from Uniontown, Pennsylvania; grandfather of David Turner.
- Beason, Messer, Caesar's Creek, 1813; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1823.
- Beason, Margaret, Caesar's Creek, 1813.
- Beason, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1817; died November 30, 1839, aged fifty-eight; buried in Zoar churchyard; son-in-law of Balentine Bone.
- Beason, Mercer, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1819.
- Beason, Henry, Silver Creek, 1820; son of Mercer.
- Beason, John, Silver Creek, 1820; son of Mercer; September 18, 1828, married Elizabeth Lee.
- Beason, Amassa, Silver Creek, 1840; December 27, 1821, married Margaret Price.
- Beason, Nathan, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Beason, Susanna, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Beason, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1840; December 27, 1839, married Eliza Blalock.
- Beason, James, Miami, 1840.
- Beason, William, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; July 13, 1826, married Catherine Kyle.
- Beason, Lewis, Silver Creek, 1840; December 11, 1840, married Betsey Hadley.
- Beason, Silas, Silver Creek, 1840; died May 25, 1859, aged forty-three; buried at Tabor churchyard, near Jasper, Ohio.
- Beason, Fudge, Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died September 28, 1898, aged ninety-six.
- Benson, James, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Benson, William, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Benson, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1809.
- Benson, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Benson, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1815.
- Benson, James, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Benson, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Benson, Clark, Sugar Creek, 1830; November 11, 1824, married Elizabeth Ann Wilson.
- Benson, John, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Benson, Elijah, Sugar Creek, 1840; September 22, 1835, married Ann Sanders.
- Benson, John, Miami, 1812.
- Beamer, Frederick, Xenia, 1814; removed to Muncie, Indiana, from Cedarville, Ohio; December 17, 1823, married Elizabeth Hanes.
- Beamer, James, Sugar Creek, 1840; died July, 1880, at Cedarville; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville.
- Benham, John, Sugar Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812; buried in Centerville, Montgomery county, Ohio; came from New Jersey.
- Benham, Peter, Sugar Creek, 1814; born near Cincinnati, 1797; brother of John; buried at Mt. Zion; aged eighty-seven.
- Berryhill, William T., Sugar Creek, 1814; died April 27, 1874, aged eighty-four; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio; second son of Alexander.
- Berryhill, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1815; a resident of Virginia; born in 1748; died, 1823; aged fifty-nine; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; soldier of Revolution.
- Berryhill, James, Sugar Creek, 1818; eldest son of Alexander, and son-in-law of William Turner, who married Esther, his daughter.
- Berryhill, John, Sugar Creek, 1818; third son of Alexander; soldier of 1812; married Rachel James.
- Berryhill, Alexander, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1820; fourth son of Alexander; removed to Miami county, Ohio.
- Berryhill, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1820; fifth son of Alexander; died in 1840; buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Berryhill, Archibald, Sugar Creek, 1826; sixth son of Alexander; died July 7, 1877; aged seventy-five; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Berryhill, Matthew, Sugar Creek, 1828; seventh



- son of Alexander; born in Augusta county, Virginia, January 7, 1807; died September 25, 1898; aged ninety-two; buried at Bellbrook.
- Berryhill, Franklin, Sugar Creek, 1832; eighth son of Alexander; born March 1, 1811.
- Berryhill, A. M., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Berryhill, Wm. B., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Samuel.
- Beard, John, Xenia, 1809.
- Beard, William, Miami, 1819; son of Thomas, Sr.
- Beard, Joseph, Miami, 1819; son of Thomas, Sr.; February 9, 1822, married Advanna Nevius.
- Beard, Benjamin, Miami, 1819; son of Thomas, Sr.; December 16, 1824, married Mary Ann Knott.
- Beard, Thomas, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1820; removed to Indiana; son-in-law of James Currie, Sr.
- Bell, Stephen, Sugar Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; one of the founders of Bellbrook, Ohio; died November 14, 1852; buried at Springfield, Ohio; Hannah, his wife, died May 23, 1839, aged sixty-three; buried in Pioneer graveyard.
- Bell, John S., Sugar Creek, 1818; son of Stephen; carding mill at Bellbrook, Ohio; firm name, Bell & Sayer.
- Bell, William, Dr., Sugar Creek, 1820; son of Stephen; married a daughter of Wm. Tanner; buried in Woodland.
- Bell, Charles, Sugar Creek, 1824; son of Stephen.
- Bell, Aaron, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of Stephen.
- Bell, Samuel, Miami, 1840; died in Miami township in 1862.
- Bell, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1828; son of Stephen; removed to Indiana.
- Bell, Franklin J., Sugar Creek, 1830; son of Stephen; February 27, 1840, married Lydia Peneweight.
- Bell, Joshua, Xenia, 1807; from Harford county, Maryland; kept the first public house at Caesarsville; soldier of 1812; removed to Henry county, Iowa; died July 1, 1856.
- Bell, John, Xenia, 1807; died in 1809, near White Chapel; buried on his farm.
- Bell, Nathaniel J. D., Xenia, 1807; died June 6, 1830, aged eighty-one; buried on the old homeplace, southeast of Xenia.
- Bell, David, Xenia 1807; pioneer school teacher of New Jasper; removed to Jay county, Indiana.
- Bell, Robert, Bath, 1807; born in Nelson county, Kentucky, May 1, 1793; died August 2, 1849; buried in Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Bell, George, Xenia, 1807; from Baltimore county, Maryland; soldier of 1812; born in 1779, died April 18, 1840; aged sixty-one; buried on the old homeplace.
- Bell, Elisha Bales, Xenia, 1810; born in Caesarsville, March 26, 1808; removed to Tippecanoe county, Indiana; died in 1864 at Lewis, Cass county, Iowa.
- Bell, Daniel, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Bell, Nathaniel, Xenia, 1812; soldier of 1812; died January 5, 1847, aged sixty-six, buried in Bell graveyard, south of Xenia.
- Bell, Joseph, Xenia, 1819; died August 25, 1824, aged fifty-six; buried at Massie's Creek (Stevenson's.)
- Bell, William, Silver Creek, 1820; from Kentucky; died May 11, 1860, in Miami township.
- Bell, Marion, Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland; died in Kansas; body sent home.
- Bell, Freeborn, Xenia, 1840; grandson of Nathaniel; died in Indiana in 1875, aged fifty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Bell, Franklin George, Xenia, 1840; born March 3, 1824; died in Xenia, February 23, 1899; aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- Beer, David, Miami, 1813.
- Beer, Hudson, Miami, 1819.
- Betchell, Daniel, Miami, 1818; died in Sugar Creek in 1834; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Betchell, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1820; died November 27, 1855, aged seventy; buried in Bellbrook cemetery; married Elizabeth Klontz.
- Betchell, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Betchel, James, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Betchell, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; died in 1851; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio; July 4, 1839, married Catharine Byrd.
- Beall, John B., Caesar's Creek, 1813; buried in Woodland; September 7, 1822, married Sarah Mercer.
- Beall, George, Caesar's Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; born October 12, 1791; died May 1, 1874; buried at New Hope church, Paintersville, Ohio; son of Israel.
- Beall, James, Xenia, 1810.
- Beall, William T., Xenia, 1820; from Allegheny county, Maryland; son of John; born in 1798; died in 1886.
- Beall, George B., Xenia, 1821; died December, 1825; buried in Woodland; son of John B.
- Beall, Lewis H., Xenia, 1813; son of John B.; from Maryland; died March 12, 1863; aged sixty; buried in Woodland.
- Beall, John S., Xenia, 1828.
- Beall, Frederick, Xenia, 1830.
- Beall, William P., Xenia, 1830; died January 19, 1886, aged eighty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Beall, John J., Xenia, 1830; from Virginia; died April 9, 1862; buried in Woodland; son of John B.
- Beall, George T., Xenia, 1840.
- Beall, Alexander B., Xenia, 1840; son of John B.; died December 14, 1871, aged sixty-two; buried in Woodland; saddler by trade.
- Beall, Charles F., Xenia, 1840; died in Cincinnati December 17, 1841, aged twenty-seven; son of John.
- Beall, Eli R., Xenia, 1840; son of John B.; died April 18, 1843, aged twenty-five.
- Beall, George W., Xenia, 1835; died April 27, 1829, in Bath township, buried in Folck graveyard.
- Beall, Isaac, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1806; father of Isaac, Jacob, Lena, Aaron, Jonathan, George and Polly Beall; his wife, Mary, died in 1819.
- Beall, Rev. Isaac J., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Isaac; died August 27, 1860, aged thirty-seven; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Beall, Aaron, Beaver Creek, 1806; son of Isaac, Sr.; settled in Greene county in 1801; he it was who whipped the champion of Green county, Ben Kiser, in 1806; died July, 1860, aged seventy-seven; buried near Byron.



- Beall, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1806; son of Isaac, Sr.; died in 1815, in Bath township; November, 1821, married Margaret McIntosh.
- Beall, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840; January 28, 1841, married Delilah Licklider.
- Beall, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1840; died in Beaver Creek township December 26, 1855, aged thirty-eight; buried in Union graveyard.
- Beall, William, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Beall, Jonathan, Beaver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; son of Isaac and Mary.
- Beatty, William A., Xenia, 1804; from Georgetown, Kentucky; soldier of 1812; kept the first hotel in Xenia in 1804; died in Jackson county, Indiana, November, 1821.
- Beatty, Henry G., Xenia, 1828; born March 23, 1802, died November 3, 1845; buried in Woodland.
- Beatty, Isaac, Xenia, 1840; saddler; learned his trade with B. Baker; August 28, 1838, married Eliza Ann Crowl.
- Beatty, William E., Caesar's Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; married Nancy Birt.
- Beatty, Ann, Caesar's Creek, 1813.
- Beaver, Christian, Caesar's Creek, 1806.
- Beach, Benjamin, Xenia, 1840; fell from a bridge near New Jasper April, 1880, and was killed.
- Beam, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died November 2, 1846, aged forty-two; buried in Zoar churchyard.
- Beam, John, Bath, 1820.
- Beam, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Best, Isaac, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Best, Solomon, Silver Creek, 1827.
- Best, Ezekiel, Silver Creek, 1827; February 13, 1817, married Elizabeth Hite.
- Best, George, Silver Creek, 1827.
- Best, Hezekiah, Silver Creek, 1828.
- Best, Elias, Ross, 1840; October 3, 1826, married Elizabeth Campbell.
- Bedinger, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Beaven, Abel, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Beaven, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died March 26, 1859, aged fifty-eight; buried at New Hope, Paintersville, Ohio.
- Beaven, Lydia, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Bender, John, Beaver Creek, 1830; from Berks county, Pennsylvania; born September 13, 1794; died October 20, 1849; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Berry, Bartholomew, Beaver Creek, 1807; a soldier of the Revolution.
- Berry, David, Bath, 1820.
- Berry, Luster, Bath, 1827.
- Berry, William, Miami, 1809; soldier of 1812; Capt. James Galloway.
- Berry, John, Miami, 1809; brother of Thomas; died in Miami township in 1814.
- Berry, Moses, Ross, 1840.
- Berry, Thomas L., Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; died in Miami township in 1860.
- Berry, James H., Bath, 1840; died in Bath township in 1864.
- Beeks, William, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Beeks, Christopher, Xenia, 1811.
- Bear, Michael, Miami, 1840.
- Beachem, Rev. Thomas, Xenia, 1828; a local preacher of the M. E. Church, also a plasterer; buried in Woodland.
- Beachem, William, Xenia, 1828; a shoemaker; died April 9, 1861, aged sixty; buried in Woodland; brother of Thomas.
- Benton, J., Xenia, 1840.
- Benton, Edward, 1836; March 1, 1838, married Elizabeth McDill.
- Bennett, D., Xenia, 1840.
- Bennett, Ezra, Xenia, 1840.
- Bennett, Edward, Xenia, 1840.
- Bennett, Reese, Xenia, 1807; died in 1855.
- Bennett, Richard, Bath, 1807.
- Bennett, Francis, Bath, 1810; soldier of 1812.
- Bennett, Solomon E., Bath, 1832; from Maryland; died June 2, 1868; buried at Fairfield; married Mary Ann Ackelson.
- Benifield, James, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Berryman, William, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Beavardly, Trustan, Beaver Creek, 1827; April 23, 1826, married Elizabeth Low.
- Beverly, John, Bath, 1840.
- Betts, Enoch, Bath, 1807.
- Beeth, James, Bath, 1813; buried in Mitman graveyard, Fairfield.
- Beeth, Thomas, Bath, 1816.
- Beeth, William, Bath, 1826; December 27, 1827, married Winfred McDonald.
- Beeth, James, Jr., Bath, 1840; born October, 1817, died March 2, 1873; buried in Mitman graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.
- Bairingler, Jackson, Bath, 1840; February 8, 1838, married Harriet Dryden.
- Bergen, John, Ross, 1812; a friend of Thomas Townsley, Sr.; willed him his farm.
- Bentley, John, Silver Creek, 1826; October 19, 1826, married Alice Studivan.
- Bentley, Joseph B., Silver Creek, 1828; died in Silver Creek township; kept store in Jamestown.
- Bentley, Joseph, Silver Creek, 1829.
- Bendure, Henry, Silver Creek, 1829.
- Bendure, Stephen, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bernard, Francis, Xenia, 1840; died September 23, 1853; buried in Woodland.
- Bedinger, Henry, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bedinger, Adam, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Beveridge, Rev. Thos., Xenia, 1820; from Pennsylvania; professor in Xenia U. P. Theological Seminary; died May 30, 1878; buried in Woodland.
- Birt, Zimri, Ross, 1820.
- Birt, Jeremiah, Caesar's Creek, 1824.
- Birt, Andrew D., Caesar's Creek, 1828; March 15, 1825, married Elizabeth Shook.
- Birt, William, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1806; removed to Rush county, Indiana.
- Birt, William, Jr., Caesar's Creek; son of William, Sr.; removed to Indiana.
- Birt, David, Caesar's Creek, 1828; son of William.
- Birt, Seaborn, Caesar's Creek, 1806.
- Birt, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1811; son of William, Sr.; soldier of 1812; removed to Rush county, Indiana.
- Birt, Leavan, Sugar Creek, 1827; removed to Kokomo, Indiana.
- Birt, John, Sugar Creek, 1826; removed to Perry county, Illinois; died in 1865.

- Birt, Thomas, Xenia, 1826; son of William, Sr.; removed to Perry county, Illinois, at Perry Station.
- Birt, Peter, Ross, 1813; December 24, 1841, married Mary Frazier.
- Birt, Aaron, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Bingamin, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812; buried at Waynesville, Ohio.
- Bingamin, John, Sugar Creek, 1809; died in 1814; buried in Waynesville cemetery.
- Bingamin, Lewis, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Bingamin, Allen, Sugar Creek, 1821; removed to Blue River, Indiana; December 9, 1819, married Bethany Birt.
- Bingamin, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1840; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Bingamin, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died May 12, 1882, aged sixty-four; buried in Baptist cemetery, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Bigger, John, Sugar Creek, 1808; died December 30, 1831; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook; Mary, his wife, born in 1763, died in 1844.
- Bigger, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1826; removed to Guernsey county, Ohio, thence to Washington, Iowa; married Margaret McConnell.
- Bigger, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1826; from Kentucky; died September 10, 1881, aged eighty-seven; March 16, 1816, married Hannah Snowden.
- Biddle, Lewis, Sugar Creek, 1808.
- Biddle, John, Sugar Creek, 1808.
- Biddle, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1809.
- Biddle, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1821.
- Bias, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Bingham, William, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Bingham, John, Miami, 1815.
- Bilderback, Gabriel, Xenia, 1806; soldier of 1812.
- Bilderback, Ephraim, Ross, 1816; died in Ross township in 1823.
- Binkley, William, Xenia, 1840; moved to Hagerstown, Indiana; died June, 1882; aged seventy-five.
- Binkley, Philip, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; died December 17, 1867, aged eighty-five; buried at Woodland.
- Binkley, Samuel, Xenia, 1829; chairmaker in Xenia.
- Binkley, William H., Xenia, 1840; removed to Hagerstown, Indiana; died at the age of seventy-five.
- Binkley, Alexander, Xenia, 1840; drowned near Coloma, California, in 1852.
- Binkley, Washington, Xenia, 1840; drowned near Coloma, California, in 1852.
- Bickett, John, Xenia, 1818; brother of W. R.; died March 8, 1859, aged sixty-two; buried in Dean graveyard.
- Bickett, Wm. R., Xenia, 1818; from Pennsylvania; born in 1796; died April 23, 1865; aged sixty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Bickett, Daniel, Xenia, 1819; son of John Bickett, and grandson of Daniel Dean.
- Bickett, John, Jr., Xenia, 1820; son of Daniel.
- Biggsby, Cephus, Xenia, 1829.
- Birmingham, Thomas, Xenia, 1803.
- Billett, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1840; from England; died December 23, 1881; aged eighty-four.
- Bishop, Elias, Xenia, 1828; died in Xenia township in 1822.
- Bishop, Joseph, Xenia, 1828.
- Bishop, Reason, Xenia, 1830; died 1867; aged seventy-one; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Bishop, Josephus, Xenia, 1830.
- Bishop, Solomon B., Ross, 1819; soldier of 1812; died in 1839; married Elizabeth Forbes.
- Bishop, Greenbury, Ross, 1819; January 4, 1838, married — Spahr.
- Bishop, George, Ross, 1840; born October 7, 1809; died May 10, 1883; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Bishop, Nimrod, Ross, 1840; died in 1868.
- Biniger, James, Ross, 1840; born November 25, 1802; March 11, 1830, married Betsey Farmer.
- Bigalow, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1827; July 4, 1831, married Mahala Brown.
- Black, Tilgman, Xenia, 1830; died December, 1836.
- Black, John, Sugar Creek, 1806; from Virginia; father of Winston Black; removed to Piqua, Ohio.
- Black, Peter, Sugar Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812.
- Black, Moses, Sugar Creek, 1810.
- Black, David, Sugar Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812; April 18, 1816, married Christiana Sanders.
- Black, Christiana, Sugar Creek, 1820; widow of David Black.
- Black, William, Caesar's Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; died in 1815.
- Black, S. J., Xenia, 1840.
- Black, William H., Xenia, 1833; bill painter; died December 12, 1859; buried in Woodland.
- Black, Robert, Xenia, 1816; married Mary Koogler June 6, 1826; died January, 1869, aged sixty-five; buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Black, Robert M., Xenia, 1816; son of William, Sr.; January 29, 1822, married Rebecca Pierce.
- Black, Henry, Xenia, 1820; August 29, 1829, married Mary Rice.
- Black, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; son of James; died January 18, 1843, aged twenty-two; father of Gramson, who died in 1859.
- Black, James, Xenia, 1821; February 6, 1840, married Jane Greive.
- Black, John, Bath, 1807.
- Black, James M., Bath, 1819.
- Black, James R., Bath, 1820.
- Black, Joseph, Bath, 1826.
- Black, Matthew, Bath, 1822; father-in-law of George Koogler; October 14, 1823, married Barbary Wolf.
- Black, Charles, Ross, 1840.
- Black, Winston, Xenia, 1840; from Pennsylvania; worked for years with Brinton Baker; died October 30, 1892, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland.
- Blair, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1815; November 11, 1825, married Catharine O. Nedyke.
- Blair, Thomas, Xenia, 1820; a resident of Clark's Run; died in the spring of 1824; March 23, 1820, married Betsey Chalmers.
- Blair, Elizabeth, Xenia, 1830; wife of Thomas; died February 16, 1861, aged eighty-five; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's.)
- Blair, Lot, Ross, 1840; died in 1842; had one son, Josephus; his wife's name was Mary Ann.



- Blessing, John, Sugar Creek, 1812; from Virginia; soldier of 1812; died July 30, 1828, aged fifty-eight; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Blessing, Reuben, Sugar Creek, 1826; removed to Indiana; December 1, 1825, married Elizabeth Coffield.
- Blessing, Marcus, Sugar Creek, 1828; died October 9, 1863, aged fifty-five; buried in Woodland; September 15, 1829, married Maria Crumley.
- Blessing, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1830; removed to Fayette county in 1847; June 17, 1824, married Phebe Mock.
- Blessing, Nancy, Beaver Creek, 1830; died April 6, 1879, aged eighty-nine; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Blessing, Elizabeth, Beaver Creek, 1830; daughter of Lewis; died December, 1900; buried in Woodland.
- Blessing, Josiah, Sugar Creek, 1840; October 15, 1840, married Lucy Lamme.
- Blessing, Amos, Sugar Creek, 1840; from Virginia; died July 12, 1872, aged fifty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Blessing, John, Xenia, 1821; son of Lewis; soldier of 1812; died December 2, 1864, aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland.
- Blessing, Isaac, Xenia, 1840; removed to the south.
- Blessing, Mark, Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland cemetery, Xenia.
- Blessing, Absalom, Beaver Creek, 1830; from Virginia; died November 28, 1881, aged seventy-four; buried at Mt. Zion.
- Blessing, Lewis, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1821; born in 1765; died in Beaver Creek township in 1825; buried in Woodland; aged sixty years.
- Blessing, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1821; son of Lewis; died in Beaver Creek township in 1825, June 13; aged thirty-three years.
- Blalock, George, Caesar's Creek, 1807; November 1, 1808, married Elizabeth McKenney.
- Blalock, Benson, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Blalock, George W., 1840; April 1, 1841, married Elizabeth Cultice.
- Blakeley, Jeremiah, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Blakeley, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1819; removed to Indiana.
- Blakeley, John, Xenia, 1830.
- Blakeley, James, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Blue, David, Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Blue, Robert, Bath, 1807.
- Blue, John, Sr., Bath, 1807.
- Blue, John, Jr., Bath, 1807.
- Blue, Samuel, Miami, 1813; soldier of 1812; Capt. James Morrow's Company.
- Blue, James, Ross, 1828.
- Blaney, William, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Blaney, William, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Blain, James, Bath, 1809.
- Blain, William, Sr., Silver Creek, 1819; died December 21, 1861, aged eighty-six; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Blain, William, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; born September 25, 1808; died December 21, 1851; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Blizzard, George W., Bath, 1840; April 18, 1839, married Rebecca Flatter.
- Blizzard, John, Bath, 1840.
- Blake, Nathaniel, Bath, 1813; July 25, 1814, married Mary Templeton.
- Bloomer, Benjamin, Ross, 1811.
- Bloomer, Nehemiah, Ross, 1811.
- Bloomer, John, Ross, 1812.
- Bowen, Ephraim, Sugar Creek, 1803; from Kentucky; soldier of 1812; removed to Randolph county, Indiana, in 1814.
- Bowen, Solomon, Sugar Creek, 1808.
- Bowen, David, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1810; died July 17, 1846, aged eighty-three; buried in Sugar Creek township.
- Bowen, Lott, Beaver Creek, 1813; from Franklin county, Pennsylvania; married to Anna Wallingsford May 21, 1805, by Rev. Carman.
- Bowen, David, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1815; son of David; died June 10, 1879; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Bowen, Samuel J., Beaver Creek, 1819; son of David; soldier of 1812; born in 1773; died September 26, 1864; buried at Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Bowen, David, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1828.
- Borders, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1803; kept the first public house, and the first courts of Greene county were held in this house; removed to Manard county, Illinois, near Irish Grove; in 1852 was still living, then eighty-four years old.
- Borders, George, Beaver Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Zachariah Ferguson.
- Borders, George, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Borders, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Borders, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1820; soldier of 1812; December 4, 1818, married Jane Starr.
- Borders, Christopher, Xenia, 1813.
- Borders, Christopher, Jr., Xenia, 1817.
- Borders, James, Xenia, 1818; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Robert Gowdv.
- Borders, Peter, Jr., Xenia, 1828; April 1, 1829, married Nancy Richards; removed to Logan county, Ohio.
- Boston, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1816.
- Bonner, James, Caesar's Creek, 1803.
- Bonner, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1803.
- Bonner, Frederick, Sr., Xenia, 1803; from Dinwiddie county, Virginia; born September 4, 1738; died in 1830, aged seventy-one; buried in the Bonner Graveyard.
- Bonner, David, Xenia 1805.
- Bonner, David S., Xenia, 1805; son of Fredrick, Sr.; soldier of 1812.
- Bonner, David J., Sugar Creek, 1812.
- Bonner, Fredrick, Jr., Xenia, 1816; died March 26, 1860, aged eighty-four; buried in the Bonner graveyard; married Elizabeth Mercer.
- Bonner, Chapel H., Xenia, 1808; son of Fredrick, Sr.; soldier of 1812; died in Van Buren, Iowa, November, 1873, aged eighty-seven.
- Bonner, Stith, Xenia, 1812; son of Fredrick, Sr.; died September 5, 1873, aged eighty-three; buried in Bonner graveyard.
- Bonner, Chapel, Xenia, 1817; October 12, 1809, married Polly Davis.
- Bonner, Philip D., Xenia, 1840; died September 15, 1850, aged forty; November 21, 1832, married Mary Frances Heath.



- Bonner, Rev. James R., Xenia 1840; pastor of the Associate Reformed (now 1st U. P.) church, Xenia, in 1840; died at Sydney, March 8, 1870, aged sixty-three.
- Bond, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; Capt. John Clark.
- Bond, Israel, Sugar Creek, 1821.
- Bond, Edward Ross, 1830.
- Bone, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1803; son of Valentine; wife was Martha; he died in 1806; administrators of his estate were John Lucas and Joseph Turner.
- Bone, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1803; born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; moved to Maryland, thence in 1795 to Columbia, and in 1803, to Ohio; died October 10, 1855, aged seventy-seven; buried in McDonald graveyard.
- Bone, Valentine, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1804; died in 1818; buried in Zoar churchyard; his wife was Christenia Bone.
- Bone, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1807; son of Valentine; died November 25, 1877, aged eighty-seven; buried in Zoar churchyard.
- Bone, Martha, Caesar's Creek, 1813; widow of Valentine Bone.
- Bone, Stephen, Caesar's Creek, 1827; from Maryland; November 30, 1822, married Rebecca Neil.
- Bone, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1827; from Maryland; son of Valentine; born in 1792; died April 22, 1876; aged eighty-three.
- Bone, Samuel, Jr., Xenia, 1833; died in Xenia December, 1825; aged twenty-seven.
- Bone, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1807; January 10, 1837, married Eliza Hardsook.
- Bone, James, Xenia, 1813.
- Bone, George, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; son of Valentine; September 20, 1809, married Nancy Mullnax.
- Bone, John R., Silver Creek, 1820; was married to Sarah B. Jones May 13, 1827.
- Bone, George, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bone, John, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Valentine; removed to Indiana; October 1, 1830, married Elizabeth Richardson.
- Boggers, Robert, Miami, 1803; first Methodist to have settled in Clifton, Greene county, in 1799.
- Boggers, Benjamin, Miami, 1830.
- Boots, Adam, Xenia, 1817; born July 19, 1767; died March 7, 1839, aged seventy-one; buried in Boots' graveyard; his wives were Hannah and Elizabeth.
- Boots, Jacob, Xenia, 1818; son of Adam.
- Boots, Jacob, Jr., Xenia, 1819.
- Boots, Martin, Xenia, 1829; son of Adam; December 21, 1826, married Rhoda Dill.
- Boots, Jesse, Xenia, 1830; from Virginia; son of Adam; died May 30, 1883, aged seventy-four; buried in Woodland.
- Boots, Joel, Xenia, 1837; son of Adam; died November 18, 1837, aged thirty-nine; buried in Boots' graveyard.
- Boots, Edmond, Xenia, 1840; October 3, 1839, married Elizabeth C. Haines.
- Boots, Elizabeth, Xenia, 1840; first wife of Adam Boots.
- Boots, Hannah, Xenia, 1840; second wife of Adam Boots.
- Boots, Levi, Xenia, 1840; Adam's youngest son; November 7, 1833, married Mary Jane Campbell.
- Boots, Joseph, Xenia, 1829; brother-in-law of Samuel Peterson; died December 24, 1863.
- Boblett, George, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812; died in 1872, aged ninety-eight; buried at Maple Corners, south of Xenia.
- Bolan, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1819.
- Bolan, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Bolan, Daniel, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1840; September 11, 1839, married Lucinda Conrad.
- Bolan, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1830; November 22, 1834, married Margaret S. Shank.
- Borton, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Borton, Josiah, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Borton, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Borton, Thomas, Ross, 1840.
- Borton, Aaron, Ross, 1840.
- Borton, Francis, Ross, 1840.
- Borden, Anthony, Sugar Creek, 1803; from New Jersey; removed to Martinsburg, Fayette county, Ohio.
- Borden, Joshua, Xenia, 1815; died July 5, 1851; aged fifty-one.
- Borden, Enoch, Xenia, 1840; a tailor.
- Bowers, John, Xenia, 1840; soldier of 1812; died March 13, 1867, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.
- Boyd, John, Sr., Xenia, 1807; died October 31, 1809; aged forty-two; buried in Massie's Creek (Steven-son's.)
- Boyd, James, Xenia, 1812; died November 22, 1851; aged sixty-two; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Boyd, John, Xenia, 1840.
- Boyd, William, Xenia, 1840; died in 1866.
- Boyles, Henry, Xenia, 1830; died November 6, 1874; buried at Cedarville cemetery.
- Boyles, Wesley, Xenia, 1830; died April 1, 1823; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Boyles, James, Xenia, 1807; died July 16, 1859; aged seventy-two; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Boyles, Daniel, Xenia, 1807; November, 1831, married Elizabeth Creswell.
- Boyles, Margaret, Xenia, 1807.
- Boyles, John, Xenia, 1829.
- Boyles, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1829; September 30, 1829, married Elizabeth Jones.
- Boyles, Solomon, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Boyles, Abel, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Bowmaster, Peter, Silver Creek, 1810; from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; died November 3, 1859, aged seventy-two; buried in Bowersville cemetery; soldier of 1812.
- Bozarth, John, Ross, 1807; soldier of 1812; died June 17, 1858; buried in Bloxson graveyard, in Clark county.
- Bozarth, Joshua, Ross, 1806; soldier of 1812; died in 1869; buried in Bloxson graveyard.
- Bozarth, David, Ross, 1819.
- Bozarth, Lott, Ross, 1815.
- Bozarth, Prestley, Ross, 1807; January 3, married Emeline S. Smith.
- Bosher, John, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Bosher, Joshua, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Bosher, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1811.

- Booker, William, Bath, 1813.  
 Booker, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1840; soldier of 1812; Capt. Shingledecker.  
 Booker, White, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Booker, Elias, Beaver Creek, 1840; died July 21, 1857, aged thirty-five; buried in Petro graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Booth, Caleb, Xenia, 1826; died January 20, 1852, aged seventy-six; buried in Cedarville cemetery.  
 Booth, Thomas, Xenia, 1828; July 31, 1821, married Lorena Davis.  
 Booth, John, Xenia, 1828.  
 Booth, Alfred, Ross, 1840; born May 7, 1815; died May 23, 1879; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville, Ohio; married Elizabeth Wilson.  
 Booth, David, Xenia, 1840; died May 22, 1856, aged forty-five; buried Cedarville cemetery.  
 Bovey, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; a native of Maryland.  
 Bovey, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1840; died March 11, 1855; aged sixty-eight; buried in Hawker's churchyard.  
 Bovey, Simon, Beaver Creek, 1840; from Washington county, Maryland; born May 28, 1802; died in 1883; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.  
 Bobo, Gardner, Beaver Creek, 1803; witness for the state—Aaron Beall vs. Benjamin Kiser, A. D. 1806.  
 Bowman, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1811.  
 Bowman, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1811.  
 Borroff, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1830; from Virginia; died December, 1874, aged seventy-seven; buried at Mt. Zion.  
 Bodkin, John, Beaver Creek, 1811.  
 Bodkin, George, Beaver Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812.  
 Boler, John, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Boice, Charles, Bath, 1817.  
 Box, Martin, Bath, 1821.  
 Bozell, Raphael, Bath, 1840.  
 Boolman, Samuel, Miami, 1840.  
 Bowser, Michael D., Xenia, 1840; born in Warren county, Ohio; died June 1, 1896, aged seventy-eight, buried in Woodland.  
 Bool, James, Ross, 1811.  
 Bool, Margaret, Ross, 1812.  
 Bool, John, Ross, 1816.  
 Brewster, Lewis, Ross, 1803; died November 9, 1836, aged sixty-four, buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook.  
 Brewster, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1803; died in Sugar Creek township in 1824; January 3, 1822, married Mary Dunwiddie.  
 Brewster, John, Sugar Creek, 1816; died in Sugar Creek township in 1830.  
 Brewster, Francis, Sugar Creek, 1817; died March 6, 1875, aged eighty, buried in Bellbrook cemetery.  
 Brewster, Nathaniel, Sugar Creek, 1819; died in 1864, aged sixty-seven, buried at Bellbrook.  
 Brewster, David, Sugar Creek, 1830.  
 Brewster, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Brewster, Samuel, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Brewster, Zadock, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Bruce, Charles P., Sugar Creek, 1840; removed to Montgomery county, Indiana; died October, 1850, aged fifty-two; married Angeline Wright.  
 Bruce, James, Sugar Creek, 1803; born in 1782; soldier of 1812; buried in Baptist churchyard, Patterson Corner, near Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Bruce, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Bruce, Joshua, Beaver's Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; buried in Baptist graveyard; southwest of Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Bridge, William, Sugar Creek, 1810.  
 Broadrick, Patrick, Sugar Creek, 1804.  
 Broadrick, David S., Sugar Creek, 1809; first election held in his house at the organization of township of Miami.  
 Broadrick, George, Miami, 1819.  
 Broadrick, Isaiah, Miami, 1830.  
 Bright, Goodwin, Sugar Creek, 1806; died in 1806, buried in Middle Run churchyard, south of Bellbrook, Ohio.  
 Bright, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1806.  
 Brown, Rev. Anza, Xenia, 1835; first M. E. pastor stationed in Xenia.  
 Brown, Hiram C., Xenia, 1842; from New York died February 22, 1882, aged eighty-seven; buried in Woodland.  
 Brown, Nathaniel, Xenia, 1842; father of Hiram C. Brown, buried in Woodland cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.  
 Brown, David, Ross, 1812; soldier of 1812; died March 8, 1868, aged seventy-five; buried in Clifton cemetery.  
 Brown, Jacob, Xenia, 1835; born December 17, 1775, died January 22, 1860, aged eighty-four; from Loudoun county, Virginia.  
 Brown, George W., Xenia, 1835; son of Jacob; died at his residence near Jamestown, May 19, 1883, aged eighty-five.  
 Brown, Nixon, Xenia, 1840; born February 2, 1827; son of Jacob, and brother of George.  
 Brown, Jonathan, Xenia, 1807; January 1, 1807, married Delilah Spencer.  
 Brown, Samuel, Xenia, 1811; November 26, 1830, married Eliza Harrison.  
 Brown, John H., Xenia, 1819, removed to Warren county, Illinois; died in 1835; January 30, 1835 married Jane Struthers.  
 Brown, James M., Xenia, 1820; died in 1853, aged seventy-one, buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).  
 Brown, David, Xenia, 1840; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard; from Scotland; father of Robert.  
 Brown, Robert, Xenia, 1840; died February 7, 1887, aged seventy-one, buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard.  
 Brown, William, Sr., Xenia, 1830; a native of Alyth, Perthshire, Scotland; brother of James, and father of John, Revs. James and Thomas Brown; was married to Margaret Hain; buried in Woodland.  
 Brown, Rev. Thomas, Xenia, 1835; born in Alyth, Perthshire, Scotland, September 6, 1814; married Elizabeth Hamill, February 20, 1838, at Xenia; died January 18, 1892, at Welda, Kansas.  
 Brown, Rev. Zachariah, Xenia, 1827; May 26, 1825, married Mary Dorsey.



- Brown, James, Xenia, 1830; killed in gravel pit June 4, 1849, aged seventy-three, buried in Woodland.
- Brown, James, Caesar's Creek, 1830; June 2, 1842, married Rachel Powers.
- Brown, Abijah, Xenia, 1830; from Washington county, Maryland; died January 27, 1861, aged eighty, buried in Woodland.
- Brown, John, Xenia, 1830; a Scotchman, brother of James; removed to Monmouth, Illinois; naturalized in 1832.
- Brown, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1806; March 15, 1821, married Margaret Snip.
- Brown, William, Beaver Creek, 1820; died November 15, 1864, aged sixty-eight, buried at Hawker's church, Beaver.
- Brown, Philip, Beaver Creek, 1829; born May 11, 1798, died January 13, 1877, aged seventy-eight, buried at Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Brown, William, Sugar Creek, 1809; from Augusta county, Virginia; son of John; soldier of 1812; died February 1, 1816, aged forty-six, buried in McKnight cemetery.
- Brown, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Brown, David, Xenia, 1840; died April 27, 1873, aged eighty.
- Brown, James, Sugar Creek, 1815; died February 5, 1892, aged seventy, buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Brown, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1820; plasterer in Xenia in 1827; removed to Dayton; died past the age of ninety.
- Brown, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1826; from Loudoun county, Virginia; died at Alpha, April 6, 1885, buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Brown, Mahlon, Sugar Creek, 1827; died in Xenia in 1848.
- Brown, George, Sugar Creek, 1824; son-in-law of Arthur Johnson; died December 8, aged sixty-seven, buried in Mt. Zion.
- Brown, David W., Sugar Creek, 1824; died November 3, 1848, aged forty-nine, buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Brown, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1824; son of George; born November 17, 1816.
- Brown, Clayton, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Mahlon Brown.
- Brown, Godfrey, Caesar's Creek, 1830; a Baptist preacher; died January 3, 1843, aged ninety, July 17, 1828, married Keziah Smith.
- Brown, Richard, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died December 20, 1878, aged seventy-nine; February 6, 1834, married Sidney Hamton.
- Brown, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1869; January 6, 1840, married Eliza Lucas.
- Brown, Allen W., Caesar's Creek, 1830; buried in Salem graveyard, south of Paintersville, Ohio.
- Brelsford, James, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; died near Bellbrook in 1886; February 17, 1825, married Nancy Bigelow.
- Brelsford, William, Sugar Creek, 1826; died in Sugar Creek township in 1849.
- Brelsford, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1823; October 2, 1823, married Sarah Buckles.
- Brelsford, John, Sugar Creek, 1829; son of William.
- Brelsford, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1816; his daughter, Hannah, married Jeremiah Allen.
- Brazelton, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1805.
- Breakfield, Elias, Silver Creek, 1840; born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, August 31, 1806.
- Browder, Thomas, Sr., Silver Creek, 1807; one of the first settlers of Jamestown.
- Browder, Thomas, Jr., Silver Creek, 1807; died in Ross township in 1830.
- Browder, William, Silver Creek, 1807.
- Browder, Jesse F., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Browder, James, Silver Creek, 1821; died at Columbus, Ohio, in 1835; July 4, 1816, married Betsey Hays.
- Browder, James, Sr., Silver Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812; died February 12, 1872; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Browder, James, Bath, 1809.
- Browder, William, Bath, 1810.
- Browder, William, Jr., Silver Creek, 1814.
- Browder, Fletcher, Silver Creek, 1840; died April 18, 1887; aged seventy-two.
- Browder, Daniel, Ross, 1815; died in Ross township in 1818.
- Browder, Joseph, Ross, 1840.
- Browder, J. S., Ross, 1840.
- Browder, Thomas T., Ross, 1840; died March 7, 1875, aged sixty-five; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Browder, James, A., Ross, 1840; died February 25, 1877, aged seventy; buried at North Star, Darke county, Ohio.
- Browder, Harman, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; died in Ross township in 1835.
- Browder, Jonathan, Silver Creek, 1813.
- Browder, Wesley, Silver Creek, 1817.
- Browder, Hector S., Silver Creek, 1840; died September 19, 1856, aged forty-two; buried in the Jamestown cemetery, married Catharine Hixon.
- Browder, Parks S., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bryan, James, Silver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; died April, 1874; May 2, 1813, married Polly Johnson.
- Bryan, Morrison, Silver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; died in 1822; buried at Jamestown, Ohio; August 23, 1837, married Catherine Turner.
- Bryan, Alonzo, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bryan, Nero, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bryan, Lycha A., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bryan, William, Silver Creek, 1840; May 21, 1840, married Sarah Mendenhall.
- Bryan, Alonzo, Silver Creek, 1829.
- Bryan, Andrew M., Silver Creek, 1815; died in Silver Creek township in 1821.
- Bryan, David, Silver Creek, 1815; son of Andrew M.
- Bryan, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1816; died October 6, 1853, aged sixty-two; buried in Friend's graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Bryan, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1837.
- Bryan, Reece, Ross, 1840; April 5, 1838, married Nancy Sheeley.
- Bruin, Martin, Caesar's Creek, 1827.
- Bromagem, Elias, Xenia, 1803; his wife was Martha; he died in 1828.
- Bromagem, Simon, Xenia, 1810; son of Elias; died September 26, 1823, aged thirty-four; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville, Ohio.



- Bromagem, Samuel, Xenia, 1820; son of Elias; died September 21, 1846, aged forty-eight; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville.
- Bromagem, Sarah, Xenia, 1830; daughter of Elias and Martha.
- Bromagem, John, Xenia, 1840; died in 1845, aged twenty-four; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Bromagem, James, Xenia, 1840; died May 19, 1841, aged twenty-two; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; married Margaret Townsley.
- Bromagem, Moses, Ross, 1840.
- Bromagem, William, 1835; March 30, 1837, married Martha Gibson.
- Bramlett, Elkanah L., Xenia, 1807; grandson of Joseph Lambert.
- Bray, Henry, Xenia, 1807.
- Bray, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; under Capt. John Lucas.
- Briggs, John, Xenia, 1808; August 8, 1820, married Margaret Coffell.
- Briggs, Matthew, Xenia, 1811.
- Briggs, Benjamin, Xenia, 1816.
- Briggs, Levi, Xenia, 1814; February 21, 1817, married Catherine Haddin.
- Briggs, Levi L., Xenia, 1817.
- Brotherton, John, Xenia, 1835; lived near Oldtown; removed to Delaware county, Indiana; died October 12, 1863; aged seventy-three.
- Brewington, Elias, Xenia, 1808.
- Brewington, Elijah, Xenia, 1817.
- Brewington, Daniel R., Xenia, 1826; born in Worcester county, Maryland, March 27, 1798; removed to Delaware county, Indiana, in 1835; died October 24, 1870, aged seventy-three.
- Brewington, Noah, Xenia, 1828; December 25, 1824, married Margaret Smith.
- Brewington, John, Xenia, 1829; December 10, 1833, married Emogene Spahr.
- Bratton, James, Xenia, 1816; from South Carolina; died January 22, 1867, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- Bratton, James, Xenia, 1828; from Ireland; died May 7, 1861, aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland.
- Bratton, David, Xenia, 1840; son of James, second; died January 16, 1846, aged forty-eight; buried at Woodland.
- Bratton, Robert, Xenia, 1840.
- Bratton, Edward, Xenia, 1840; son of James, second; died April 11, 1865; aged forty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Brisbane, Samuel, Xenia, 1821.
- Brouse, Canaan, Xenia, 1829; February 11, 1830, married Nancy Towrell.
- Brinkerhoff, Abraham, Xenia, 1840; removed to California.
- Brinkerhoff, Harman, Beaver Creek, 1828.
- Brinkerhoff, John, Xenia, 1840; married a sister of Abraham Hivling; April 27, 1835, Catherine M. Smith.
- Bradley, John, Bath, 1807.
- Bradley, William, Bath, 1826; January 1, 1823, married Harriet Drake.
- Bradley, Jacob, Bath, 1826.
- Bradley, James F., Xenia, 1828.
- Bradley, Milton, Xenia, 1840; died January 15, 1878, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland; November 4, 1841, married Winney Dixon.
- Branson, Andrew, Miami, 1819.
- Branson, Thomas, Xenia, 1830.
- Bressel, Jacob, Xenia, 1840; born in 1815; died February 20, 1884, aged sixty-nine; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Bressel, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; died at the age of seventy-three; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Bracken, Jesse, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Brackhill, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1818; September 31, 1819, married Catherine Morningstar.
- Brackhill, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1818.
- Brackhill, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1826; July 24, 1828, married Sally Harvey.
- Bryson, Patrick, Beaver Creek, 1826; died in 1828, aged fifty-seven; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Bryson, Robert, Xenia, 1834; native of Scotland; removed to Cumberland county, Pennsylvania; thence to Ohio; died December 15, 1876; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville.
- Bryson, James, Xenia, 1836; son of Robert; born March 1, 1815.
- Bryson, Andrew, Xenia, 1840; June 14, 1835, married Sarah Baker.
- Bryson, George, Xenia, 1840.
- Browson, Timothy, Beaver Creek, 1840; July 11, 1840, married Elizabeth Ann Flesher.
- Brake, George, Bath, 1810; died August 18, 1864, aged seventy-six; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Brake, John, Bath, 1813.
- Bryson, Samuel, Bath, 1830.
- Brosler, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840; born in 1815; died at Fairfield, Ohio, February 10, 1885; formerly of Xenia.
- Bresler, John, Bath, 1840; died near Fairfield, March 6, 1841, aged seventy-three; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Bryant, Levi, Bath, 1809.
- Branum, Thomas, Bath, 1817.
- Branum, William, Bath, 1840; soldier Company E, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, buried in Casad graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Branum, James, Bath, 1840; buried in Casad graveyard.
- Brewer, Charles, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Brewer, Jacob A., Beaver Creek, 1840; died October 29, 1839, aged forty-six; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Brewer, Aaron, Ross, 1819.
- Brewer, William, Ross, 1840; February 28, 1839, married ——— Haines.
- Brewer, Peter J., Xenia, 1835; born in 1818; died in Xenia, April 6, 1900, aged eighty-two; from Maryland.
- Brewer, John G., Miami, 1817; soldier of 1812; from New Jersey; born August, 1794; died in 1886, aged ninety-six; buried in Woodland; March, 1823, married Sarah Miller.
- Brewer, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840; died in 1839, aged forty-six; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.

- Bradford, Robert, Xenia, 1818; son of Thomas A.; a resident of Montgomery county.
- Bradford, Thomas, Xenia, 1818; from Ireland; removed to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
- Bradford, William, Xenia, 1826; son of Thomas; removed to Terre Haute, Indiana.
- Bradford, David, Xenia, 1818; son of Thomas; died June 16, 1876, aged eighty-two; buried in Woodland.
- Bradford, John, Xenia, 1840; from Pennsylvania; died September 17, 1881, aged ninety; buried in Sugar Creek township.
- Bradfute, Widow, Xenia, 1809; born November 3, 1796; Margaret died in 1813; from Scotland.
- Bradfute, John, Miami, 1806; from Virginia; died February 14, 1870, aged seventy-three; buried at Massie's Creek.
- Bradfute, John, Miami, 1821; died January 19, 1872, aged sixty-nine; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Bradfute, William, Miami, 1824; died January 19, 1872, aged seventy; buried at Massie's Creek, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Bringham, Samuel, Bath, 1821.
- Bringham, Martin, Bath, 1821.
- Bringham, William, Caesar's Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Broadstone, Michael, Bath, 1830; September 17, 1826, married Abigail Williamson.
- Brinson, Samuel, Bath, 1840.
- Brinson, Timothy, Bath, 1840.
- Brinson, Timothy, Jr., Bath, 1840.
- Bresh, John, Xenia, 1840; from Kentucky; died December 1, 1869, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.
- Branner, Michael, Miami, 1819; died in Miami township in 1854.
- Brady, John, Miami, 1826.
- Brubaker, Joseph, Miami, 1840.
- Brubaker, Henry, Miami, 1840.
- Brock, Francis, Ross, 1828; from North Carolina; died October 10, 1857, at his home in Ross township, aged sixty-eight.
- Brock, Evan, Ross, 1823.
- Brock, William, Ross, 1840; son of Francis; born January 8, 1818.
- Brale, Charles, Miami, 1840; died in Miami township in 1862.
- Brale, Samuel, Miami, 1840; born January 21, 1769; died October 11, 1841, aged seventy-two; buried in Clifton; February 12, 1818, married Caroline Knot.
- Brale, Lewis, Miami, 1816; died November 1, 1861, aged sixty-four; buried in Clifton.
- Brandt, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; from Germany; died December 28, 1896, aged seventy-nine.
- Brock, John H., Ross, 1840; son of Francis, Sr.
- Brock, Richard, Ross, 1840; April 16, 1822, married Margaret Sheild.
- Brinker, Riley, Ross, 1840; died at Spring Valley October 5, 1872.
- Brinker, David, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; Capt. Robert McClellan.
- Bragg, William, Sugar Creek, 1817; a celebrated hunter; died in 1854 of cholera; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Bragg, John A., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bragg, Geo. A., Silver Creek, 1840; September 10, 1835, married Sarah A. Stevens.
- Brackney, Reuben, Silver Creek, 1828.
- Brackney, William, Silver Creek, 1828; July 26, 1835, married Mary Mullen.
- Brooks, John, Silver Creek, 1826.
- Broz, Alexander, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Brickle, John, Sr., Silver Creek, 1840; died July 25, 1854, aged sixtv-four; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Brickle, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1838; from Pennsylvania; born February 25, 1815, in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania.
- Brockow, Isaac, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Bride, John M., Xenia, 1830; married Mary, daughter of Samuel Gowdy; died and is buried on East Third street, Xenia.
- Bunnel, Daniel, Xenia, 1811; died in Warren county, Missouri, September 10, 1876, aged eighty; had resided in Xenia seventy-one years or more.
- Bunnel, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; September 24, 1839, married Eliza Conwell.
- Bunnel, George, Xenia, 1811.
- Bunnel, Daniel, Jr., Xenia, 1840; January 21, 1833, married Alma Larew.
- Bunnel, Clayton, Xenia, 1840.
- Bunnel, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; removed to Campaign county, Ohio.
- Buckles, Robert, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; came from Virginia in 1797; soldier of 1812; born August 6, 1770; died December 25, 1850, aged eighty; buried in Middle Run churchyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Buckles, William, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; born March 25, 1766; died March 29, 1846, aged seventy-nine; buried in Middle Run, Bellbrook.
- Buckles, James, Sugar Creek, 1803; son of William, Sr.; October 13, 1818, married Sarah Perkins.
- Buckles, John, Sugar Creek, 1803; son of William; soldier of 1812; died in 1870, aged eighty-one; buried in Middle Run, Bellbrook.
- Buckles, David, Sugar Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812; September 2, 1819, married Hulda Gerard.
- Buckles, Henry, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1812; son of William, Sr.; April 25, 1816, married Elizabeth Heaton.
- Buckles, Robert, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1812; son of Robert; died in 1829, aged thirty-four; buried in Middle Run, Bellbrook.
- Buckles, Evan, Sugar Creek, 1816; a single man; born at Columbia, near Cincinnati, July 7, 1797; died July 10, 1880, aged eighty-three; buried in Middle Run; when one year old was brought to Sugar Creek by his parents.
- Buckles, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1819; died March 31, 1892, aged seventy-seven.
- Buckles, Simon, Sugar Creek, 1821; son of William, Sr.
- Buckles, George W., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Buckles, Abner, Sugar Creek, 1840; buried in Middle Run churchyard.
- Buckles, Girard, Sugar Creek, 1840; September 30, 1830, married Rebecca Hawkins; son of William, Sr.; died August 20, 1889, aged seventy-nine; buried in Middle Run.



- Buckles, Simon, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of William, Sr.
- Buckles, William S., Xenia, 1828; died April 22, 1853, aged fifty; buried in Woodland; April 3, 1823, married Hannah Barnes.
- Buckles, William, Xenia, 1818; July 25, 1833, married Caroline Wakeley.
- Buckles, Isaac P., Sugar Creek, 1826; nephew of Dr. I. S. Perkins.
- Buckles, Jonah, Xenia, 1840; born in 1827, died in 1890, aged sixty-three; buried in Middle Run; son of Henry, Sr.
- Buckles, Abraham, Xenia, 1818; son of William, Sr.; November 8, 1803, married Jennie Carman.
- Buckles, Henry S., Xenia, 1835; born in 1815, died in 1897, aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland; November 4, 1834, married Eleanor Thomas.
- Bull, William, Sr., Xenia, 1803; from Virginia; soldier of the Revolution; died October 31, 1811, aged seventy-one; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- Bull, Asaph, Xenia, 1803; eldest son of William, Sr.; died in 1813.
- Bull, James, Xenia, 1803; son of William, Sr.; soldier of 1812; died in 1872, aged ninety-six; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- Bull, Richard, Xenia, 1803, son of William, Sr.; soldier of 1812, died October 31, 1834, aged fifty-two; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- Bull, John, Xenia, 1803; soldier of 1812; son of William, Sr.; died in 1834.
- Bull, Thomas, Xenia, 1803; son of William, Sr.; soldier of 1812; removed to Owen county, Indiana.
- Bull, William, Xenia, 1820; son of William, Sr.; September 16, 1825, married Nancy R. Jackson.
- Bull, William, Jr., Xenia, 1827; son of Richard; removed to Owen county, Indiana; died February 2, 1887, aged eighty.
- Bull, Benjamin, Xenia, 1820.
- Bull, William H., Xenia, 1827; December 22, 1836, married Abigail R. Kyle; son of James; born in 1805; died February 1, 1867; buried in Massie's Creek.
- Bull, James R., Xenia, 1833; son of Richard; died April 5, 1884; buried in Woodland; aged seventy-two.
- Bull, Arthur, Xenia, 1828.
- Bull, Bentley, Xenia, 1837; born in 1816; died in 1889; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- Bull, Amos, Xenia, 1840; son of James.
- Bull, Robert Scott, Xenia, 1840; born in Greene county February 22, 1817; son of James.
- Bull, J. L., Xenia, 1840; a resident of Xenia in 1840; a son of James.
- Bull, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1811; died in 1832, aged twenty-one; buried in Middle Run, Bellbrook.
- Bull, Francis, Sugar Creek, 1820; died in 1842, aged sixty-five; buried in Middle Run, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Bull, Nathan, Sugar Creek, 1820; drowned June 12, 1823, aged forty-seven; buried in Middle Run.
- Bull, Hiram, Sugar Creek, 1840; born near Bellbrook; removed to Sidney, Ohio; May, 1899, was still living, aged eighty-two.
- Buchalter, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Burk, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Burk, James, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Burk, William, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Burk, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Bulard, Joseph, Xenia, 1818; died at Oldtown in 1840; February 24, 1820, married Bethsheba Allen.
- Bush, Richard, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Bush, William, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Bush, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Bussel, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1808; removed to the East; soldier of 1812.
- Bussel, John, Sugar Creek, 1811.
- Bussel, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Burgan, John, Xenia, 1806; left his estate to his friend, Thomas Townsley, Sr.; died June, 1818.
- Burnsides, William, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812, of the Light Dragoons.
- Burnsides, Andrew Sugar Creek, 1813; removed to Champaign county, Ohio.
- Burnsides, Nicholas, Caesar's Creek, 1840; June 1, 1838, married Sarah Ann McCoy; removed to Champaign county, Ohio.
- Burrell, John D., Caesar's Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; died May 16, 1864, aged eighty-one; October 29, 1807, married Eleanor Marshall.
- Burrell, George, Caesar's Creek, 1811; removed west; buried in Baptist graveyard, south of Jamestown.
- Burrell, Marshall, Caesar's Creek, 1840; yet living in 1809; son of John D.
- Bullock, Ephraim, Sugar Creek, 1812; died in 1837; his wife was Abigail; sons, Morgan L., Elias, Rowland E., and daughters, Eliza Morton and Emiline Golden.
- Burney, James, Sugar Creek, 1812.
- Burney, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; Capt. Robert McClellan.
- Burney, Ezekiel, Sugar Creek, 1826; merchant tailor at Bellbrook at an early date.
- Burney, Thomas, Bath, 1814.
- Burney, James, Bath, 1814; died in Miami township in 1815.
- Burney, Robert, Bath, 1818.
- Buckley, Joshua, Sugar Creek, 1816; died August 1, 1830; drowned in the forebay of his own mill; buried near Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Buckley, Joshua, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1826; son of Joshua, Sr.
- Burkenhouser, Henry, Xenia, 1835; known as Dutch Henry; a baker; had his bakeshop near where Charles Trader's grocery now stands.
- Buchanan, David, Xenia, 1817; removed to Shelby county, Ohio.
- Buchanan, William, Xenia, 1818; removed to Shelby county, Ohio.
- Buchanan, John, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1803; a brother-in-law of Andrew Stewart.
- Buchanan, James, Beaver Creek, 1803; son of John, Sr.
- Buchanan, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1818.
- Buchanan, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1838; born in York, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1766; died July 6, 1838, aged seventy-two; buried at Cedarville, Ohio.
- Buchanan, George, Xenia, 1840; born December 26, 1813; died June 29, 1838; buried at Cedarville, Ohio.
- Burnett, Griffin, Caesar's Creek, 1819.



- Bullock, Elias A., Xenia, 1840; son of Ephraim and Abigail.
- Buchanan, Stephen, Xenia, 1840; son of Andrew; died April 15, 1844; aged forty-three; buried at Cedarville cemetery.
- Butler, William, 1836; March 28, 1838, married Je-mima Cain.
- Butler, James, Xenia, 1806; soldier of 1812; buried at Woodland; his wife, Nancy, died in 1833.
- Butler, Baker, Xenia, 1826; married Levin, a daughter of Wm. Maxwell; removed to Indiana.
- Butler, Smith, Xenia, 1830; December 17, 1828, married Sarah S. Sale.
- Butler, Rev. Frederick, Xenia, 1830; born July 22, 1803; died March 10, 1839, aged thirty-six; buried in Woodland; son of James.
- Butler, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Butler, Ogle, Beaver Creek, 1829; December 17, 1833, married Eliza Gray.
- Butler, Edward, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Butler, Van, Beaver Creek, 1840; March 13, 1839, married Elizabeth Ann Jones; buried in Woodland.
- Butler, Samuel, Bath, 1807.
- Butler, Margaret, Bath, 1813.
- Butler, Joshua, Xenia, 1822; son of James; from Virginia; born in 1801; died May 28, 1842, aged forty-two; buried in Woodland.
- Budd, Casper, Miami, 1827.
- Butterfield, Isaac, Miami, 1830.
- Burch, William, Ross, 1830.
- Burr, John, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Burr, David, Silver Creek, 1840; died March 29, 1868, aged sixty-three; buried in Bowersville cemetery.
- Buck, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1840; a native of Shepherdstown, Virginia, born October 20, 1791; died October 10, 1864, aged seventy-two; buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Buck, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; soldier of 1812; from Clinton county; died October, 1852; buried at Cedarville.
- Burden, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Butcher, Joseph, Ross, 1806; from Virginia; soldier of 1812; died October 28, 1865, aged eighty-four; buried in Bloxson graveyard, Selma, Ohio.
- Burnham, William A., Ross, 1825; at the June term of court, 1825, petitioned for divorce from his wife, Cynthia Burnham.
- Butts, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1818; soldier of 1812; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Butts, William H., Beaver Creek, 1808.
- Butts, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Butts, William, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Burley, William, Bath, 1813.
- Burley, John H., Beaver Creek, 1828; January 12, 1837, married Levina Ann Huns.
- Burley, Daniel, Bath, 1829; died March 28, 1877, aged sixty-eight.
- Burley, David, Ross, 1826; a pioneer school teacher of Ross township.
- Burdell B., Xenia, 1840.
- Buick, William, Xenia, 1822; died January, 1860, aged twenty-four; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- Buick, James, Miami, 1822; died in 1857; buried in Woodland.
- Burgess, John, Bath, 1801.
- Burgess, Thomas S., Ross, 1817.
- Burgess, Bode, Silver Creek, 1826; January 4, 1821, married Cynthia Bryan.
- Burrous, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812; buried in Union graveyard, Byron.
- Burrous, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1810; son of William.
- Burrous, William, Beaver Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812; died February 7, 1827, aged sixty-one; buried in Union graveyard, Byron.
- Burrous, James, Beaver Creek, 1810; son of William; from Washington county, Maryland; removed to Fulton county, Iowa; died October 28, 1851, aged fifty-three.
- Burrous, William A., Beaver Creek, 1818; son of William, Sr.; died in 1834; buried in Union graveyard, Byron.
- Burrous, Richard, Beaver Creek, 1818; son of William; died February, 1882, aged seventy-nine; buried in Union graveyard, Byron.
- Burrous, John, Beaver Creek, 1826; son of William; from Maryland; born in 1800, died December, 1875, aged seventy-five; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Burrous, Nathan, Xenia, 1827.
- Burrous, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1829; brother of William and Richard; August 13, 1829, married Mary Stotter.
- Burrous, William H., Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Burrous, Joseph A., Bath, 1840; died May 3, 1885, aged seventy-four.
- Busier, John, Xenia, 1829; father of Mrs. Ben Farker.
- Bunton, James, Xenia, 1806; built the McQuirk house on Second street in 1806.
- Bunton, Moses, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Byrd, Andrew, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812; died in 1834; buried in New Hope, Baptist churchyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; born in Virginia.
- Byrd, Mark, Sugar Creek, 1813; brother of Andrew; soldier of 1812; removed to Missouri.
- Byrd, Andrew, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1816; born August 10, 1813; son of Andrew, Sr.
- Byrd, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1819; son of Andrew, Sr.; removed to Missouri; died in Oregon.
- Byrd, John, Sugar Creek, 1822; son of Andrew, Sr.; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Byrd, George, Sugar Creek, 1830; son of Andrew, Sr.; removed to Missouri.
- Byrd, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1830; son of Andrew, Sr.; died March 6, 1876, aged seventy-two; buried one mile south of Bellbrook.
- Byrd, Amos, Sugar Creek, 1840; died October 11, 1876, aged fifty-four; buried in Woodland; October 6, 1844, married Susan Barns.
- Byrd, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Andrew, Sr.; removed to Marion, Indiana.
- Byrnes, John, Xenia, 1836.
- Campbell, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1803.
- Campbell, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1804; died October 13, 1838, aged thirty-nine; buried in Mount Holley.
- Campbell, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1804; died in Sugar Creek township in 1828; his wife's name was Peggy.

- Campbell, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1806.  
 Campbell, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1809.  
 Campbell, Peggy, Sugar Creek, 1830; widow of Samuel Campbell.  
 Campbell, John, Caesar's Creek, 1803; settled where Todd Sheley used to live, near Jamestown, in 1803.  
 Campbell, John, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1805; October 9, 1809, married Polly Cason.  
 Campbell, William, Xenia, 1807; soldier of war of 1812; March 24, 1834, married Elizabeth Iliff.  
 Campbell, Hugh, Xenia, 1818.  
 Campbell, Samuel, Xenia, 1818; died November, 1834.  
 Campbell, James, Xenia, 1820; removed to Delaware county, Indiana; son-in-law of Daniel Dean, Sr.  
 Campbell, Hugh, Xenia, 1827; died September 28, 1877, aged eighty-four; buried in Woodland; son-in-law of Daniel Dean.  
 Campbell, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1827; died October 14, 1843, aged seventy-two; buried in Salem churchyard, south of Paintersville, Ohio.  
 Carman, Joshua, Sugar Creek, 1803; pioneer preacher; soldier of 1812; died December 1, 1844, aged eighty-five; buried one mile south of Bellbrook, Ohio.  
 Carman, Josiah, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1821; son of Joshua, Sr.; died November 7, 1859, aged sixty-six; buried at Middle Run churchyard, Billbrook, Ohio.  
 Carman, James, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of Joshua, Sr.  
 Carman, William, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of Joshua, Sr.  
 Campbell, Charles, Bath, 1820.  
 Campbell, Joseph, Bath, 1840; died of cholera in 1843; father-in-law of Sol. Swigart.  
 Campbell, William, Bath, 1840.  
 Campbell, John, Bath, 1811; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River, in Bath township.  
 Campbell, William, Bath, 1812.  
 Campbell, John M., Ross, 1811; brother of David, of Ross township; January 1, 1835, married Margaret Tate.  
 Campbell, David H., Ross, 1812; son of James, and husband of Minerva Campbell; died in Ross township in 1840.  
 Campbell, Michael, Xenia, 1830; from Pennsylvania; died December 1, 1836; buried in Woodland.  
 Cavendar, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1805; died in 1835; buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.  
 Cavendar, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Cavender, Levi, 1840; September 2, 1840, married Precella Freeman.  
 Cashold, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1810; from Kentucky; soldier of 1812.  
 Cashold, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1806; from Kentucky; soldier of 1812; built the Dr. Samuel Martin house in 1814.  
 Cason, Elijah, Sugar Creek, 1806.  
 Cason, William, Sugar Creek, 1806.  
 Cason, Thomas, Xenia, 1808.  
 Cason, Thomas, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1813.  
 Carey, John, Sr., Xenia, 1840; from Ireland; died August 19, 1888, aged eighty-seven; buried in Woodland.  
 Carr, John, Beaver Creek, 1827; died in Gibson county, Iowa, in 1840.  
 Cassel, Samuel, Xenia, 1810; buried at Massie's Creek cemetery.  
 Cassel, Alexander, Xenia, 1809; died in 1838.  
 Cane, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812, under Capt. John Clark.  
 Cane, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1810; buried on the Allen farm.  
 Cane, Joseph, Xenia, 1812; soldier of 1812; kept tavern in Fairfield, Ohio, in 1818; died in Xenia township in 1881; married Susanna Bolden.  
 Cane, Wesley, Xenia, 1828; June 28, 1838, married Louisa Thompson, 1820.  
 Cane, Abner, Ross, died in Miami township in 1836; September 3, 1818, married Elizabeth Paulin.  
 Cane, Jacob, Miami, 1840.  
 Cane, Harvey, Silver Creek, 1826.  
 Carpass, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1818; soldier of 1812.  
 Carpass, Devault, Sugar Creek, 1817; October 4, 1818, married Sarah Horney.  
 Carpass, Zachariah, Caesar's Creek, 1807.  
 Carpass, Adam, Caesar's Creek, 1807.  
 Chambliss, Anthony, Sugar Creek, 1807.  
 Casey, John, Caesar's Creek, 1813.  
 Casey, Jacob, Bath, 1804.  
 Cavault, Abraham, Xenia, 1813; November 7, 1821, married Catherine Starr.  
 Cavault, Abraham R., Silver Creek, 1826.  
 Carkept, Benjamin, Caesar's Creek, 1830.  
 Carroll, James, Beaver Creek, 1830.  
 Carroll, John, Beaver Creek, 1803.  
 Carroll, James, Caesar's Creek, 1804.  
 Carroll, William, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died May 31, 1865, aged fifty-four; buried at Salem, south of Paintersville, Ohio.  
 Carter, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1840; December 9, 1816, married Elsie Mendenhall.  
 Carter, Joe, Xenia, 1840.  
 Carter, John, Bath, 1830.  
 Carter, Thomas, Bath, 1840.  
 Carter, Samuel, Ross, 1820.  
 Carter, Samuel E., Silver Creek, 1820.  
 Carson, Josiah, Bath, 1807.  
 Carson, William, 1807; June 3, 1818, married Mary Johnson.  
 Carson, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1807.  
 Carson, Abraham D., Beaver Creek, 1812.  
 Caldwell, James, Xenia, 1840; from South Carolina; died December 7, 1837, aged twenty-eight; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; married Margaret McLean.  
 Caldwell, John, Xenia, 1817; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; November 5, 1840, married Mary A. Nichols.  
 Cannon, Anthony, Xenia, 1810.  
 Carson, James, Cedarville, 1840; died October 21, 1888, aged ninety-three; from Ireland.  
 Cannon, Samuel, Xenia, 1813; soldier of 1812; wheelwright.  
 Cannon, Thomas, Xenia, 1828.  
 Cassel, James, Xenia, 1830; January 3, 1833, mar-

- ried Emily Laughead; removed to Logan county, Ohio.
- Cassel, Samuel, Xenia, 1810; died March 30, 1837, aged twenty-three; buried in Massie's Creek.
- Carl, Conrad, Xenia, 1833; a German; died April 12, 1880, aged ninety-one; buried in Woodland.
- Calloway, John, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812; Vance township.
- Calloway, George H., Xenia, 1828.
- Casad, John, Bath, 1806; died March 15, 1854, aged sixty-seven; buried at Cost graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Casad, John, Jr., Bath, 1807.
- Casad, Abner S., Bath, 1817.
- Casad, Aaron, Sr., Bath, 1806; died May 9, 1832, aged sixty-two; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Casad, Jacob, Bath, 1806; soldier of 1812; died August 22, 1827, aged seventy-two; buried in Casad graveyard.
- Casad, Samuel, Bath, 1806; soldier of 1812; kept tavern in Fairfield in 1817; January, 1806; married Mary Mercer.
- Casad, Benjamin, Bath, 1810.
- Casad, William, Bath, 1810; died in Bath township in 1853.
- Casad, Anthony, Bath, 1811.
- Casad, Anthony W., Bath, 1816.
- Casad, Paul, Bath, 1818.
- Casad, Aaron, Jr., Bath, 1820; died in Bath township in 1839; October 26, 1818, married Mary Hall.
- Casad, William N., Bath, 1820.
- Casad, John P., Bath, 1826; died at Cleveland, Ohio, May 27, 1855.
- Casad, Isaac F., Bath, 1826; died in Bath township in 1855; buried in Fairfield, Ohio; married Caroline Townsley.
- Casad, Reuben, Bath, 1826; died in Bath township in 1846; brother of Aaron; married Mary Rockfield, July 20, 1826.
- Casad, Aaron, Esq., Bath, 1827; March 1, 1832, married Mary Demint.
- Casad, William, Jr., Bath, 1827.
- Casad, Dennis, Bath, 1828; July 20, 1826, married Margaret Ogg.
- Casad, Benjamin, Jr., Bath, 1828.
- Casad, Rev. John, Bath, 1829.
- Casad, Thomas, 1824; October 3, 1824, married Margaret Baker.
- Casad, Mercy, Bath, 1830; wife of Jacob; died in 1835, aged seventy-nine; buried in Casad graveyard, Fairfield.
- Casad, Martin R., Bath, 1840; son of Reuben.
- Casad, Woodward, Bath, 1840; March 13, 1836, married Mercy Hall.
- Casad, Bailey, Bath, 1840; August 17, 1837, married Elizabeth Pharis.
- Casad, Samuel, Jr., Bath, 1840; June 2, 1838, married Mary Arts.
- Casad, Abel, Bath, 1840.
- Casad, Rhoda, Bath, 1840.
- Casad, J. F., Bath, 1840; November 2, 1841, married Rhoda J. Casad.
- Canada, David M., Xenia, 1829; February 8, 1836, married Margaret Madden.
- Canada, James, Ross, 1818.
- Canada, John, Xenia, 1818.
- Canada, John C., Silver Creek, 1826.
- Carpenter, Joseph, Bath, 1807.
- Carpenter, James, Bath, 1807; died May 12, 1852, near St. Joseph, Missouri; overland to California.
- Carpenter, Christopher, Bath, 1807.
- Carpenter, John, Bath, 1807; a soldier of 1812.
- Carpenter, Thomas, Bath, 1811; a soldier of 1812.
- Carpenter, Elias, Bath, 1818; died in 1857, aged forty-five; buried at Bowersville, Ohio; June 27, 1823, married Elizabeth Hogle.
- Carpenter, David, Bath, 1818.
- Carpenter, David B., Bath, 1819.
- Carpenter, George, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Carruthers, John, Xenia, 1840; a Scotchman; died March 15, 1870, aged eighty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Carruthers, James, Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland; born in Scotland March, 1821; killed by the cars in 1899.
- Carruthers, Patrick, Xenia, 1840.
- Canby, Samuel T., Xenia, 1836; firm of Canby & Walton, merchants, Xenia; removed to Bellefontaine, Ohio.
- Carper, Nicholas, Xenia, 1840; one of Xenia's leading physicians in 1840; mayor of Xenia in 1839.
- Caho, Charles H., Xenia, 1840; died April 10, 1874, aged sixty-three; buried in Fairfield, Ohio.
- Case, Elijah, Sr., Xenia, 1840; a soldier of the Revolution; died January 14, 1842, aged eighty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Case, Elijah E., Xenia, 1840; died January 6, 1879, aged sixty-six; buried in Woodland.
- Case, E., Jr., Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland; April 4, 1840, married Caroline Vigus.
- Casada, Michael, Ross, 1811.
- Cahill, Elijah, Beaver Creek, 1826; born July, 1797; died December 23, 1858; buried at Mt. Zion.
- Cahill, Charles, Beaver Creek, 1826.
- Carney, Shem, Beaver Creek, 1813; May 8, 1814, married Anna Allason.
- Carney, Joseph, Miami, 1840.
- Caterell, William, Miami, 1809.
- Calhoon, William, Miami, 1830.
- Cady, Daniel, Miami, 1826; member of the Owenites, Yellow Springs.
- Cady, Daniel G., Miami, 1828; member of the Owenites, Yellow Springs.
- Cantrill, Zebulum, Miami, 1840; removed to Fairview, Jay county, Indiana; September 20, 1832, married Elizabeth Borders.
- Cantrill, Christopher, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Cantrill, William, Silver Creek, 1840; April 26, 1837, married Betsey Sutton.
- Charters, John, Sr., Xenia, 1818; a native of North Brittain; died February, 1821, aged seventy-seven; buried at Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- Charters, George, Xenia, 1829; born April 7, 1775; died March 1, 1846; buried in Woodland.
- Charters, John, Jr., Xenia, 1835; died January 6, 1870, aged sixty-eight; buried at Woodland; April 15, 1829, married Margaret Monroe.
- Chalk, Alexander, Caesar's Creek, 1819.
- Christy, Jesse M., Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Christy, Samuel, Ross, 1819; August 29, 1820, married Jane McCoy.



- Chalk, John, Caesar's Creek, 1826; married Dorothy Bartlett, September 28, 1826.
- Chinowith, William, Beaver Creek, 1803; from Kentucky; a blacksmith by trade; came to Montgomery county in 1876.
- Chinowith, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1820; died in 1872, aged eighty-six; buried at Middle Run churchyard, south of Bellbrook.
- Chinowith, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1820; died August 29, 1827, aged forty-two; buried at Middle Run churchyard.
- Chandler, Simon, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Chambliss, Anthony, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Chaney, Rev. Laban, Xenia, 1830; died at Kenton, Ohio, April 14, 1864, aged fifty-six; buried in Woodland.
- Chaney, Samuel, Bath, 1840; June 30, 1836, married Abigail Casad.
- Chaney, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Chaney, David, Xenia, 1840; died March, 1888, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland; born October 17, 1803.
- Chaney, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1808; died August 22, 1869, aged eighty-four; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Chaney, John, Xenia, 1840; died February 2, 1850, aged eighty-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Chaney, Edward, Silver Creek, 1808; from Maryland; soldier of 1812; brother of Thomas; buried in Parmer graveyard.
- Chaney, Thomas F., Silver Creek, 1829; son of Edward; removed west.
- Chaney, Jonathan, 1830; October 7, 1814; married Matilda Harpole.
- Chaney, John, Silver Creek, 1830; September 8, 1831, married Eliza Grear, by Christopher Hussey, justice of peace.
- Chaney, David, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Edward; died in Silver Creek township in 1868; married Ann Greer.
- Chaney, Girdel, Silver Creek, 1840; died November 10, 1884, aged seventy-three; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Chalmers, W. D., Silver Creek, 1835; died October 11, 1886, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland; from South Carolina.
- Chalmers, John, Xenia, 1806; from South Carolina; September 27, 1825, married Isabella Turnbull.
- Chalmers, David, Xenia, 1816; native of North Britain; soldier of 1812; died September 20, 1829, aged sixty-one; buried at Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- Chalmers, James C., Xenia, 1840; son of David; from South Carolina; died March 4, 1880, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- Chambers, Elijah, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Chalmers, Adam, Bath, 1820; from Ireland; came to United States in 1800; son of William; soldier of 1812; buried in Bath Churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Chalmers, James, Bath, 1807; died in 1819, aged eighty-four; buried in Bath churchyard.
- Chalmers, William, Bath, 1816; from Ireland; came to the United States in 1800; soldier of 1812; died in 1848, aged sixty-six; buried in Bath churchyard; son of William; married Elizabeth Kirkwood.
- Chalmers, John, Xenia, 1819; died January 20, 1875, aged seventy-three; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Chalmers, William, Xenia, 1819; son of David.
- Chalmers, David, Xenia, 1840; died December 3, 1849, aged seventy-two; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville.
- Chalmers, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; son of David.
- Chalmers, Elizabeth, Miami, 1810.
- Chalmers, Dr. Musto, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Chalmers, David, Xenia, 1816; died December 3, 1849, aged seventy; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Chase, Abraham, Xenia, 1808; kept tavern in Xenia in 1808.
- Chapman, John, Ross, 1840; died June 24, 1855; buried east of Grape Grove.
- Charlton, Robert, Xenia, 1812; died July 9, 1850, aged seventy-two; buried in Associate Reformed churchyard, Xenia.
- Charlton, Robert, Jr., Xenia, 1840; died August, 1870, aged seventy; buried in Woodland.
- Charlton, Samuel, Xenia, 1830; died September 21, 1883; buried in Woodland.
- Chew, Samuel M., Xenia, 1820.
- Chew, Joseph, Xenia, 1830.
- Charlton, George, Miami, 1840; died August 14, 1875, aged sixty-one.
- Childs, John M., Ross, 1808; died in Ross township in 1838.
- Churchill, James, Beaver Creek, 1808.
- Churchill, James C., Beaver Creek, 1808.
- Chancellor, Jesse, Beaver Creek, 1818.
- Chatton, James, Bath, 1820.
- Charles, George W., 1826; April 1, 1832, married Julia Ann Harner.
- Charles, John, Bath, 1826.
- Charles, Andrew, 1830; September 5, 1833, married Catharine Wolf.
- Chesteen, Thomas, Bath, 1840; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Chevious, James, Bath, 1826.
- Cherry, Phenius, 1836; March 9, 1837, married Jane Berry.
- Cherry, James, Xenia, 1840; soldier of 1812; died in 1851, aged sixty-two; buried in Woodland.
- Cherry, William, Ross, 1840; born February, 1816; removed to Washington county, Iowa, in 1860; married Martha Small.
- Cherry, Robert, Xenia, 1840; removed to Iowa.
- Chamberlin, Thomas, Ross, 1840.
- Chance, Lewis, Silver Creek, 1813.
- Chance, George, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Christopher, Gideon, Silver Creek, 1840; from Fayette county, Pennsylvania; died November 5, 1851; aged seventy-six; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Cisco, John, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1820; died December 7, 1877; buried at Bellbrook.
- Clancey, James, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; in 1820 removed to Little Fork; 1822 removed to Flat Rock, Indiana, where he died.
- Clancey, James, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1816; died September 14, 1849, aged fifty-four; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Clancey, Stephen, Xenia, 1812; August 12, 1819, married Sarah Frazier.

- Clancey, George, Sugar Creek, 1826; removed to Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio; October 28, 1824, married Mary Steele.
- Clancey, William, Sugar Creek, 1827; April 18, 1833, married Rachel S. Steele; November 13, 1842, married Margaret McClure.
- Clipinger, Joseph, Xenia, 1840; born January, 1776; died August 2, 1849; aged seventy-three.
- Clark, Capt. John, Sugar Creek, 1805; captain in War of 1812; buried in Woodland.
- Clark, William, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; born January 1, 1776; died August 2, 1849.
- Clark, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of John; died at the age of eighty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Clark, Judge John, Sugar Creek, 1829; buried in Pioneer graveyard, 1835, near Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Clark, George C., Sugar Creek, 1825; a native of Augusta county, Virginia; died at Spring Valley, March 8, 1873, aged sixty-four; father-in-law of William Luce.
- Clark, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Clark, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1828.
- Clark, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died April 30, 1876, aged sixty-six; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Clark, George H., Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Clark, John, Xenia, 1819; July 24, 1838, married Elizabeth Little.
- Clark, Cornelius, Esq., Xenia, 1828; died in Xenia September 4, 1835.
- Clark, James, Esq., Xenia, 1840; removed to South Charleston, Ohio.
- Clark, Ezra, Bath, 1807.
- Clark, David, Ross, 1826; February 11, 1827, married Rachel Dolby.
- Clark, James, Bath, 1826; November 6, 1833, married Martha Ann Hays.
- Clark, John C., Bath, 1826; died September 23, 1875, in Bates county, Missouri, aged sixty-nine; married Christina Tingley March 20, 1828.
- Clyed, Peter, Xenia, 1830; had a son, George; removed to Miami county in 1832 or 1833; sold to Rev. Samuel Wilson lot No. 94, where now is located the first U. P. church, Xenia.
- Clark, Charles, Bath, 1826.
- Clark, James L., Bath, 1830.
- Clark, Edmond, Bath, 1829; March 13, 1828, married Malinda Bradley.
- Clark, Russell, Miami, 1840.
- Clark, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1811; died May 25, 1849, in Missouri; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard; soldier of 1812.
- Cline, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Cline, William, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Cline, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1830; from Virginia; died May 16, 1865, aged seventy-three; buried in old Baptist churchyard, west of Bowersville, Ohio.
- Cline, Caleb, Xenia, 1828; removed to Jay county, Indiana; March 12, 1829, married Elizabeth Hutzler.
- Cline, Lemuel, Xenia, 1840; buried in old Methodist graveyard, East Third street, Xenia; married Nancy Ireland.
- Cline, Hiram, Xenia, 1840; from Berkeley county, West Virginia; died March 10, 1864, aged seventy-three; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Cline, Jonathan, Beaver Creek, 1817; December 20, 1829, married Susan A. C. Stewart; died at Cedarville, Ohio, January, 1901.
- Cline, David, Xenia, 1829; from Berkeley county, West Virginia; soldier in Civil War in Co. B, 74th O. V. I.; buried in Woodland.
- Cline, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1826; June 23, 1829, married Lydia Shoup.
- Cline, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1815; born June 12, 1758; died in 1830, aged seventy-two; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Cline, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1817; from Washington county, Maryland; married Barbary, daughter of Jacob Herring, Sr.; soldier of 1812; died February 2, 1854, aged sixty-four; father-in-law of John Sidel.
- Cline, Christian, Beaver Creek, 1817; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard, near Alpha, Ohio.
- Cline, Christopher, Ross, 1840; was a soldier in Civil War in Co. H, 74th; died in 1898; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Cline, David, Silver Creek, 1826; October 30, 1827, married Ann Shepherd.
- Cline, Samuel, Xenia, 1840.
- Clifford, Thomas, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812, under Capt. John Davis, Light Dragoons.
- Clay, Edward, Bath, 1835; died November 11, 1838, aged forty-four; buried in Cost graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Clay, Martin, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Clay, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Clay, Tolbert, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Climer, David, Beaver Creek, 1817.
- Climer, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1830.
- Climer, William, Bath, 1840; March 20, 1826, married Martha McKaig.
- Clemens, John G., Silver Creek, 1840; born near Xenia January 21, 1820.
- Clemens, John D., Xenia, 1819; soldier of 1812; from Augusta, Virginia; died January 21, 1866, aged eighty-one.
- Clemens, James D., Xenia, 1819; died in Xenia; buried near the Standpipe, East Main street, Xenia.
- Clemens, Christopher, Xenia, 1817; died in Xenia; buried near the Standpipe, East Main street, Xenia.
- Clemens, Casper, Xenia, 1827; son of Christopher; died July 21, 1849, aged forty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Clemens, Job, Xenia, 1807.
- Clemens, Isaac, Bath, 1817.
- Clemens, Joshua, 1830; April 13, 1834, married Rachel Roberts.
- Clemens, Rev. Hezekiah, Bath, 1820; died in Jamestown, Ohio, at the age of ninety-two.
- Clemens, John, Ross, 1828; son of Hezekiah.
- Clemens, John, Jr., Ross, 1830.
- Clemens, William, Ross, 1840; died November 10, 1877, aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland; December 7, 1827, married Jane Barnes.
- Clemens, Hamilton, Ross, 1840; son of Hezekiah; died at Cedarville.
- Clemens, Thomas, 1830; April 13, 1834, married Rachel Roberts.

- Clemens, George, Silver Creek, 1827; brother of John G.; died in 1898; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Clevenger, Joseph, Miami, 1809.
- Clevenger, Elias, Ross, 1819.
- Clevenger, Amos, Bath, 1828; September 1, 1805. married Susanna Martin.
- Clevenger, John, Xenia, 1829.
- Clevenger, Titus, Ross, 1830.
- Clevenger, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1830; died November 5, 1858, aged seventy-six; buried at Mt. Holly, Ohio.
- Clawson, Josiah, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Clawson, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Clawson, Frederick, Bath, 1810.
- Clawson, Thomas, Jr. Bath, 1810.
- Clawson, Joseph, Bath, 1826.
- Clawson, Josiah, Jr., Bath, 1826.
- Climpson, James, Beaver Creek, 1827; died March 3, 1892, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland; February 18, 1827, married Harriet Staley.
- Clapin, Henry, Xenia, 1827.
- Clenester, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Classmire, Abraham, Bath, 1807.
- Clayton, Thomas, Bath, 1811; died January 1, 1813, aged sixty-five; buried in Cost graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Clayton, Jonathan, Bath, 1811; died October 18, 1848, aged sixty-five; buried in Cost graveyard.
- Clayton, William, Bath, 1811; died in 1816.
- Clayton, Maxon, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Wm. Stephenson.
- Clayton, Reuben, Bath, 1820; August 15, 1819, married Elizabeth Low.
- Clayton, John, Bath, 1826; soldier of 1812; March 1, 1825, married Phebe Martin.
- Clayton, Nathaniel, Bath, 1840; February 10, 1842, married Elizabeth Taylor.
- Clayton, David, 1840.
- Cloddy, Joseph, Bath, 1840.
- Clinkingbeard, John, Miami, 1813; soldier of 1812; kept tavern on the site of Clifton in 1814.
- Clopes, Frederick, Miami, 1840.
- Clearwater, Reuben, Ross, 1811.
- Clord, Richard, Ross, 1840.
- Clonts, Jacob, Ross, 1840.
- Collier, James, Xenia, 1803; from Rockbridge county, Virginia; soldier of 1812; died April 17, 1851, aged seventy-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Collier, Moses, Xenia, 1805; from Virginia; soldier of 1812; died November 28, 1861; buried in Woodland, aged seventy-eight.
- Collier, Thomas, Miami, 1813; son of Moses.
- Collier, Franklin, Miami, 1840; son of Moses; April 24, 1839, married Mary Flood.
- Collier, David, Miami, 1840; son of Moses; died at Yellow Springs.
- Collier, Theodore, Miami, 1840; son of Moses; soldier in the Third New York Cavalry, Civil War.
- Compton, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1804; son of Stephen; born in 1798, in North Carolina, died November 20, 1880, aged eighty-two.
- Compton, William, Sugar Creek, 1804; removed to Montana.
- Compton, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1804; soldier of 1812; brother-in-law of John Sexton, died 1850, aged eighty-two.
- Compton, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Compton, Stephen, Sugar Creek, 1804; brother of Amos, soldier of 1812, under Capt. John Clark, died July 14, 1862, aged eighty-seven, buried in Friends churchyard, south of New Burlington, Ohio.
- Compton, Amos, Sugar Creek, 1809; from South Carolina; his wife was Rebecca; soldier of 1812, died September 14, 1824, aged fifty-four, buried in Friends churchyard.
- Compton, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of Amos.
- Compton, Samuel, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1830; died in Spring Valley Township in 1861.
- Compton, Seth, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Samuel, died January 24, 1887, aged seventy-two, buried in Friends churchyard near New Burlington, Ohio.
- Compton, Matthew, Sugar Creek, 1803; September 1, 1803, married Rachel Campbell.
- Compton, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Amos, died March 26, 1870, aged eighty-six, buried in Friends churchyard.
- Compton, Aaron, Bath, 1805; from Somerset county, New Jersey, died January 6, 1834, aged forty, buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Commack, James, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Commack, John, 1813; soldier of 1812, buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad river.
- Coffin, Aaron, Miami, 1811; soldier of 1812, under Captain Galloway.
- Coffin, Nathaniel, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Collett, Moses, Sugar Creek, 1808; his will recorded in 1823.
- Collett, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1813; brother of Moses.
- Collett, Aaron, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Collett, Merit, 1820; April 23, 1822, married Anna Sackett.
- Collett, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Collett, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1830; November 11, 1830, married Sarah Kyle.
- Collett, David, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Collett, Rebecca, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Cottrell, Daniel, Xenia, 1806.
- Collett, Nathaniel, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Collett, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1840; March 26, 1840, married Sarah A. Vanmeter.
- Cottrell, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1820; soldier of 1812; June 9, 1828, married Susanna Ogan.
- Cottrell, Lemuel, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Cottrell, Lorenza D., Sugar Creek, 1829; married Mary, daughter of Jacob Darst, removed to Dayton, Ohio.
- Cottrell, John, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Cottrell, Wm., Sr., Bath, 1806; died in Bath township in 1815.
- Cottrell, Wm., Jr., Bath, 1807.
- Cottrell, Thomas, Bath, 1806; soldier in war of 1812, Captain Shingledecker.
- Cottrell, M. D., Bath, 1840.



- Cottrell, Lemuel, Silver Creek, 1813; removed to South Bend, Indiana; August 16, 1827, married Fanny Ogan.
- Cottrell, Hiram, Silver Creek, 1813; died of cholera July 20, 1854, buried in Bowersville, Ohio, aged seventy-one.
- Cottrell, John C., Silver Creek, 1827, died June 9, 1894, aged sixty-nine, buried at Bowersville, Ohio; married Phebe Wharton.
- Cottrell, George B., Silver Creek, 1827; removed to Michigan; September 24, 1828, married Elizabeth Noggle.
- Cottrell, Lemuel, Jr., Silver Creek, 1827; removed to Hardin county, Ohio.
- Cottrell, Asher B., Silver Creek, 1840; removed to Darke county, Ohio; married to Sarah Shaner, October 4, 1832, by Christopher Hussey, Justice of the Peace.
- Cottrell, Obediah, Silver Creek, 1840; removed to Hardin county, Ohio; December 2, 1838, married Minerva Kenney.
- Coffelt, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1817; born February 10, 1762, died June 22, 1824, buried at Mt. Holly, Ohio.
- Coffelt, Jacob, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1819; son of Jacob and Barbary.
- Coffelt, Michael, Sugar Creek, 1828; son of Jacob and Barbary.
- Coffelt, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1830; born in 1802, died in 1867, buried at Mt. Holly, Ohio; son of Jacob, Sr.
- Coffelt, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1830; son of Jacob and Barbary.
- Coffield, Robert, Bath, 1820; February 3, 1825, married Sarah Lewis.
- Coffelt, Jesse, 1826; February 23, 1826, married Anna Jorden.
- Coffelt, James, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Coffelt, James, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Coffelt, David, Caesar's Creek, 1826; August 5, 1820, married Nancy Jorden.
- Coffelt, Peter, Caesar's Creek, 1828.
- Coffelt, Moses, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Jacob, died June 2, 1895, aged seventy-nine, buried in Spring Valley, Ohio.
- Coulter, William, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Coulter, John, Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died April 16, 1868, aged seventy-nine, buried in Woodland.
- Collins, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Collins, James, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Collins, Cornelius, Xenia, 1807.
- Collins, Archibald, Xenia, 1826; from Pennsylvania; soldier of 1812; died January 19, 1882, aged eighty-six, buried in Woodland.
- Collins, William, Xenia, 1826; from Pennsylvania; died July 18, 1876, aged seventy-eight, buried in Woodland.
- Collins, John, Xenia, 1826; from Pennsylvania; born February 12, 1792, died June 5, 1861, aged sixty-nine, buried in Woodland; married Isabella Currie, June, 1835.
- Collins, William, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1812; died in 1822, aged sixty, buried in Woodland.
- Collins, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1812; born January 28, 1804, died February 19, 1836, aged fifty-three, buried in Woodland.
- Collins, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1812; died June 18, 1885, aged eighty-three, buried in Woodland.
- Collins, John H., Beaver Creek, 1828; died March 12, 1849, aged forty-one, buried in Woodland.
- Collins, James C., Beaver Creek, 1816; son of William; born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1812.
- Collins, Charles L., Bath, 1820.
- Collins, George, Bath, 1819; September 23, 1819, married Elizabeth Cruzen.
- Collins, Samuel, Bath, 1840.
- Collins, Joseph, Jr., Bath, 1840.
- Collins, John, Ross, 1828; died at his home in Ross township.
- Collins, Patrick, Ross, 1840.
- Collins, Nelson, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Cochrine, William, Sugar Creek, 1809.
- Cochrine, James, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Cochrine, Elisha, Xenia, 1840; May 11, 1832, married Sarah Steene.
- Cochrine, Neil, Xenia, 1840.
- Covington, Stephen, Sugar Creek, 1809.
- Combs, Micajah, Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Combs, Woolly, Miami, 1840; died May 4, 1873, aged sixty-one; November 4, 1834, married Ellen Jenkinson.
- Combs, William M., Silver Creek, 1827; died July 20, 1867, aged fifty-eight.
- Cox, James M., Bath, 1804; found dead April 20, 1835.
- Cox, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1804.
- Cox, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1840; born Bridgewater, Somerset county, New Jersey, June 6, 1774; married Elizabeth Howard.
- Cox, John, Sr., Bath, 1801; from Virginia; died April 24, 1821, aged forty-eight, buried in Cox graveyard near Osborn, Ohio.
- Cox, John, Jr., Bath, 1821; born September 16, 1800, died April 9, 1882, aged eighty-two, buried in Cox graveyard.
- Cox, Abner, Sr., Bath, 1804; founder of Osborn, Ohio; married Harriet Cook.
- Cox, Abner, Jr., Bath, 1804.
- Cox, Samuel W., Sr., Bath, 1811; born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1797, died May 22, 1873, aged seventy-five, at Yellow Springs.
- Cox, Theophilus, Bath, 1810; February 5, 1818, married Nancy S. Tingley.
- Cox, James M., 1830; January 20, 1833, married Jane Woodward.
- Cox, David S., Bath, 1816; son of John, Jr.; removed near Warsaw, Indiana; May 4, 1828, married Mary Hand.
- Cox, Isaac, Bath, 1820.
- Cox, Benjamin, Bath, 1816.
- Cox, David, Bath, 1820; born in Pennsylvania; came to Ohio in 1801, to Greene county in 1807, settled in northwestern corner of Greene county; died July 22, 1876, aged eighty-three.
- Cox, William, Bath, 1807; died July 22, 1876, aged eighty-two.
- Cox, John M., Bath, 1840; grandson of Samuel Finley.
- Cox, Samuel, Jr., Miami, 1830.
- Cox, Stephen, Ross, 1812; soldier of 1812.
- Cox, William, Ross, 1818.
- Cox, Charles, Ross, 1840; died June 19, 1872.

- Cook, Jacob, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812, under Captain James Steele.
- Cook, Joshua, Silver Creek, 1817; January 16, 1823, married Anna Turner.
- Cook, Abraham, Esq., Bath, 1821; from New Jersey; father-in-law of John Cox, Jr; removed to Bethel township, Clark county, Ohio.
- Cook, Jason, Sugar Creek, 1840; November 19, 1839, married Eleanor Buckles.
- Cook, Henry S., Sugar Creek, 1819; August 19, 1819, married Lydia Ramsey.
- Collinson, Daniel, Bath, 1840.
- Collinson, Samuel, Bath, 1840.
- Coursey, Samuel L., Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Coursey, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Conner, William, Sugar Creek, 1829; born in Reid county, Delaware, January 19, 1779, died in Greene county, Ohio, May 6, 1886.
- Conner, Jimmet, Sugar Creek, 1829; born February 23, 1805, died November 19, 1881, in Warren county, Ohio.
- Conner, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; born October 6, 1809, removed to Missouri, died October 16, 1879, in Rochester, Missouri.
- Conner, Vincent, Sugar Creek, 1840; born April 10, 1803, removed to Missouri, where he died in 1880.
- Conner, Thomas, Xenia, 1827.
- Conner, Alexander, Xenia, 1816; from Ireland; died March 20, 1874, aged eighty-four, buried in Woodland.
- Conner, John W., Miami, 1829.
- Conner, James, Ross, 1820; died November 23, 1870, aged eighty-one, buried in graveyard east of Grapegrove.
- Cooper, William, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Cooper, Samuel, New Jasper, 1840; died March 13, 1899, aged sixty-one.
- Cooper, John, Sugar Creek, 1818; from Virginia; soldier in 1812; died August 9, 1876, aged eighty-five, buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Cooper, James, Silver Creek, 1830; died March 26, 1885, aged sixty, buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Cooper, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1819.
- Cooper, James, Xenia, 1826; died December 19, 1868, aged eighty-four, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Cooper, Robert, Xenia, 1830; died in Xenia township in 1859.
- Cooper, John A., Xenia, 1840; died February 18, 1854, aged sixty-four, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Cooper, John, Xenia, 1838; from Hardy county, Virginia; father of Samuel.
- Cooper, Rev. Ebenezer, Xenia, 1840; from South Carolina; father of J. H. Cooper; born in 1792, died November 12, 1858, aged sixty-three; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Cooper, John C., Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Cooper, Frederick, Bath, 1811.
- Cooper, James H., Miami, 1830; December 25, 1838, married Phebe L. Bailey.
- Cooper, Joseph, Miami, 1840.
- Cooper, Joseph H., Miami, 1840.
- Cooper, Wm. K., Xenia, 1840; born in 1819, died in 1891, aged seventy-two, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Corry, James K., Caesar's Creek, 1803; the first attorney to locate in Xenia township in 1803; died in Columbus, Ohio, in 1827.
- Corry, William, Caesar's Creek, 1803; an attorney; brother of James K.
- Corry, Matthew, Xenia, 1830; from Northumberland, Pennsylvania; born February 16, 1793; soldier of 1812; died May 5, 1864, aged seventy-one, buried in Woodland.
- Conkelon, David, Caesar's Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812.
- Conkelon, William, Caesar's Creek, 1803.
- Conkelon, Harvey, Caesar's Creek, 1804; father of H. H.; died in 1852 at Lumberton, Ohio; son-in-law of Lazarus Noland.
- Conkelon, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1804; married Rachel Casey March 14, 1815.
- Conkelon, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Conkelon, Tunis, Caesar's Creek, 1829; June 4, 1829, married Margaret McConnell.
- Coleman, Joel, Caesar's Creek, 1803.
- Coleman, Joseph, Bath, 1830; March 20, 1831, married Milley Casad.
- Coleman, E., Bath, 1840; buried in Bath churchyard west of Mad river.
- Copeland, John, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Copeland, Joseph, 1813; December 24, 1818, married Elizabeth Wical.
- Copeland, William, Silver Creek, 1813; married Sarah Haughey, March 27, 1830.
- Copeland, Abner, Silver Creek, 1820; Justice of Peace in Silver Creek township in 1826.
- Constant, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1813.
- Constant, Capt. Thos., Xenia, 1813; soldier of 1812; died December 15, 1840, in Sangamon county, Illinois.
- Constant, John, Xenia, 1818; March 28, 1816, married Margaret Killis.
- Constant, William, Miami, 1813.
- Conwell, Nathan E., Xenia, 1840; son of Abraham; born April 16, 1822; died August 30, 1848; buried in Woodland.
- Conwell, Stephen, Xenia, 1809; brother of Abraham; soldier of 1812; died March 27, 1881, aged fifty-five; buried in Woodland; married Martha Mills May 30, 1816.
- Conwell, Elizabeth, Xenia, 1807; from Winchester, Virginia; widow of William, Sr.; died in Xenia December 28, 1838; aged ninety-two years and eleven months.
- Conwell, Richard, Xenia, 1809; died January 19, 1845, aged fifty-seven; buried in Woodland; married Eliza Beatty December 30, 1830.
- Conwell, Abraham, Xenia, 1809; died August, 1850, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland; June 10, 1811, married Sarah Bell.
- Conwell, Samuel B., Xenia, 1838; born July 27, 1822.
- Conwell, Abraham D., Xenia, 1838; removed to Kansas; son of Richard; died in 1864 in Leavenworth.
- Conwell, George W., Xenia, 1838; son of Abraham; in 1840 was a clerk in Hivling's store.

- Conwell, Benjamin G., Xenia, 1838; son of Richard; died November 29, 1866, aged fifty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Conwell, A. D., Xenia, 1840; died August 16, 1850, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland; March 1, 1832, married Susan Wech.
- Coates, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; buried in Mount Holly.
- Coates, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1840; buried in Mount Holly.
- Coates, Hiram, Caesar's Creek, 1840; buried in Mount Holly.
- Coates, George, Xenia, 1830.
- Colston, Abraham, Xenia, 1809; died in 1836.
- Cohagan, William, Xenia, 1811; removed to Dayton; son of John; his sons were Isaac, John, Robert and Sylvester.
- Cohagan, John, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; died in Xenia March 7, 1836; buried on Joseph Hutchison's farm.
- Cole, William R., Xenia, 1811; married a daughter of Josiah Elam; represented Greene county in legislature.
- Cole, Elijah, Xenia, 1821; millwright for Forsman & Ankeney on Massie's Creek and falls of the Little Miami.
- Cole, Joshua, Xenia, 1827.
- Cole, David, Xenia, 1827.
- Cole, Jesse, 1838; July 4, 1839, married Elizabeth Pratt.
- Cowen, James, Xenia, 1811.
- Cowen, Henry, Bath, 1840.
- Cowen, Joseph, Bath, 1840; March 22, 1838, married Isabella Knox.
- Connolly, Robert, Xenia, 1830; a schoolmate of David Hawkins; died in the South; son of David.
- Connolly, David W., Xenia, 1830; a noted surveyor; son of David.
- Connolly, David, Xenia, 1815; died January 2, 1827; once owned the principal part of the Roberts' estate.
- Connolly, John, Xenia, 1818; from Augusta, Virginia; born March 5, 1770; died October 8, 1830; aged sixty; buried in East Third street A. R. graveyard.
- Connolly, Arthur, Xenia, 1820; son of David and Nancy Connolly.
- Connolly, Samuel, Xenia, 1825; son of David; buried in A. R. graveyard, East Third street, Xenia; married Ruth Haines.
- Connolly, Capt. James, Xenia, 1827; removed to Prookville, Indiana; died July 9, 1848; March 6, 1823, married Nancy Whiteman.
- Connolly, Arthur, Xenia, 1820; son of David.
- Conley, Levi, Beaver Creek, 1803; November 1, 1832, married Harriet Wright.
- Conley, Fountain, Bath, 1828.
- Copsey, John, Xenia, 1826.
- Connable, Joseph, Xenia, 1837; from Massachusetts; died October 11, 1849, aged sixty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Connable, E. J., Xenia, 1840; eldest son of Joseph; January 12, 1842, married Cordelia Newkirk.
- Connable, Matthew, Xenia, 1840; died January 16, 1894, aged seventy; buried in Woodland.
- Cooley, William, Xenia, 1840; from New York; died August 30, 1884, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Cooley, David, Xenia, 1840.
- Coy, Jacob, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1807; from Frederick county, Maryland; soldier of 1812; died December 1, 1832, aged ninety-three; buried in Coy graveyard.
- Coy, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1807; from Maryland; soldier of 1812; died in 1862; buried in Mt. Zion; son of Jacob, Sr.; born in 1792.
- Coy, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1800; soldier of 1812; born November 20, 1783; died December 5, 1862, aged seventy-eight; buried at Mt. Zion; father of Abraham.
- Coy, John, Beaver Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; died July 23, 1884, aged ninety-one; buried at Mt. Zion; married Mary Snyder.
- Coy, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; died July 22, 1846, aged fifty-one; buried at Mt. Zion.
- Coy, Peter S., Beaver Creek, 1811; son of Adam; committed suicide; died July 9, 1845, aged fifty-eight; buried in Aley churchyard; married Mary Tingley.
- Coy, Jacob, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1817; son of Adam; died July 28, 1884, aged eighty-one; buried at Mt. Zion; married Marv Shank.
- Coy, Leonard, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Jacob Coy; March 31, 1842, married Sarah Benham.
- Coy, William, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Coy, Peter, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; February 10, 1842, married Sarah Brown.
- Coy, Abraham, 1840; born November 7, 1820; son of Adam.
- Cosler, Lewis, Beaver Creek, 1807; buried in Hawker churchyard in 1817; August 19, 1822, married Elizabeth Turbaugh.
- Cosler, Lewis M., Beaver Creek, 1808; died February 28, 1844, aged twenty-six; buried in Union graveyard.
- Cosler, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Cosler, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1809; born in 1819; died in 1896; buried in Union graveyard.
- Cosler, David, Beaver Creek, 1830; died February 23, 1870, aged seventy-one; buried in Aley churchyard; married Mary Aley in 1820.
- Cosler, Jacob, Miami, 1814; soldier of 1812; died June 5, 1846, aged fifty-six; buried in Union graveyard.
- Cosler, Abraham, Bath, 1817.
- Cosler, David, Bath, 1820.
- Cosler, Rev. John M., Miami, 1840; died February 4, 1870, aged fifty-three; buried in Yellow Springs.
- Cover, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Cover, Valentine, Beaver Creek, 1840; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Cover, John, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Cost, Joseph, Bath, 1840; removed to Indiana.
- Cost, John, Sr., Bath, 1817; buried in Cost graveyard; died March 28, 1850, aged sixty-nine.
- Cost, Peter, Bath, 1820; son of John, Sr.
- Cost, Anthony, 1840; October 1, 1840, married Ann Guisinger.



- Cost, John, Bath, 1830; son of John, Sr.; died in Fairfield, Ohio, March 28, 1840, aged sixty-nine; buried in Fairfield, Ohio.
- Cost, George, Bath, 1830; son of John, Sr.; October 3, 1824, married Drusella Clayton.
- Cost, Jonathan H., Bath, 1840; removed to Quincy, Ohio; January 3, 1839, married Sarah Ann Cosler.
- Cost, Philip F., Bath, 1817; son of John; from Frederick, Maryland; born October 10, 1809; father of George T.; died February 11, 1900, aged ninety.
- Cosgrove, Joseph, Bath, 1820.
- Confar, John, Bath, 1820; January 3, 1819, married Martha Wolf.
- Colson, Patrick, Bath, 1840.
- Colson, Joseph G., Bath, 1840.
- Cool, Elisha, Bath, 1840.
- Confer, William G., Bath, 1834; son of George; born December 29, 1823.
- Confer, George, Miami, 1811; soldier of 1812; died March 26, 1857, aged seventy; buried in Union graveyard.
- Confer, Michael, Miami, 1811; died in Miami township in 1829; buried in Folck graveyard; married Susan Jane Grow.
- Confer, Jacob, Miami, 1817; removed to Indiana; October 24, 1816, married Martha Graham.
- Confer, John, Miami, 1817; soldier of 1812; died in 1834; buried in Mud Run churchyard.
- Confer, Michael, Jr., Miami, 1820; removed to Peru, Indiana.
- Confer, Solomon, Miami, 1830; removed to Rock Island.
- Confer, James, Miami, 1840; died January 4, 1888, aged seventy-four; buried at Selma.
- Confer, Samuel, Miami, 1840; died December 23, 1879, aged eighty; buried in Glen Forest, Yellow Springs.
- Council, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840; died May 22, 1851, aged fifty-one; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Cotren, William, Miami, 1809.
- Codington, Thomas, Miami, 1821.
- Comer, Daniel, Xenia, 1813.
- Cornelius, Samuel, Ross, 1818.
- Cobler, John, Ross, 1830.
- Creamer, John, Sugar Creek, 1806; from Maryland; died November 22, 1845, aged seventy-five; buried in Baptist graveyard, one mile south of Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Creamer, Solomon, Sugar Creek, 1813; brother of John; removed to Urbana, Illinois.
- Creamer, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of John; born in Kentucky in 1805; died September, 1871, aged sixty-six; buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Creamer, Hugh, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Creamer, John, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Solomon; removed to Illinois; March 12, 1835, married Anna Haines.
- Creamer, Josiah, Sugar Creek, 1840; removed to Indiana.
- Creamer, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of John; died August 23, 1876, aged sixty-three; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio; married Jane Daugherty.
- Creamer, David, Sugar Creek, 1813; removed to Fayette county, Ohio.
- Croft, Allen, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Crowl, William H., Sugar Creek, 1840; from Pennsylvania; born August 16, 1817, in Oxford, Pa.; died September 13, 1860; buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Crowl, Adam, Xenia, 1811.
- Crowl, John, Xenia, 1816.
- Crowl, Henry, Xenia, 1816; from Washington county, Maryland; in 1870 he paid a visit to his old home in Xenia; at that time he was eighty-one years old.
- Crowl, Conrad, Xenia, 1816; died in Xenia May 15, 1827; buried in old Methodist graveyard; married Nancy Harper.
- Crowl, Michael, Xenia, 1819.
- Crowl, Leonard, Xenia, 1819.
- Crumley, Aaron, Sugar Creek, 1812; son of Aaron M.
- Crumley, Aaron M., Sugar Creek, 1812; died August 18, 1835, aged sixty-three; buried in Mt. Holly.
- Crumley, Stephen, Sugar Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; removed to Indiana; May 13, 1813, married Jane Stanfield.
- Crumley, William, Sugar Creek, 1819; died February 4, 1889, aged sixty-nine; buried at Xenia; son of Aaron M.; married Minerva Stanfield.
- Crumley, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1820; removed to Indiana.
- Crumley, Edward, Sugar Creek, 1827; son of Aaron M.; removed to Maine.
- Crumley, James, Sugar Creek, 1820; removed to Indiana.
- Critchfield, John, Sugar Creek, 1813; born May 20, 1771, died August 20, 1836, aged sixty-five; buried one mile south of Bellbrook, Ohio; wife, Catherine; son, Andrew.
- Critchfield, Philip F., Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Critchfield, Arthur, 1820; March 25, 1825, married Maria Neal.
- Craig, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1807; son-in-law of Isaac Pedrick.
- Craig, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Craig, Addison, Caesar's Creek, 1840; from Virginia; died March 6, 1888, aged seventy; buried at Spring Valley, Ohio.
- Crawford, James, Xenia, 1812; died November 20, 1854, aged seventy-three; buried in Dean graveyard, near Jasper, Ohio.
- Crain, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1840; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Crawford, Abel, Xenia, 1830.
- Crawford, John, Caesar's Creek, 1827; died in Cedarville township August 5, 1863; aged sixty-one; married Arsly Carter.
- Crawford, James, Xenia, 1807; died August 26, 1855, aged eighty-two; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Crawford, Robert, Xenia, 1811; son of James; died November 8, 1851, aged eighty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Crawford, William, Xenia, 1819; son of James; died August 12, 1877, aged eighty-two; buried in Woodland.
- Crawford, John, Xenia, 1832; son of James; died April 12, 1848, aged thirty-three; buried in Dean graveyard.

- Crawford, William D., Xenia, 1820; August 13, 1816, married Elizabeth Andrew.
- Crawford, David, Xenia, 1820; November, 12, 1812, married Ann Sterritt.
- Crawford, M. A., Xenia, 1840; January 2, 1818, married Eliza Erwin.
- Crawford, Oliver, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Crawford, J. D., Bath, 1840.
- Crawford, Robert, Jr., Bath, 1840; died January 31, 1802, aged seventy; buried in Woodland.
- Crawford, John, Ross, 1828; January 20, 1820, married Agnes Miller; died in Cedarville township in 1863; has a son, James, of Monmouth, Illinois.
- Crawford, James, Ross, 1828; from Virginia; born in 1708; died in 1829; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Crawford, Eli, Ross, 1828.
- Crawford, Patscy, Ross, 1830.
- Crawford, John, Jr., Ross, 1840; August 26, 1842, married Jane Nevius.
- Crawford, Elizabeth, Xenia, 1807; died October 27, 1870, aged one hundred and five; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville.
- Crites, Job, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died April 19, 1870, aged fifty-nine; buried at New Burlington, Ohio; married Christiana Moore.
- Crites, John, Bath, 1840.
- Creswell, Samuel, Jr., Xenia, 1841; son of James; died February 23, 1850, aged seventy-eight; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Creswell, Samuel, Sr., Xenia, 1806; from Kentucky; died in Cedarville township in 1856.
- Creswell, Walter, Xenia, 1807.
- Creswell, Catharine, Xenia, 1807.
- Creswell, James, Xenia, 1810; from Pennsylvania, thence to Kentucky, thence to Ohio; died August 21, 1866, aged seventy-seven; buried two miles west of Jamestown.
- Creswell, Lancelot, Ross, 1836; son of James; died July 20, 1885, aged sixty-six; served two years in Civil war; removed to Barnesville, Indiana.
- Cropper, Solomon, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Cronk, Andrew, Ross, 1807; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Samuel C. Herod.
- Crandle, Nicholas, Xenia, 1842; from Connecticut; born December 20, 1809; died June 24, 1855; buried in Woodland.
- Crow, Samuel, Xenia, 1811.
- Crow, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1807; died in Beaver Creek township in 1817; (see Gray).
- Crow, Matthias, Beaver Creek, 1807; died in 1833; (see Gray).
- Crow, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Crisman, Frank, Ross, 1820; one of the early school teachers of Ross township; January 25, 1821, married Francis Gains.
- Crisman, Felix, Xenia, 1820.
- Crumbaugh, Samuel, Sr., Xenia, 1817; born August 29, 1791; died September 6, 1876, aged eighty-five; soldier of 1812; helped to organize the Reformed Church in 1833; buried in Woodland.
- Crumbaugh, Lewis, Xenia, 1826; October 18, 1825, married Barbary Fulinger.
- Crumbaugh, Alfred, Xenia, 1830; died in Australia.
- Crumbaugh, John B., Xenia, 1830; born in 1818; died May 20, 1861, aged forty-three; married in Woodland.
- Crumbaugh, Henry, Xenia, 1840; died March 25, 1870; buried in Woodland.
- Crumbaugh, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; from Maryland; died March 16, 1899, aged seventy-seven; sheriff of Greene county from 1858 to 1862; buried in Woodland.
- Crumbaugh, Dr. Fredrick, Xenia, 1840; born December 1, 1816; died in Chicago, Illinois, March 16, 1879, aged sixty-two; son of Samuel, Sr.
- Cruzen, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1816; died in Silver Creek township in 1835; buried in Sheeley graveyard.
- Cruzen, Cornelius, Silver Creek, 1813; son of Richard; buried in Sheeley graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Cruzen, James, Silver Creek, 1830; removed to Walnut Hills, Illinois; December 28, 1828, married Nancy Glass.
- Cruzen, John, Silver Creek, 1840; removed to Illinois in 1842; buried at Atlanta August, 1844.
- Cruzen, Harvey, Silver Creek, 1840; removed to Iowa in 1853.
- Croy, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1817.
- Crippen, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1830; March 13, 1834, married Elizabeth Menare.
- Crane, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Cromwell, John, Bath, 1807.
- Cromwell, Joseph, Xenia, 1832; son of Richard; born in Washington county, Maryland, March, 1814.
- Crum, John, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812.
- Crocket, Andrew, 1818; March 7, 1819, married Margaret Freeman.
- Crum, John C., Bath, 1812.
- Cross, Hamilton, Cedarville, 1840; died March 5, 1879, aged sixty-eight.
- Cross, Solomon, Cedarville, 1817.
- Cross, Israel, Cedarville, 1820; February 22, 1827, married Sarah Townsley, widow.
- Cross, Samuel, Cedarville, 1826; February 12, 1825, married Caroline Browder.
- Crowder, William, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Chas. Wolverton.
- Cretors, George P., Xenia, 1830; January 4, 1834, married Hannah Baker.
- Cretors, Samuel B., 1840; born February 15, 1815; died August 30, 1879; buried in Woodland.
- Cunningham, James, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; died April 12, 1814, aged forty-seven; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Cunningham, John, Sugar Creek, 1813; killed by Indians at Fort McArthur in 1814; buried in Pioneer graveyard.
- Cunningham, Richard, Sugar Creek, 1820; soldier of the Revolution; removed to Sidney, Ohio.
- Cunningham, Frank A., Sugar Creek, 1826; secretary of Bellbrook Colonization Society in 1826.
- Cunningham, Jas., Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840; died January 24, 1884, aged sixty-six; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Cunningham, Andrew, Xenia, 1817; son of James, Sr., and Elizabeth; March 2, 1820, married Jane Stephenson.

- Cunningham, Curry, Xenia, 1819; son of James, Sr.
- Cunningham, Isaiah, Xenia, 1840.
- Cunningham, Hugh, Xenia, 1840.
- Cunningham, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Cunningham, Joshua E., Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Cunningham, John, Miami, 1830.
- Cunningham, James, Ross, 1828; born in 1800; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Cunningham, Robert C., Xenia, 1840; son of James and Elizabeth.
- Currie, David, Sugar Creek, 1803.
- Currie, Widow, Miami, 1809; mother of James and Walter Currie, Sr.
- Currie, Daniel, Miami, 1808; eldest son of James, Sr.
- Currie, Elizabeth, Miami, 1808; widow of Walter Currie.
- Currie, James (son of Walter) 1808; April 19, 1832, married Maria Mitchell; removed to Laporte, Indiana.
- Currie, James, Sr., Miami, 1808; from Virginia; born in 1773, died November 1, 1843; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's); settled on the present site of Antioch College, Yellow Springs.
- Currie, Walter, Miami, 1808; died July 22, 1808, aged thirty-two; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Currie, Robert, Miami, 1808; soldier of 1812; removed to Hanover, Ind.; buried in Carmel churchyard.
- Currie, William, Esq., Miami, 1810; soldier of 1812; died May, 1840; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- Currie, George, Miami, 1810; died in 1886, aged eighty-three; buried in Cedarville cemetery; son of James.
- Currie, George, Miami, 1826; son of Walter; removed to Laporte, Indiana; April 17, 1827, married Mary Chalmers.
- Currie, James C., Miami, 1826; son of James; died April 14, 1878, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland; in 1840 married A. E. Torrence.
- Currie, David, Miami, 1827; son of James, Sr.; born May 14, 1807; died January 7, 1863, aged fifty-six; buried at Yellow Springs; May 12, 1842, married Allison Hume.
- Currie, Samuel, Xenia, 1828; entered the Boyd Hopping farm, west of Xenia.
- Currie, Ebenezer, Xenia, 1817.
- Currie, Mary, Xenia, 1830.
- Culey, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Curl, James, Caesar's Creek, 1809; died April 3, 1859, aged fifty-seven; buried in New Hope churchyard, near Paintersville, Ohio.
- Curl, Joseph, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1828; his wife was Sarah; father of Thomas; died in 1836; buried in New Hope churchyard; his sons were John, Charles, Samuel, Joseph, Elias, James, Jacob and Benjamin.
- Curl, Joel, Caesar's Creek, 1828; died November 7, 1867, aged sixty-one; buried in New Hope churchyard, Paintersville, Ohio.
- Curl, Benjamin, Caesar's Creek, 1840; October 22, 1829, married Mary Ogesbee.
- Curl, Benjamin, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Curl, Daniel, Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; brother of James; removed to Wilmington, Ohio.
- Curl, James, Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died August 16, 1858; buried in Woodland.
- Curl, David, Xenia, 1840; son of James.
- Curl, John, Xenia, 1840; son of James; killed on railroad.
- Curry, Robert, Xenia, 1808; died November 7, 1853, aged seventy; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Curry, John, Caesar's Creek, 1808; son-in-law of John Sheley, Sr.; soldier of 1812; died October 15, 1855, aged seventy-three; buried in Sheley graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Cummings, Thomas B., Caesar's Creek, 1836; born February 6, 1814, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania; father of Hon. Joseph Cummings; buried in Woodland.
- Cummings, Dr. James, Xenia, 1840; in active practice as a physician in Xenia in 1841; buried in Woodland.
- Cummings, Casper, Beaver Creek, 1840; soldier of 1812; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Cummings, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1840; May 28, 1840, married Marv Coy.
- Cummings, Charles, Bath, 1840.
- Cummings, Dr., Bath, 1840.
- Cummings, William, Beaver Creek, 1840; born in 1815, died in 1849; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Cutler, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1804.
- Cutler, Jacob, Ross, 1806.
- Cutler, Benjamin, Jr., Ross, 1806.
- Cutler, John, Ross, 1806.
- Culberson, Robert, Ross, 1816; September 30, 1818, married Rhoda Sampson.
- Culberson, Joseph, Xenia, 1816; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Culberson, Joseph, Jr., Xenia, 1816.
- Culberson, John, Xenia, 1817; died in 1836; willed his possessions to Ennis Townsley.
- Cultice, Gabriel, Xenia, 1810.
- Cushman, Thomas, Xenia, 1816; cabinetmaker; ran a factory at Oldtown in 1820; firm, West & Cushman.
- Curby, James, Xenia, 1816.
- Culson, Simon, Xenia, 1829.
- Curran, J., Xenia, 1830.
- Custenbarger, Matthias, Beaver Creek, 1840; born in 1801; died at Alpha, October 16, 1880, aged eighty; buried at Mt. Zion.
- Cutton, Elijah, Bath, 1820.
- Cullun, John, Ross, 1820.
- Cyphers, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; soldier of 1812; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard; September 30, 1841, married ——— Devilpiss.
- Cyphers, Philip, Beaver Creek, 1840; March 23, 1842, married Margaret Hale.
- Cassil, John, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Cassil, Alexander, Xenia, 1816.
- Cassil, David, Xenia, 1813.
- Cassil, Vincent, Silver Creek, 1811.
- Cassil, Leaman, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Cassil, Samuel, Xenia, 1829; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Curtis, James, Miami, 1810.



- Curtis, Wesley, Xenia, 1816.  
 Curtis, Daniel, Xenia, 1816.  
 Curtis, Conrad, Bath, 1826.  
 Curtis, John, Miami, 1829; died in Miami township in 1859, February 4; buried in Yellow Springs.  
 Cretors, Samuel B., Xenia, 1840; died August 13, 1879; buried in Woodland.
- David, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1840; a carpenter; removed to Des Moines, Iowa.  
 Davis, Hannah, Sugar Creek, 1804.  
 Davis, Rev. William, Sugar Creek, 1817; from Berkeley county, West Virginia; born October 15, 1770; died January 22, 1868, aged seventy-seven; buried in Woodland.  
 Davis, Wm. F. R., Sr., Sugar Creek, 1826; soldier of the Revolution.  
 Davis, Wm. F. R., Jr., Sugar Creek, 1829.  
 Davis, Dr. Jonathan Sugar Creek, 1829; died July 29, 1849, aged twenty-eight; buried in Bonner graveyard.  
 Davis, Chas. W., Sugar Creek, 1829.  
 Davis, Andrew, Sugar Creek, 1830; May 5, 1819, married Zillah Grant.  
 Davis, Bazil, Sugar Creek, 1830.  
 Davis, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1830; removed to Jamestown in 1830; February 19, 1829, married Mary Bigelow.  
 Davis, William, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Rev. William.  
 Davis, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Davis, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1830; son of William; died September 3, 1875; aged sixty-seven; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.  
 Davis, Nathan L., Sugar Creek, 1840; from Winchester Virginia; son of Josiah; died December 6, 1881, aged sixty-five; buried in Woodland.  
 Davis, James, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Rev. William; died August 21, 1850, aged thirty-seven; buried in Woodland.  
 Davis, David, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1807; died in 1835; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Davis, David, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1807; died May 17, 1842, aged sixty-four; buried at Jamestown, Ohio; married Sarah Bailey, July 12, 1824.  
 Davis, Anthony, Caesar's Creek, 1819; son of David; died November 1, 1863, aged seventy-three; buried in New Hope graveyard.  
 Davis, Obediah, Caesar's Creek, 1827; February 3, 1825, married Mary Peterson.  
 Davis, William, Caesar's Creek, 1814; born in York, Pennsylvania; April 16, 1775, married Deborah Bacon; died March 5, 1877, aged eighty-two; buried in Woodland; father-in-law of Henry Conklin.  
 Davis, John, Caesar's Creek, 1830; son of David; November 5, 1823, married Elizabeth Barnes.  
 Davis, Bryson, Caesar's Creek, 1830.  
 Davis, Robert, Xenia, 1806; June 8, 1842, married Barbary E. Jones.  
 Davis, Owen, Xenia, 1807; nephew of the old miller on Beaver Creek; removed to Illinois.  
 Davis, Thomas, Xenia, 1809; son of Philip; born in South Hampton county, Virginia, October 20, 1785; died September 25, 1863, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Davis, Philip, Xenia, 1809; father of Melville, of the Seventy-fourth O. V. I.; born in 1753; died August 8, 1831, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland.  
 Davis, John, Xenia, 1810; father-in-law of Brice Knox; removed to Missouri.  
 Davis, John, Xenia, 1810; an old time merchant of Xenia.  
 Davis, Jephtha, Xenia, 1816; November 13, 1817, married Polly Troxel.  
 Davis, Josiah, Xenia, 1807; son of Philip; died October 30, 1838, aged forty-one; buried in Woodland; married Elizabeth Scarf.  
 Davis, James, Xenia, 1819; September 9, 1824, married Barsheba Burnet.  
 Davis, Chambers, Xenia, 1829.  
 Davis, Freeman, Xenia, 1829.  
 Davis, David W., Xenia, 1830.  
 Davis, Milton G., Xenia, 1840; son of Thomas; died at the Soldier's Home in Dayton, Ohio; buried in Woodland.  
 Davis, Owen, Beaver Creek, 1803; owner of the house of Peter Borders, first place of holding court in Greene county; died in 1818; buried in Clifton, Ohio.  
 Davis, Lewis, Beaver Creek, 1803; son of Owen and Luticia Davis; first owner of what is known as the Yellow Springs; buried six miles west of Bellefontaine.  
 Davis, David, Beaver Creek, 1811; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.  
 Davis, Owen, Jr., Miami, 1803; nephew of the old miller on Beaver Creek; died at Terre Haute, Indiana in 1874.  
 Davis, Thomas M., Beaver Creek, 1811; from England; first school teacher in Beaver Creek township.  
 Davis, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1819; a carpenter; removed to Iowa about 1856 or 1857.  
 Davis, Noah, Beaver Creek, 1826.  
 Davis, David W., Beaver Creek, 1827.  
 Davis, Sarah, Beaver Creek, 1830.  
 Davis, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1840; married Sarah Kirkpatrick, April 25, 1833; died September 12, 1877, aged sixty-seven; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery, Alpha.  
 Davis, Robert, Bath, 1801.  
 Davis, Daniel H., Bath, 1807; August 28, 1823, married Minerva Sirlott.  
 Davis, Jacob, Bath, 1809; died in Beaver Creek township in 1829.  
 Davis, Samuel, Bath, 1810; soldier of 1812; died in 1845, aged seventy; buried in Spanger graveyard, Clark county.  
 Davis, Zibee, Bath, 1810; soldier of 1812; Capt. Wm. Stephenson.  
 Davis, William S., Bath, 1812; died November 16, 1834; buried in Mitman graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Davis, Jonathan, Bath, 1810; soldier of 1812; July 25, 1838, married Sarah Ann Darst.  
 Davis, Ananias, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812.  
 Davis, Joseph, Bath, 1811; July 27, 1817, married Catharine Lippencott.  
 Davis, John, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812; Capt. Zach. Ferguson.  
 Davis, James, Bath, 1811; died in 1854, aged forty-

- four; buried in Bath graveyard, west of Mad River.
- Davis, George, Bath, 1813; soldier of 1812; December 27, 1832, married Abigail Ryan.
- Davis, Solomon, Bath, 1819.
- Davis, Silas, Bath, 1820; a soldier of the Revolution.
- Davis, Thomas, Sr., Bath, 1821.
- Davis, Thomas, Jr., Bath, 1826.
- Davis, Richard Bath, 1826.
- Davis, Absalom, Bath, 1826; died in Bath township in 1837; December 2, 1819, married Alvira Searl.
- Davis, Abraham, Bath, 1827; August 7, 1823, married Mary Smuck.
- Davis, Robert, Miami, 1809.
- Davis, John, Miami, 1810.
- Davis, Lewis, Miami, 1811.
- Davis, Owen, Jr., Miami, 1817.
- Davis, David S., Miami, 1840; February 18, 1840, married Lydia Ball.
- Davis, David, Ross, 1828.
- Davis, William, Ross, 1828; August 19, 1828, married Deborah Bacon.
- Davis, Alfred, Silver Creek, 1826; from Pennsylvania to Kentucky, thence to Ohio; died May 17, 1842, aged sixty-four; buried in Jamestown cemetery; soldier of 1812.
- Davis, Noah, Silver Creek, 1811.
- Davis, John J., Silver Creek, 1830; born April 13, 1809; died November 2, 1877; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Davis, John R., Silver Creek, 1830; died at Jamestown November 22, 1874, aged sixty-eight.
- Darlington, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1804; March 18, 1804, married Nancy McDonald.
- Darst, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1809; born in Franklin county, Virginia, October 30, 1785; died in Beaver Creek township March 28, 1852, buried in Beavertown cemetery.
- Darst, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1811; son of Jacob; buried at Beavertown.
- Darst, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Jacob; removed to Eureka, Illinois; May 8, 1834, married Mary Stransbarger.
- Darst, Abraham, Bath, 1811; son of Jacob; September 21, 1809, married Polly Wolf.
- Darst, Henry C., Bath, 1807; son of Jacob.
- Davidson, John, Sugar Creek, 1807.
- Davidson, James, Sugar Creek, 1827; removed to Indiana; brother of Joseph, late of Xenia; married Mary Ann Torrence.
- Davidson, William, Sugar Creek, 1828; removed to Indiana; November 9, 1833, married Eliza Andrew.
- Davidson, Richard, Caesar's Creek, 1829.
- Davidson, James, Caesar's Creek, 1826; September 11, 1822, married Sarah Harness.
- Davidson, Dr. Andrew W., Xenia, 1806; his wife was Rebecca Todd, daughter of James Todd; the first physician to settle in Xenia; died at Madison, Indiana, in 1825.
- Davidson, Andrew, Xenia, 1807.
- Davidson, Josiah, Xenia, 1816; son of Andrew W.; removed to Indiana; May 11, 1819, married Sarah Todd.
- Davidson, Joseph, Xenia, 1826; from Georgetown, Kentucky; died September 16, 1879, aged seventy-four; buried in Woodland; married, April, 1827, Margaret McClellan.
- Davidson, Jonah, Xenia, 1819.
- Davidson, Richard, Xenia, 1830.
- Davidson, Robert, Xenia, 1819; brother of Joseph; removed to Oregon; July 1, 1821, married Margaret Hamilton.
- Davidson, Samuel, Xenia, 1830.
- Davidson, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Davidson, John, Beaver Creek, 1826; August 24, 1842, married Amelia Wright.
- Davidson, James, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Davidson, James, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; August 5, 1827, married Nancy Browder.
- Davidson, Elizabeth, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Dashield, Charles, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Daugherty, Michael, Sugar Creek, 1829; born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1801; of Irish parents; died February 9, 1882, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.
- Daugherty, Elizabeth, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Daugherty, William, Xenia, 1827.
- Daugherty, John W., Xenia, 1829; December 3, 1838, married Catharine Medsker.
- Daugherty, James, Bath, 1840; September 9, 1830, married Mary A. Cremer.
- Daugherty, W. A., Ross 1840.
- Daugherty, Matthias, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Daugherty, James, Silver Creek, 1840; September 9, 1830, married Jemima Shirk.
- Daugherty, Jesse, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Daugherty, David, Silver Creek, 1840; died September 5, 1841, aged twenty-five.
- Day, Peter, Xenia, 1811.
- Day, Joseph, Xenia, 1826; soldier of Civil War, Co. D, One Hundred and Tenth, O. V. I.; died August 13, 1892, buried at Spring Valley.
- Davison, Clarandon, Xenia, 1836; editor of the Greene County Gazette, published in Xenia in 1836.
- Day, Dudley, Xenia, 1836; soldier in Civil War, member of Co. H, Seventy-fourth O. V. I.; buried in Woodland.
- Dallas, James, Xenia, 1828.
- Dallas, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; died May 14, 1888, aged seventy-seven; February 28, 1837, married Martha McMillan.
- Dallas, Wilson, Bath, 1840; died December 24, 1891, aged seventy-eight.
- Darrow, Amos, Bath, 1806; July 2, 1804, built the first jail on the public square in Xenia.
- Darrow, J. A., Bath, 1840; born in 1819; died in 1860; buried in Woodland.
- Danner, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Danner, John, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Davill, Samuel, Bath, 1840.
- Davill, Absalom, Bath, 1840.
- Dawson, John, Bath, 1820.
- Dawson, Richard, Xenia, 1840; died in 1838.
- Dawson, David, Bath, 1840.
- Dawson, John, Sr., Silver Creek, 1830; died March 28, 1871, aged eighty-seven; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Dawson, John, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; September 5, 1832, married Adelia Winans.

- Dawson, James R., Sugar Creek, 1840; died July 29, 1892, aged seventy-four; December 26, 1840, married Elizabeth Barnet.
- Darling, John, Silver Creek, 1840; October 7, 1832, married Amanda Bozart.
- Daniels, Reuben, Silver Creek, 1829.
- Dangerfield, Stephen, 1833; August 11, 1833, married Ity Thomas.
- Dangerfield, Roger T., Silver Creek, 1840; February 8, 1835, married Isabella Ellsberry.
- Devoe, James, Sugar Creek, 1808.
- Devoe, John, Sugar Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; buried in New Hope churchyard, Paintersville, Ohio.
- Devoe, D. L., Sugar Creek, 1830; November 15, 1827, married Ann Perkins.
- Devoe, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1819; died July 5, 1860, aged sixty-four; buried at Salem, south of Paintersville, Ohio.
- Devoe, William, Caesar's Creek, 1828.
- Devoe, Seth, Caesar's Creek, 1808; died March 5, 1893, aged eighty-seven.
- Dewitt, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1808.
- Dewitt, Robert, Bath, 1807.
- Dewitt, Widow, Bath, 1809.
- Dewitt, Peter, Bath, 1807; his wife, Mercy; sons, Peter, Isaac, Elisha, Daniel; daughters, Priscilla, Nancy, Rachel and Elizabeth.
- Deshler, Chas., Sugar Creek, 1816.
- Devere, William H., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Devere, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Devere, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1803; died in Beaver Creek township in 1814.
- Devere, Hester, Beaver Creek, 1813.
- Devere, Daniel, Bath, 1840.
- Debar, Thomas J., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dearduff, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1813; died in Silver Creek township in 1852; buried in Dearduff graveyard.
- Dearduff, John M., Xenia, 1820; died July 19, 1859, aged seventy-three; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard, Alpha.
- Dearduff, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1820; killed by a black man at Jamestown in 1834, while making an arrest as constable.
- Dearduff, Sally, Silver Creek, 1840; widow of Jacob Dearduff.
- Deeds, George, Caesar's Creek, 1819; his wife was Mary, and they had seven daughters; soldier of the Revolution; died October 8, 1846, aged eighty-four; buried in Zoar churchyard, Caesar's Creek township.
- Deam, John A., Xenia, 1840; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1862.
- Deam, George W., Xenia, 1840.
- Deter, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Deter, Isaac, Bath, 1840.
- Dean, Daniel, Jr., Xenia, 1830; married Jane Campbell; died May, 1838; buried in Dean cemetery, near Jasper, Ohio.
- Dean, Jennette, Xenia, 1811; born in Augusta county, Virginia, in 1763; widow of Daniel Dean, Sr.; buried in Dean cemetery.
- Dean, Mary, Xenia, 1811; mother of Daniel, Sr.; born in 1739, died July 21, 1825, aged eighty-six; buried in Dean cemetery; widow of Roger Dean.
- Dean, Daniel, Sr., Xenia, 1811; born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1766; died January 24, 1845, aged seventy-one; buried in Dean cemetery.
- Dean, Robert, Xenia, 1811; son of Daniel, Sr.; soldier of 1812; died May 18, 1856, aged sixty-three; buried in Dean cemetery.
- Dean, James, Xenia, 1826; son of Daniel, Sr.; removed to Delaware county, Indiana; married Elizabeth Pendry; died.
- Dean, William, Xenia, 1826; son of Daniel, Sr.; married Catherine Shook; died in 1856.
- Dean, Joseph, Xenia, 1825; son of Daniel, Sr.; born in 1804; died in 1883, aged seventy-nine; buried in Dean cemetery.
- Dean, Benjamin, Xenia, 1840.
- Dean, Thomas, Ross, 1830.
- Dean, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; son of Robert; died July 4, 1847, aged twenty-six; buried in Dean cemetery.
- Dean, Adam, Xenia, 1840; father of Daniel A., who died in Chicago.
- Dean, Daniel A., 1840; December 11, 1840, married Sarah Stewart.
- Denton, John, Xenia, 1816.
- Denton, Benjamin, Xenia, 1819.
- Denton, John J., Xenia, 1826.
- Denton, William A., Xenia, 1827.
- Deacon, John, Xenia, 1840; October 10, 1838, married Catharine Larew.
- DeHaven, John, Xenia, 1840; died July 13, 1851, aged forty years; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's); March 27, 1836, married Elizabeth Forman.
- Dernbaugh, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1807; died December 5, 1867, aged forty; buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Dernbaugh, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Dernbaugh, John, Beaver Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; died June 9, 1846, aged sixty-two; buried at Mt. Zion.
- Dernbaugh, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; died in 1835; buried at Hawker's churchyard.
- Decker, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1817.
- Deckor, John S., Beaver Creek, 1817.
- Deckor, Isaac S., Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Devilbiss, Casper, Beaver Creek, 1819; died in Beaver Creek township in 1829.
- Devilbiss, Mary, Beaver Creek, 1830; widow of Casper.
- Devilbiss, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Casper and Mary.
- Deal, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Die, William, Bath, 1826.
- Deer, William, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Demint, Benjamin, Bath, 1829.
- Demint, James, Jr., Ross, 1840.
- Dedrick, Jacob, Bath, 1840.
- Dedrick, John, Miami, 1836; September 7, 1837, married Marian Hickman.
- Deaming, John G., Miami, 1827.
- DeHart, Gilbert, Miami, 1840.
- Dentler, William, Miami, 1830.



- Degrott, James, Silver Creek, 1840; buried in Jamestown cemetery; March 16, 1837, married Emily Moorman.
- Dice, Henry, Bath, 1830.
- Dice, Jacob, Bath, 1830; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Dickensheet, John, Sugar Creek, 1809.
- Dickensheet, William, Sugar Creek, 1818; soldier of 1812; died May 13, 1858, aged fifty-five; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Dickensheet, Jacob, Bath, 1840.
- Dickensheet, Frederick, Sugar Creek, 1828.
- Dice, William, Beaver Creek, 1840; born December, 1789, died May 12, 1859, aged sixty-nine; buried in Alpha churchyard.
- Dickensheet, David, Sugar Creek, 1830; removed to Missouri.
- Dines, Chambers, Sugar Creek, 1809.
- Dines, Bennett, Xenia, 1826.
- Dill, Salathiel, Xenia, 1836; died December 26, 1862, aged seventy-five; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Dill, George, Xenia, 1813.
- Dill, William, Sugar Creek, 1830; died October 6, 1891, aged sixty-eight.
- Dill, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; died November 3, 1897, aged eighty-five; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Dill, Andrew, Sugar Creek, 1840; born in 1812; died at the State Hospital in 1896; buried in Bellbrook cemetery; aged eighty-four.
- Dill, James, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dill, James, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dill, John W., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dill, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1840; December 26, 1841, married Hannah Needles.
- Dill, Barton, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dill, Lovel, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dill, Solomon, Sugar Creek, 1816; December 31, 1823, married Rhoda Strong.
- Dill, Solomon, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1819; died January 9, 1835, aged seventy-five.
- Dill, Shadrack, Caesar's Creek.
- Dill, Gideon, Xenia, 1816; May 13, 1819, married Jane Lyon; died May 31, 1866, aged 72; buried in Maple Corner churchyard.
- Dill, John, Xenia, 1840; died January 2, 1893, aged seventy-one; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Dill, Samuel, Xenia, 1840.
- Dill, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1826.
- Dill, Fredrick, Beaver Creek, 1828.
- Dill, Ebenezer, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Dill, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Dingess, Fredrick, Silver Creek, 1830; died in Silver Creek township in 1837; buried near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Dinsmore, Amos, Sugar Creek, 1826; died in Sugar Creek township in 1830.
- Dinsmore, James, Xenia, 1826; died in Xenia in 1821; buried in old Methodist graveyard, Xenia.
- Dinsmore, John, Sugar Creek, 1830; son of James; June 21, 1819, married Elizabeth Anderson.
- Dinsmore, Matthew, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812.
- Dispenett, John, Bath, 1840; July 5, 1840, married Delilah Stevenson.
- Dickman, Joseph, Miami, 1840; died at Yellow Springs November 12, 1877, aged sixty-nine.
- Dixon, William, Xenia, 1840; died December 3, 1874, at Dayton Insane Hospital.
- Dixon, Samuel, Xenia, 1818.
- Dixon, John, Xenia, 1819.
- Dixon, Nathaniel, Xenia, 1819; from Maryland; died October 31, 1870, aged seventy-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Dixon, John P., Xenia, 1819.
- Dixon, Enoch, Xenia, 1828.
- Dixon, Nathan, Xenia, 1830.
- Dixon, Samuel, Jr., Xenia, 1830.
- Dillon, John, Ross, 1830.
- Dorsey, Luke T., Sugar Creek, 1812; born in 1780; died in 1849; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; soldier of 1812.
- Dorsey, John, Xenia, 1816.
- Dorsey, Aquilla, Silver Creek, 1824; from Maryland; soldier of 1812; born December 5, 1789; died July 13, 1887, aged ninety-seven.
- Dobbins, Rev. Robert, Ross, 1819; represented Greene county in Legislature in 1826-7.
- Dobbins, William, Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Dowell, John, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Dowell, George, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1857.
- Dowell, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1840; brother of George; November 2, 1841, married Lucy Ann Conklin.
- Dowell, Ann, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died December 26, 1868, aged seventy-one; buried at New Burlington, Ohio.
- Dowell, John, Xenia, 1840.
- Dowell, Casper, Xenia, 1840.
- Donavant, Riley, Caesar's Creek, 1840; buried at Mt. Holly, Ohio.
- Dolby, Joel, Sr., Ross, 1804; from Virginia; Protestant Methodist preacher; one of the first settlers of Ross township.
- Dolby, Joel, Jr., Ross, 1804; August 8, 1834, married Nancy Curry.
- Dolby, Nathan, Ross, 1840; born October 3, 1815; died October 1, 1845.
- Dolby, Jacob, Ross, 1840.
- Dolby, Jesse, Silver Creek, 1840; wife, Elizabeth.
- Downey, Andrew, Silver Creek, 1809; son of John; died in 1826; Chandler Tuttles, administrator.
- Downey, William, Silver Creek, 1819; died August 22, 1877, aged sixty-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Downey, Elijah, Silver Creek, 1827; October 5, 1820, married Elizabeth Best.
- Downey, James, Xenia, 1840; son of John; August 11, 1836, married Elizabeth Ferguson.
- Downey, William, Silver Creek, 1803; son of John; February 16, 1832, married Elizabeth Fletcher.
- Downey, John, Silver Creek, 1803; his will was recorded in 1820, in Bath township.
- Downey, Andrew, Jr., Silver Creek, 1816; died in 1847, aged forty-nine; January 2, 1814 married Elizabeth Wyland.
- Downey, Levi, Silver Creek, 1840; died in 1858.
- Downey, James, Bath, 1806; soldier of 1812; died in 1847; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron, Ohio; sons, Jeremiah and Levi.

- Downey, Samuel, Bath, 1807; February 5, 1834, married Jane Silvey.
- Downey, Jacob, Bath, 1811; born in 1808, died in 1893; buried in Bath graveyard, west of Mad River.
- Dooley, Michael, Xenia, 1829; died in Xenia township in 1838.
- Dooley, Wesley, Silver Creek, 1829.
- Donaldson, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1828; died March 19, 1831, aged sixty-nine; buried in Zoar churchyard.
- Donaldson, James M., Xenia, 1840; March 18, 1841, married Eliza J. Thomas; half brother of Mrs. Noland; died May 12, 1874, aged sixty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Douglass, J. C., Xenia, 1833; editor of "Xenia Atheneum," paper published in Xenia in 1833.
- Downs, Cornelius H., Xenia, 1840; from New York; died July 23, 1849, aged forty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Drury, Jonas, Beaver Creek, 1830; died December, 1877, aged seventy-seven; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Donnelly, John, Xenia, 1807.
- Donnelly, William, Xenia, 1816.
- Douglass, James C., Xenia, 1833; published "Xenia Transcript;" Thomas Coke Wright, editor.
- Douglass, John, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Douglass, David, Xenia, 1810; a carpenter; soldier of 1812; removed to Logansport, Indiana.
- Douglass, Andrew, Ross, 1812; soldier of 1812, under Samuel Herod.
- Downs, Washington, Xenia, 1840; died March 2, 1878, aged seventy-six, buried in Woodland; married Susanna Haverstick, March, 1836.
- Dodd, John, Xenia, 1819; the first proprietor of what is now the "Florence Hotel;" died July 7, 1844, aged fifty-two.
- Dodd, Timothy, Xenia, 1830; from Ireland; died June 30, 1864, aged eighty-one, buried in Woodland.
- Dodd, John, Xenia, 1840; "Honest John, the Grocer," son of Timothy; born in 1810, died in 1887, aged seventy-seven, buried in Woodland.
- Dodd, Samuel, Xenia, 1813; soldier Company D, Seventy-fourth O. V. I.; born in 1820, died in 1886, buried at Beavertown.
- Donalds, William, Bath, 1813.
- Doggett, Daniel, Bath, 1828.
- Doggett, Reuben E., Bath, 1840.
- Dowler, Jerry, Ross, 1829; built the second saw-mill in Ross township on the Gordon farm.
- Dowler, Francis, Ross, 1830.
- Drummond, George, Sr., Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812, under Capt. McCullough, buried in Knob churchyard, Clark county.
- Drummond, William, Bath, 1817; eldest son of George; buried at Enon, Clark county, Ohio.
- Drummond, James, Bath, 1817; second son of George; removed to Clay county, Illinois; married Jane Beath.
- Drummond, Samuel, Bath, 1826; fourth son of George; father of William T., of Yellow Springs, buried at Enon.
- Drummond, John, Bath, 1828; third son of George; buried at Enon, Ohio.
- Druzan, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Drain, Andrew, Xenia, 1827.
- Drake, Leonard, Xenia, 1840; died in 1867, aged ninety, buried east of Grape Grove, Ohio.
- Drake, Elias F., Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland; September 15, 1841, married Frances Mary Galoway.
- Drake, Dr. I. S., Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland.
- Drake, Dr. H. E., Xenia, 1840; died January 17, 1873, aged thirty-five.
- Driscall, Elgin, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812, under Captain Herod.
- Driscall, Ephraim, Xenia, 1820; January 3, 1822, married Mary Hughs.
- Drees, Tobias, Xenia, 1842; from Bremen, Germany; died at his home in Xenia, April 19, 1889.
- Driscall, John, Beaver Creek, 1803; son-in-law of John Downey.
- Dinwiddie, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Dinwiddie, John, Sugar Creek, 1806; died April 16, 1829, aged forty-nine, buried one mile south of Bellbrook, Ohio; married Jane Gowdy.
- Dinwiddie, Ruth, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Dinwiddie, John R., Sugar Creek, 1840; died in Sugar Creek township in 1861.
- Dinwiddie, James, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dinwiddie, Peter, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dunham, Lewis, Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Dunham, Jonas, Sugar Creek, 1828; father of Mrs. Isaac Kritz; died in 1870, buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Dunham, James, Sugar Creek, 1830; removed to Iowa.
- Ducker, William, Sugar Creek, 1829.
- Dunlap, James, Sugar Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812 under Captain Zach. Ferguson.
- Dunlap, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1826; died January 29, 1856, aged seventy-one, buried in Woodland.
- Dunlap, Ephraim, Xenia, 1829.
- Dunlap, Nelson, Xenia, 1840; from County Antrim, Ireland; died January 20, 1856, aged seventy-one, buried in Woodland.
- Dunlap, James, Xenia, 1840; died April 7, 1897, aged twenty-five, buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Duck, John, Sugar Creek, 1821; died August 5, 1853, aged seventy-six, buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Duck, Jacob, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Duck, Jacob, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Duck, John, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840; died April 27, 1897, aged eighty-five.
- Dunn, William, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dunn, Mark, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dunn, Mark K., Sugar Creek, 1840; November 20, 1838, married Mary Parker.
- Dunn, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1840; March 19, 1829, married Hester Beason.
- Dunn, John, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dunn, Thomas J., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dunn, Seth, Sugar Creek, 1840; died at Oldtown, July 8, 1856, aged sixty-five, buried in Woodland.
- Dunn, William, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Dunn C., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Simeon Dunn.
- Dunn, Elnathan, Sugar Creek, 1840; died at Fairfield, September, 1876.



- Dunn, Dr. Dennis, Bath, 1807.
- Dunn, Simon, Bath, 1811; from Trenton, New Jersey; soldier of 1812; died by hanging, May 18, 1848, aged sixty-three, buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Dunn, John, Bath, 1810; died in Bath township in 1811.
- Dunn, Dr. Thomas, Miami, 1840.
- Dunn, Isaac, Ross, 1840.
- Dunn, Reuben, Bath, 1809; son of Simeon; died April 2, 1824, aged seventy-four, buried in Cost graveyard.
- Dunn, Reynolds, Bath, 1819; tavern-keeper in Fairfield in 1820.
- Duncan, Thomas, 1838; July 17, 1839, married Sarah McSherry.
- Duncan, Jesse, Xenia, 1806.
- Duncan, Adam, 1840; August 13, 1840, married Margaret Earnest.
- Duncan, Colonel John, Xenia, 1817; died August 15, 1849, aged sixty-five, buried in Woodland.
- Duncan, George, Xenia, 1840.
- Duncan, Josiah, Xenia, 1840; buried on the John Casad farm, Beaver Creek.
- Duncan, Aaron, Beaver Creek, 1840; died February 9, 1878, aged sixty-nine, buried in Beaver Creek churchyard; married Rebecca Chalmers.
- Dunker, Andrew, Xenia, 1840.
- Duke, Michael, Xenia, 1829; buried in old Methodist graveyard, East Third Street, Xenia.
- Duke, Eli, Xenia, 1840; son of Michael; born January 16, 1816, died November 17, 1865, buried in Woodland.
- Duke, Harlin, Xenia, 1840; son of Michael; buried in Woodland.
- Durran, John, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Duffy, Rachel, Miami, 1809.
- Dull, John, Miami, 1817; removed to Indiana.
- Dudley, Nathan, Ross, 1829; December 29, 1839, married Mahala Rose.
- Dunderdale, Nathaniel, Xenia, 1840; from Leeds, England; died March 17, 1862, aged sixty, buried in Woodland.
- Donald, John E., Xenia, 1820; died in Xenia in 1835; sons, John, Jacob, Thomas and George.
- Ennis, John, Sugar Creek, 1803; from Pennsylvania; died in Sugar Creek township in 1820.
- Ennis, Thompson, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812, under Captain Jacob Fudge, of Warren county, Ohio; died in 1832.
- Ennis, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1803; son of Thompson, Sr.; February 7, 1809, married Polly Dunderdale.
- Ennis, Jeremiah, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; married Elizabeth Flowers, March 25, 1825.
- Ennis, Margaret, Sugar Creek, 1804.
- Ennis, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1808; March 31, 1835, married Isabella Mosier.
- Ennis, Lemuel, Sugar Creek, 1819; died May 30, 1890, aged sixty-eight, buried at Spring Valley, Ohio; married Elizabeth Elanson in 1818.
- Ennis, Vincent, Sugar Creek, 1828; son of Thompson.
- Ennis, James, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Ennis, George, Sugar Creek, 1840; November 12, 1837; married Sarah A. Bates.
- Ennis, Mitchell, J., Sugar Creek, 1834; born April 30, 1818, died September 11, 1887, aged sixty-eight, buried at Spring Valley, Ohio.
- Ennis, John M., Sugar Creek, 1810; died October 25, 1866, aged sixty, buried at Spring Valley, Ohio.
- Engle, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1813; from Maryland; soldier of 1812; born in 1773, died September 26, 1864, aged eighty-one, buried at Mt. Zion.
- Engle, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Isaac; soldier of 1812; buried at Mt. Zion; April 20, 1826, married Susanna Hivling.
- Engle, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1840; born in 1801, died October 6, 1880, aged seventy-nine, buried in Aley churchyard.
- Engle, Bayles, Miami, 1840.
- Engle, Joshua, Sr., Miami, 1840.
- Engle, Joshua, Jr., Miami, 1840.
- Engle, Nathan, Miami, 1840.
- Engle, Jeremiah, Xenia, 1840; died July 30, 1880, aged sixty-four, buried in Woodland; cooper by trade.
- Engle, John, Beaver Creek, 1835; born Beaver Creek township in 1812.
- Entzminger, Andrew, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Entaminger, Philip, Caesar's Creek, 1818.
- Enlow, Abraham, Bath, 1807.
- Enlow, Jonathan, Xenia, 1806.
- English, Stacey, Bath, 1840.
- English, Abel B., 1820; Bath; August 15, 1819, married Mary Bates.
- Earnest, John, Beaver Creek, 1811; died March 31, 1876, aged ninety, buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Eaglesby, John A., Xenia, 1824.
- Easter, Joel R., Miami, 1840.
- Eagleston, Joseph, 1826; April 1, 1827, married Sarah Moore.
- Eagleston, John A., Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Enoch, Thomas, Ross, 1835; December 1, 1836, married Eliza Ann Ross.
- Eckman, David, Beaver Creek, 1820; died January 10, 1844, aged fifty, buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Eckman, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1820; died July 6, 1852, aged fifty-seven, buried in Aley churchyard.
- Eckman, Jacob, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1820; died in Beaver Creek township in 1831; May 18, 1823, married Polly Kershner.
- Eckman, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1826; died June, 1857, aged fifty-seven, buried in Hawker's churchyard; married Anna Fryparger.
- Eckman, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1826; September 18, 1832, married Mary Bates.
- Eckman, John, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Echos, David, Xenia, 1840.
- Edgar, William, 1817; August 27, 1817, married Rebecca Travis.
- Edwards, Mills, Xenia, 1811; cabinet maker on West Main St. in the long ago; inventor of verticle springs.
- Edwards, Emanuel, Xenia, 1819; December 24, 1818, married Sarah Lowe.
- Edwards, James, Xenia, 1816.
- Edwards, John, Xenia, 1819.



- Edwards, William, Sugar Creek, 1819; from South Carolina; born May 7, 1788; in 1826, kept tavern at Bellbrook, the sign, cross keys.
- Edwards, Samuel, Bath, 1821; in 1832 removed to Fayette county, Ohio; in 1807 married Priscilla Jackson.
- Edwards, Samuel, Jr., Bath, 1827.
- Edwards, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Edwards, Elias W., 1835; December 22, 1836, married Maria Derrshire.
- Edge, William, Xenia, 1806; soldier of 1812; buried on the old John G. Brewer farm.
- Edge, George D., Xenia, 1807; died in Miami township in 1814; April 7, 1833, married Sophia Woodward.
- Edge, William D., Xenia, 1808.
- Edge, Obediah, 1830; December 10, 1831, married Margaret Hardman.
- Edsel, John H., Xenia, 1827; died April 25, 1885, aged seventy; buried in Woodland; April 6, 1826, married Almira Rice.
- Eddy, Rev. Augustus, Xenia, 1828; pastor in charge of first M. E. church at this time.
- Elam, Josiah, Sugar Creek, 1802; soldier of the Revolution; died February 28, 1821, aged sixty-nine; buried on his farm.
- Elam, John, Sugar Creek, 1812; son of Josiah; soldier of 1812; removed to Indiana.
- Elam, Isaac B., Sugar Creek, 1827; son of Josiah; died September 28, 1864, aged fifty-eight; buried in Woodland; married Mary McKnight.
- Elam, James, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of Josiah; February 20, 1827, married Mary Dunn.
- Elam, Sarah, Sugar Creek, 1830; wife of Josiah.
- Elam, Ambrose, Sugar Creek, 1835; son of Josiah; died July 14, 1878; buried in Woodland; married Susan R. Babb.
- Elam, John B., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Ambrose; removed to Indianapolis.
- Elexson, Matthew, Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Elexson, William, Sugar Creek, 1828.
- Ellis, Morris, Sugar Creek, 1829; died March 5, 1836.
- Ellis, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1804; son of John; died March 31, 1836.
- Ellis, Reese, Sugar Creek, 1807.
- Ellis, William, Caesar's Creek, 1808.
- Ellis, Abraham, Caesar's Creek, 1807; died November 17, 1866, aged seventy-six; buried in Salem graveyard, south of Paintersville.
- Ellis, Henry, Caesar's Creek 1803; died at the home of his son-in-law, William H. Reed, Moultrie county, Illinois, October 25, 1851, aged seventy-five.
- Ellis, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1820; soldier of 1812; died in 1846, aged fifty-nine; buried in New Burlington cemetery.
- Ellis, Joel, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1865.
- Ellis, William A., Caesar's Creek, 1840; October 24, 1833, married Elizabeth A. Boots.
- Ellis, James, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died at Bowersville, Ohio, June 6, 1880; buried in Bowersville cemetery.
- Ellis, Adam S., Caesar's Creek, 1807; born in 1817; died in 1898; buried in Bowersville cemetery.
- Ellis, William H., Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Ellis, John, Xenia, 1803; from Virginia; died October 23, 1878, aged eighty-one; buried in Friends graveyard, Oldtown, Ohio.
- Ellis, William J., Xenia, 1828.
- Ellis, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Ellis, Samuel, Xenia, 1813; died December 11, 1880, aged eighty; buried in Salem graveyard; married Elizabeth Oglesbee in 1833.
- Ellis, Elijah, Xenia, 1826; son of John and Tamer; died June 20, 1850, aged seventy-eight; buried at Oldtown, Ohio.
- Ellis, Christopher, Silver Creek, 1826; son of John; died January 14, 1836, aged seventy-five; buried in Salem graveyard.
- Ellis, James, Silver Creek, 1829; died July 26, 1865, aged fifty-five; buried at Yellow Springs; married Malinda Stoupe.
- Ellis, Isaac, Sr., Silver Creek, 1830; died February 4, 1848; buried in Hussey graveyard, Bowersville, Ohio; married Amanda Aldridge.
- Ellis, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1830; October 2, 1828, married Sarah Sutton.
- Ellis, Abraham, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Ellis, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Ellis, Isaac, Jr., Silver Creek, 1830; died March 18, 1885, aged seventy-three; married Elizabeth Vanerman in 1827.
- Ellis, Aaron A., Silver Creek, 1840; died March 19, 1885, aged seventy-two; buried at Port William, Clinton county, Ohio.
- Ellis, John, Silver Creek, 1810; died March 3, 1836, aged seventy-three; October 9, 1823, married Rebecca Richardson.
- Ellison, Jacob, Ross, 1840.
- Ellison, William, Silver Creek, 1826.
- Ellison, Arthur, Xenia, 1840; July 7, 1838, married Drueella Hite.
- Elliot, Jane, Sugar Creek, 1827; died in 1886, aged eighty-three; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Elliott, Daniel, Xenia, 1826.
- Elliott, James, Sugar Creek, 1827; from Greene county, Pennsylvania; born May 4, 1803; son of Peter Elliott.
- Elliott, Samuel, Xenia, 1828; May 26, 1825, married Nancy Bay.
- Elliott, Ebenezer, 1824.
- Elliott, Barclay, Miami, 1840; died July 28, 1874, aged sixty-six; buried at Clifton, Ohio.
- Ellicook, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1831; from York county, Pennsylvania; died February 7, 1886; buried in Bellbrook cemetery, aged seventy-eight.
- Ellsberry, William, Esq., Xenia, 1818; died March 22, 1863, aged eighty-two; buried in Woodland.
- Ellsberry, John, Xenia, 1820.
- Ellsberry, Benjamin, Xenia, 1840; attorney-at-law in Xenia in 1840; died August 10, 1843; buried at Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio; married Harriet Newcome in 1842.
- Ellkin, Robert, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; December 5, 1813, married Elizabeth Constant.
- Ellkin, Wm. F., Xenia, 1816; soldier of 1812; cashier of first bank in Xenia, which was in 1818.
- Elkins, Garrett, Xenia, 1819; soldier of 1812.
- Ellsworth, Rev. J. I., Xenia, 1840; died in Springfield in 1871.

- Ellsworth, David, Beaver Creek, 1840; April 17, 1817, married Sarah Hardman.
- Ellwell, Joel, Bath, 1821.
- Ellwell, Timothy H., 1840; April 2, 1840, married Catharine McCormack.
- Ellwell, Isaac, Miami, 1817.
- Elmore, Providence, 1817; November 6, 1817, married Lydia Sandsberry.
- Everhart, B., Bath, 1840.
- Emery, John, Sugar Creek, 1828.
- Emery, James, Ross, 1828.
- Embree, Elijah, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812; son of Thomas.
- Embree, Thomas, Xenia, 1807; from East Tennessee; married Esther Colston; father-in-law of Wm. Thorn, Sr.; died in 1833; buried in churchyard at Selma, Ohio.
- Embree, Fredrick, Xenia, 1821.
- Epard, Samuel, Bath, 1840.
- Emmit, William, Bath, 1807.
- Erow, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1820; April 2, 1835, married Elizabeth Suadener.
- Erow, Joseph, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Erexson, Morris, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Estell, William, Miami, 1818.
- Esley, William, Bath, 1821.
- Espy, Lawrance, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Espy, James P., Xenia, 1816; soldier of 1812.
- Espy, Josiah, Ross, 1828; soldier of 1812; died September 22, 1843, aged fifty-three; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- Espy, Thomas P., Ross, 1840; June 10, 1840, married Sarah E. Knox.
- Espy, James, Ross, 1840.
- Espy, James M., Ross, 1840; died September 12, 1860, aged forty-three; buried in Caesar's Creek cemetery, west of Jamestown, Ohio.
- Evans, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1830; from South Carolina; born November 9, 1797; died November 9, 1868, aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland.
- Evans, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Moses; died in 1869; buried in Woodland.
- Evans, Moses, 1840; died October 21, 1868, aged forty-seven; March 24, 1842, married Sarah Huston; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Evans, Thomas, Bath, 1820; son of Moses.
- Evans, George, Silver Creek, 1816; buried in Moor-man graveyard, Jamestown.
- Evans, Wilson, Col., 1832; December 25, 1834, married Lucy Pearson.
- Evans, William L., Silver Creek, 1840; March 19, 1835, married Dolly Glass.
- Evans, Wesley, 1836; August 10, 1837, married Dosha Johnson.
- Evans, Isaac B., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Everhart, B., Bath.
- Everhart, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1840; born in 1811; died in 1831; buried at Mt. Holly.
- Eversoie, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1840; October 29, 1839, married Sarah Gatrell.
- Eyman, George, Caesar's Creek, 1827; from Hardy county, Virginia; removed to Delaware county, Indiana; died April 7, 1841; buried at Albany, Indiana.
- Eyler, Benjamin, Xenia, 1812; from Frederick county, Maryland; soldier of 1812; died July 26, 1872, aged ninety-two; buried in Woodland.
- Eyler, Samuel, Xenia, 1818; from Frederick county, Maryland; soldier of 1812; died August 15, 1840, aged fifty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Eyler, Jonas, Xenia, 1830; died in Xenia February, 1846; buried in Woodland; February 7, 1833, married Lydia Haverstick.
- Eyler, Brutus, Xenia, 1830; died in Xenia in 1849; November 21, 1833, married Mary Wolf.
- Eyler, Abraham, Xenia, 1840; removed to California.
- Eyler, John F., Xenia, 1840; died June 5, 1894, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland.
- Ewing, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Ewing, Samuel, Xenia, 1811; from Virginia; came to Xenia in 1808; father of Grandmother Towell, of Ross township.
- Ewing, Jacob, Xenia, 1820.
- Ewing, John, Xenia, 1816; from York county, Pennsylvania; born June 6, 1800; died April 8, 1893; aged ninety-three; buried in Woodland; December 12, 1833, married Prudence Roberts.
- Ewing, Enos, Xenia, 1828.
- Ewing, James, Xenia, 1828; from South Carolina; a cabinetmaker; owned the first turning lathe in Xenia; died October 15, 1836, aged thirty-two; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville.
- Ervin, David, Ross, 1840; died in 1855, aged forty-one; buried in Bethel graveyard, near Grape Grove, Ohio.
- Eavey, John S., Xenia, 1842; from Boonsborough, Maryland; son of Jacob, born January 14, 1814; died September 30, 1879, aged sixty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Emmens, William, Xenia, 1840; from Pennsylvania; died at the Infirmary December 9, 1850, aged sixty-two.
- Earley, Daniel, Xenia, 1840; born in 1827; died in 1882; buried at Bowersville.
- Fallace, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1813; from Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, to Kentucky; thence to Ohio; soldier of 1812; died March 9, 1858, aged seventy-nine; buried at Bellbrook.
- Fallace, William, Sugar Creek, 1820; September 20, 1822, married Margaret Babb.
- Fallace, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1820; April 13, 1826, married Deborah Lenard.
- Fallace, Isaac, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1829; August 4, 1820, married Nancy Vaughn.
- Fallace, Jonathan, Miami, 1840; in the 'forties was the owner of a mill near Clifton, Ohio.
- Fallace, Elkin, Miami, 1840.
- Fallace, Jacob, Ross, 1813.
- Fauber, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1818; died May 27, 1870, aged seventy-eight; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Fauber, David, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Fauber, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1830.
- Faulkner, Robert, Caesar's Creek, 1806; from Virginia; his wife was Judith; April 3, 1816, married Phebe Scott.
- Faulkner, David, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; died June, 1853, aged sixty-three; buried at New Hope cemetery.



- Faulkner, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1807; a brother of David; died in 1839.
- Faulkner, Levi, Caesar's Creek, 1838; July 2, 1839, married Mary Forbes.
- Faulkner, Thomas, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1807; brother of David, Sr.; soldier of 1812; died April 18, 1871; buried at New Hope cemetery.
- Faulkner, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1813.
- Faulkner, William, Caesar's Creek, 1811; son of Jesse; sexton of first M. E. church, Xenia, in the year 1818.
- Faulkner, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1813; died in 1823.
- Faulkner, David, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1813; son of David; August 2, 1830, married Eliza Engle.
- Faulkner, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1820; son of David, Sr.
- Faulkner, Solomon, Caesar's Creek, 1820; son of David; daughters of David, Sr., were Rachel, Martha, Phebe, Mary and Judith.
- Faulkner, Elizabeth, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Faulkner, Jonathan, Caesar's Creek, 1840; his wife was Eliza; he was buried in Mercer graveyard, January 11, 1874, aged sixty-six.
- Faulkner, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; December 31, 1835, married Mary Ann Powers.
- Faulkner, Joel, Caesar's Creek, 1840; born April 13, 1816; died March 10, 1872; buried in New Hope churchyard.
- Fawcett, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died March 1, 1859, aged fifty-eight; buried in New Hope churchyard; August 15, 1842, married Lucy Hyde.
- Fawcett Joshua, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Fawcett, Robert, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died July 1, 1874, aged eighty-one; buried in New Hope churchyard.
- Fawcett, Mahlon, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died January 16, 1853, aged twenty-seven; buried in New Hope churchyard.
- Farquer, Allen, Bath, 1807.
- Farquer, William, Bath, 1807.
- Farquer, Uriah, Bath, 1816.
- Farquer, John, Xenia, 1817; died in Xenia in 1865.
- Farquer, Thomas, Xenia, 1817.
- Farquer, Janah, Bath, 1817.
- Fagan, William, Xenia, 1818; died in Champaign county, Illinois, August 17, 1868, aged eighty; native of Frederick county, Maryland.
- Fagan, Benjamin, Xenia, 1820; removed to Champaign county, Illinois.
- Fagan, John, Xenia, 1840; a saddler; died at Watseka, Illinois, February, 1900.
- Farber, Ephraim, Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland; April 26, 1840, married Eliza E. Hatch.
- Farber, Benjamin, Xenia, 1828.
- Fairchild, Wm. B., Xenia, 1840; ex-editor of "Xenia Torchlight"; April 15, 1841, married Elizabeth P. Williams.
- Frakes, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1803; May 2, 1805, married Margaret Orr.
- Frakes, John, Bath, 1804.
- Frakes, Nathan, Bath, 1816; soldier of 1812; kept tavern in Fairfield in 1815; married Susanna Rush August 12, 1817.
- Fair, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812.
- Fair, Thomas, Ross, 1819; May 16, 1814, married Elizabeth Moreland.
- Favorite, George, Bath, 1840; died in 1842, aged sixty-seven; buried in Bath churchyard.
- Fannon, John, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Farmer, Nelson, Silver Creek, 1840; murdered his father-in-law, John Stinson, April, 1849; (files of "Torchlight" March, 1849.)
- Farmer, Upton, Ross, 1813; died in Ross township in 1831; his wife was Elizabeth.
- Farmer, William, Ross, 1813; died February 12, 1871, aged eighty.
- Farmer, Singleton, Ross, 1819; first miller in Silver Creek township.
- Farmer, Loyd, Beaver Creek, 1826; March 6, 1825, married Elizabeth Barnes.
- Farmer, Isaac, Ross, 1828; son of Upton and Elizabeth.
- Farmer, Irvin, Ross, 1840; son of Upton and Elizabeth.
- Farmer, Armstreth, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Flatter, Ludwig, Miami, 1818; soldier of 1812; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron.
- Flatter, Jacob, Miami, 1820.
- Flatter, Henry, Miami, 1830; born in 1811; died July 25, 1879; buried at Pleasant Grove, near Byron, Ohio.
- Farnsworth, Oliver, Miami, 1829.
- Fay, Fredrick, Ross, 1840.
- Flack, Robert, Bath, 1807.
- Ferguson, David, Caesar's Creek, 1808.
- Ferguson, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1832; from Virginia; his wife was Mildred; born June 7, 1776; died March 3, 1841, aged sixty-four; buried at Maple Corner.
- Ferguson, Edward, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Samuel; died April 19, 1881, aged eighty-six; buried at Maple Corner; married Ann Medsker in 1835.
- Ferguson, Alfred K., Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Samuel; April 24, 1834, married Sidney Peterson.
- Ferguson, Robert, Xenia, 1840; son of Samuel; born in 1819; died in 1883; buried at Spring Valley cemetery.
- Ferguson, Mitchell, Xenia, 1826.
- Ferguson, James M., Xenia, 1840.
- Ferguson, Henry, Xenia, 1840; died in Xenia October 3, 1831.
- Ferguson, Levi, Xenia, 1840; son of Clark; died February 12, 1886; buried in Friend's churchyard, Oldtown.
- Ferguson, Benjamin, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Ferguson, Chas., Xenia, 1835; son of Clark; born May 25, 1814; died September 7, 1871; buried in Friends churchyard, Oldtown.
- Ferguson, G. D., Xenia, 1840; March 19, 1833, married Julia Boss.
- Ferguson, Zach., Beaver Creek, 1803; captain in war of 1812 of a company raised in Beaver Creek township.
- Ferguson, Elijah, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; December 13, 1804, married Mary Price.
- Ferguson, Elijah, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Ferguson, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1805.
- Ferguson, William, Beaver Creek, 1808.



- Ferguson, Francis, Beaver Creek, 1812; died November 3, 1864, aged seventy-eight.
- Ferguson, Clark, Beaver Creek, 1830; father of Aaron, the drayman; buried at Oldtown, Ohio.
- Ferguson, Alexander, Miami, 1840.
- Ferguson, William, Miami, 1840; from South Carolina; died August 1, 1884, aged seventy-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Ferguson, Thomas, Miami, 1840; died February 21, 1876, aged seventy; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Ferguson, John M., Miami, 1840; from North Carolina; died February 6, 1881, aged seventy; buried in Woodland.
- Ferguson, John, Ross, 1813; died in Beaver Creek township in 1861.
- Ferguson, William, Ross, 1813; October 22, 1839, married Nancy Lackey.
- Ferguson, Robert, Ross, 1820.
- Ferguson, Anderson, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Fenton, James, Xenia, 1840; from Scotland; lived on the Reid farm, one mile south of Xenia; buried in Woodland.
- Fessenrider, Benjamin, Silver Creek, 1830; lived in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Fellars, Lindsey, Miami, 1840.
- Fell, Cornelius M., Ross, 1827.
- Fetty, Vincent, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Feland, Fredrick, Bath, 1826.
- Fisher, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812; born in Guilford county, North Carolina, July 13, 1776; died April 3, 1837; buried at Mt. Holly, Ohio.
- Fisher, Alfred, Sugar Creek, 1830; August 31, 1824, married Elizabeth Campbell.
- Fisher, Amos, Sugar Creek, 1850; son of Elnathan; buried at Mt. Holly.
- Fisher, Ithimar, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Fisher, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Fisher, Leonard, Beaver Creek, 1840; buried in Mitman graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio; March 10, 1833, married Maria Miller.
- Fisher, George W., Bath, 1840; born August 6, 1788; died June 4, 1873.
- Fisher, William, Bath, 1840; removed to Liberal, Kansas, in 1889; son of Jonathan.
- Fisher, Ebenezer, Bath, 1809.
- Fisher, Thomas, Miami, 1828.
- Fisher, Peter, Xenia, 1826; tailor by trade; shop was on Main street, opposite James Gowdy's store, in 1826.
- Fitzgerald, James, Sugar Creek, 1817.
- Fitzgerald, John, Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Fitz, Philip, Sugar Creek, 1818; died in 1826.
- Fitz, Christian, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Fitz, Michael, Xenia, 1840.
- ried Jonanna Dunn.
- Fitz, Nicholas, Xenia, 1840.
- Fifthen, William, Bath, 1840; August 28, 1828, married Joanna Dunn.
- Fifthen, Israel, Sugar Creek, 1818; November 29, 1832, married Hannah Coons.
- Fifthen, Samuel, Miami, 1828.
- Fifer, John, Xenia, 1811; from Virginia; father of Davis; died December 12, 1818, aged twenty-seven; buried on the Allen farm.
- Fifer, Joseph, Xenia, 1820; December 23, 1819, married Charity Christfield.
- Fifer, Deborah, Xenia, 1820; July 26, 1820, married William H. Lenard, of Sugar Creek township.
- Fifer, Davis, Xenia, 1838; from Virginia; died September 26, 1885, aged seventy; buried in Woodland; December 31, 1840, married Mary Jane Jones.
- Fifer, John, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Fields, John, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Fields, Thomas, Xenia, 1816; November 1, 1818, married Jane Morgan.
- Fields, William R., Beaver Creek, 1819; died April 12, 1887, aged ninety; buried in Woodland; September 28, 1826, married Elizabeth Rader.
- Fields, John, Beaver Creek, 1830; removed to Darke county, Ohio.
- Fields, Allison, Silver Creek, 1816; died September 23, 1857, aged sixty-nine; buried in Shaner graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio; married Mary Cline in 1815.
- Fields, John, Silver Creek, 1817; from Virginia; died May 17, 1868, aged seventy-four; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Fields, Alfred, Silver Creek, 1817; died July 14, 1874, aged fifty-five; buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Fichthorn, John, Caesar's Creek, 1819; died in 1826; Susanna was his widow.
- Fichthorn, Susanna, Caesar's Creek, 1830; Susanna, widow of John Fichthorn.
- Fichthorn, Isaac H., Caesar's Creek, 1830; April 20, 1837, married Elizabeth Hardy.
- Fichthorn, Susan, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Fichthorn, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Fink, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Fishborn, David, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Finley, Robert, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Finley, John P., Xenia, 1810; married May 22, 1826, to Rachel Knott, in Miami township, by Rev. J. W. Poague.
- Finley, Andrew, Miami, 1826.
- Fink, William, Caesar's Creek, 1840; November 12, 1840, married Jane Toops.
- Fink, John, Xenia, 1840.
- Friddle, Moses, Xenia, 1840.
- Fires, John, Sr., Xenia, 1807; formerly lived near Union Church, south of Xenia.
- Fires, James, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; son of John, Sr.; had two sisters, Frances and Elizabeth.
- Fires, Thomas, Xenia, 1819; January 5, 1822, married Ann Lewis.
- Fires, Francis, Xenia, 1820; widow of John Fires.
- Files, William, Caesar's Creek, 1817.
- Files, Samuel, Xenia, 1826.
- Files, Robert, Ross, 1826.
- Finney, John, Xenia, 1816; died October 19, 1862, aged eighty-two; buried in A. R. churchyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Fitzpatrick, John, Xenia, 1840.
- Finafrock, George, Beaver Creek, 1840; died April 23, 1893, aged eighty-two; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Fiste, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; died July, 1849, aged forty-five; buried in Fairfield cemetery.

- Fiste, Charles, Beaver Creek, 1840; died November 24, 1868, aged seventy; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Foreman, John, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1813; died May 12, 1824; buried in Pioneer graveyard.
- Foreman, John, Sugar Creek, 1813; born November 23, 1770; died October 28, 1854; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Foreman, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1818.
- Foreman, Charles, Sugar Creek, 1821; April 27, 1831, married Margaret Steele.
- Foreman, David, Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Foreman, William, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Foreman, James, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Foreman, David, Xenia, 1840; removed to Springfield, Ohio.
- Foreman, Charles, Xenia, 1840.
- Ford, John, Xenia, 1840; died in Xenia December 23, 1871, aged fifty-six.
- Ford, Aaron, Sugar Creek, 1826; October 15, 1844, married Patience Turner.
- Ford, William, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Ford, David M., Sugar Creek, 1840; died February 2, 1863, aged fifty; buried in McDonald graveyard.
- Fulunn, Michael, Xenia, 1806.
- Foster, Alexander, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; died November 21, 1838, aged fifty-nine; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- Foster, Archibald, Xenia, 1811; son of Alexander.
- Foster, William, Xenia, 1840; son of Alexander.
- Foster, Samuel, Xenia, 1830; son of Alexander.
- Foster, Thomas, Miami, 1830.
- Foster, James, Ross, 1840.
- Foster, Bazel, Silver Creek, 1813.
- Forsman, Joseph, Xenia, 1815; born in 1757, died in 1835, aged seventy-seven; buried in Forsman graveyard.
- Forsman, Hugh, Xenia, 1815; June 11, 1816, married Elizabeth Jacoby.
- Forsman, Robert D., Xenia, 1815; born July 25, 1790, died August 14, 1845; buried in Forsman graveyard; married Olive Haines in 1815.
- Forsman, Philip, Xenia, 1820; died November 20, 1860, aged sixty-two; buried in Woodland.
- Foutz, Fredrick, Xenia, 1826; April 27, 1826, married Catharine Croul.
- Foutz, Benjamin, Xenia, 1830.
- Fox, David, Ross, 1840; April 21, 1826, married Catharine Townsley.
- Fox, William, Xenia, 1826; April 11, 1826, married Hannah Davidson.
- Fox, John, Beaver Creek, 1812; died in Bath township in 1839; December 11, 1816, married Fanny Kirkendale.
- Fox, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1826; born in 1803; died January 9, 1854; buried in Woodland.
- Fox, Christopher, Xenia, 1829; February 5, 1829, married Rachael Davidson.
- Fox, Adam, Miami, 1828.
- Fordle, Moses, Xenia, 1840.
- Follet, J., Xenia, 1840.
- Folkerth, Edward, Xenia, 1840; died near Zimmermanville January 6, 1879, aged seventy.
- Foote, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; the little shoemaker who whipped the Dayton bully; died March 15, 1855, aged ninety-four.
- Falkerth, Christopher, Miami, 1840; died September 23, 1889, aged eighty-nine.
- Fowler, Chas. T., Xenia, 1820; died December 2, 1854, aged eighty-nine; buried at Pleasant Grove, near Byron, Ohio.
- Fowler, Samuel, Xenia, 1840.
- Fogg, Andrew, Xenia, 1830; from Seabrook, New Hampshire; one of the original owners of the land of Grape Grove (Fogg & Lewis); died January 5, 1891, aged seventy-eight; first postmaster of Grape Grove.
- Forbes, Morgan, Xenia, 1830.
- Forbes, John, Xenia, 1840; died January 28, 1856, aged fifty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Forbes, James, Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died March 22, 1868, aged sixty-five; buried in Woodland; married Martha Ledbetter in 1832.
- Forbes Martin, Xenia, 1833; married June, 1833, to Miss Eveline Noland, of Xenia, by Rev. J. Laws; died in 1840, March 25.
- Forbes, Arthur, Miami, 1807; entered what is now the Neredith farm; buried at Clifton, Ohio; married Elizabeth Ireland in 1832.
- Forbes, Alexander, Miami, 1807; soldier of 1812; died October 10, 1840, aged forty-nine; buried at Clifton, Ohio.
- Forgery, John, Beaver Creek, 1803; May 30, 1838, married Mary Ann Brown.
- Forgey, James, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812; buried at Mud Run, Clark county, Ohio.
- Forgey, Stewart, Bath, 1810.
- Fogle, Michael, Beaver Creek, 1806; from Bavaria, Germany; soldier of 1812; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron; his will was recorded in 1813.
- Fogle, Peter, Bath, 1811; son of Michael; soldier of 1812; died July 17, 1876, aged seventy-nine; buried in Union graveyard.
- Fogle, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1819; son of Michael and Mary; died July 17, 1876, aged eighty; buried in Union graveyard.
- Fogle, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1840; October 26, 1842, married Parmelia Gray.
- Fogle, John, Beaver Creek, 1820; son of Michael and Mary Fogle.
- Fogle, Mary, Beaver Creek, 1820; widow of Michael Fogle; buried in Union graveyard.
- Folck, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1807; from Pennsylvania; came with the Wolfs; soldier of 1812; son of John George; born January 17, 1798; died in Bath township, September 24, 1866.
- Folck, John George, Bath, 1807; from Pennsylvania; born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1761; died November 14, 1839; buried on the old farm.
- Folck, George, Jr., Bath, 1807; eldest son of George; died July 27, 1844, aged fifty-nine; buried in Folck graveyard, one mile north of Byron.
- Folck, John, Bath, 1819; third son of George; removed to Iowa in 1853.
- Folck, John D., Bath, 1820; removed to Indiana.
- Folck, Daniel, Bath, 1821; married Mary Moreland June 13, 1820; fourth son of George; born in Pennsylvania, September 5, 1800; died June 10, 1841.

- Folck, Casper, Bath, 1840; died in Miami township in 1823.
- Folck, George, Bath, 1840; died April 10, 1875, aged fifty-two.
- Folck, Susan, Bath, 1840; sister of Daniel; died at her home in Bath township February 19, 1849, aged sixty-one; buried on the farm.
- Folck, Abraham, Bath, 1840; son of George.
- Fogwell, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840; May 7, 1832, married Matilda Davis.
- Fogwell, John A., Beaver Creek, 1840; married Rebecca Harner; died December 12, 1882, aged seventy.
- Fordward, George, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Frost, George, Sugar Creek, 1806; father-in-law of Henry Sidensticker; removed to Clark county.
- Frost, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1813; born in Greene county in 1806; removed to Clark county, Ohio.
- Frost, John, Beaver Creek, 1820; January 11, 1824, married Mary Devers; removed to Clark county, Ohio.
- Frost, George, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1821; August, 1820, married Rachael Tingley; removed to Clark county.
- France, Levi, Caesar's Creek, 1809.
- France, William, Sugar Creek, 1828; November 11, 1830, married Precilla Forman.
- French, Benjamin, Xenia, 1806; one of the first brick masons in Xenia; built the Hypes and Nunemaker houses.
- French, John, Xenia, 1820.
- French, James W., 1838; September 4, 1839, married Hannah Baker.
- French, Thomas B., Bath, 1826.
- Fream, Thomas, Miami, 1799; first postmaster at Yellow Springs; sold his land to Whiteman.
- Frazier, Dr. William H., Xenia, 1809; father-in-law of David Lamme; died in 1815.
- Frazier, William, Ross, 1811; October 8, 1829, married Lucinda Lord.
- Frazier, Cyrus, Ross, 1813; died in Sugar Creek township in 1823.
- Frazier, James, Ross, 1813; died in 1822; September 9, 1817, married Christiana Hare.
- Frazier, John, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Frazier, Lemuel P., Xenia, 1827; a relative of C. L. Merrick; removed to Greencastle, Indiana; married Louisa Merrick.
- Frazier, Walter, Xenia, 1840.
- Frazier, John, Xenia, 1840; born February 18, 1813; died August 12, 1890; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Frick, Jacob B., Bath, 1840; born in 1802; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Frankberry, William, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Frankberry, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Frybarger, Nancy, Xenia, 1830; widow of Martin Frybarger.
- Frothingham, Stephen, Xenia, 1826; came to Oldtown from Worthington Woolen Mill; in 1827 returned to his old home.
- Freeman, John, Beaver Creek, 1803; from New Jersey; son of William.
- Freeman, William, Beaver Creek, 1803; came to Cincinnati in 1795; soldier of 1812; died in 1844; buried at Mt. Zion.
- Freeman, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1803; came from Cincinnati at an early date; father of William and Samuel.
- Freeman, Samuel, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1826; born May 29, 1803, in Beaver township; removed to Montgomery county, Ohio.
- Freybarger, Martin, Beaver Creek, 1827; September 10, 1827, married Nancy Nesbit.
- Freybarger, Valentine, Beaver Creek, 1827; died July 22, 1873, aged sixty-seven; buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Freele, William, Miami, 1808.
- Fragrant, Christian, Miami, 1840.
- Fry, Michael, Beaver Creek, 1840; father of Riley; born May 14, 1800; died February 10, 1879, aged seventy-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Flowers, Seth, Beaver Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812.
- Flowers, Aaron, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Flowers, Elizabeth, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Flowers, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1828.
- Flowers, John, Xenia, 1816; died August 1, 1826, aged thirty.
- Flowers, Conrad, Xenia, 1840.
- Fleming, Robert, Bath, 1810.
- Fleming, Samuel, Bath, 1840.
- Fleming, Thomas, Bath, 1840; died in 1853.
- Fleming, John, Bath, 1840.
- Fleming, Isaac N., Sugar Creek, 1840; September 21, 1840, married Elizabeth Cox.
- Fleming, Orin, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Flood, Edward, Ross, 1803; July 4, 1834, married Martha Harrison.
- Flood, Jonathan, Ross, 1803; removed to Randolph county, Indiana; pioneer preacher of M. P. church.
- Flood, Francis, Ross, 1826; a carpenter; died October 20, 1834, from the result of a fall.
- Flack, Robert, Bath, 1807.
- Flatter, Ludwig, Bath, 1818; died January 28, 1836, aged fifty; buried in Union graveyard; soldier of 1812.
- Flatter, Jacob, Bath, 1818; brother of Ludwig; removed to Darke county, Ohio.
- Flatter, Henry, Bath, 1818; son of Ludwig; buried in Pleasant Grove churchyard.
- Fletcher, William, Ross, 1830; September 26, 1833, married Sophia Sheeley.
- Fletcher, Robinson, Ross, 1808; from Virginia.
- Fletcher, John, Ross, 1819; February 11, 1841, married Sarah Ann Righsel.
- Fletcher, James, Ross, 1819; January 15, 1818, married Isabella Blue.
- Fletcher, Daniel, Bath, 1840.
- Fletcher, Henry, Bath, 1840.
- Fletcher, George, Bath, 1840.
- Fletcher, George Jr., Bath, 1840.
- Florence, Leroy, Miami, 1840.
- Fuller, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Fuller, James, Beaver Creek, 1818; April 26, 1816, married Margaret Weeks.
- Fulkerson, Richard, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Fulkerson, Richard, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1827; died March 15, 1847, aged eighty-one; buried one mile south of Bellbrook.
- Fulkerson, Morgan, Sugar Creek, 1828; April 16, 1832, married Rosianna Petty.



- Fulkerson, John, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Fulkerson, Amos, Sugar Creek, 1840; from Virginia; died August 14, 1896, aged eighty-five, in Spring Valley township.
- Fulkerson, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; November 30, 1837, married Eliza Jane Moffit.
- Funk, Jacob, Bath, 1830; buried in Rockafeld graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio; November 18, 1828, married Sarah Harner.
- Funk, Baylas, Sugar Creek, 1840; from Virginia; died August 5, 1884, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Funk, Reece, Bath, 1840; from Virginia; died at Kenton, Ohio, December, 1867, aged fifty; buried in Woodland.
- Frizell, Allen, Xenia, 1840; removed to Indianapolis, Indiana; an old time carpenter of Xenia.
- Friece, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1830; from Frederick, Virginia; died September 26, 1831, aged thirty-five; buried in Woodland; father of David A.
- Furnace, John, Caesar's Creek, 1828; died in 1830.
- Furnace, Joshua, Caesar's Creek, 1828.
- Furnace, Jonah, Silver Creek, 1828.
- Furnace, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1840; died March 22, 1852, aged thirty-seven; buried in the Hussey graveyard.
- Fudge, John, Xenia, 1824; from Virginia; son of Christian; born April 13, 1796; died September 15, 1868, aged seventy-two; soldier of 1812; served six years in the legislature.
- Fudge, Jacob, Xenia, 1824; son of Christian; died December 8, 1835, aged thirty-three; buried in Boots graveyard.
- Fudge, George, Xenia, 1824; son of Christian; died June 20, 1852, aged fifty-two; buried in Boots graveyard.
- Fudge, Peter, Xenia, 1824; son of Christian.
- Fudge, David, 1834; August 18, 1835, married Mary Smith.
- Funderburg, Samuel, Miami, 1811; brother of Daniel, Sr.; walked from Yellow Springs to Dayton when ninety-one years old; buried in Funderburg graveyard.
- Funderburg, Daniel, Sr., Bath, 1811; from Maryland; died in 1814; his wife, Catherine.
- Funderburg, Daniel, Bath, 1811; from Maryland; born November 12, 1818; son of Daniel and Catherine.
- Funderburg, John, Bath, 1816; from Maryland; son of Daniel, Sr.; father of Daniel; died at Yellow Springs in 1879, aged eighty-four.
- Funderburg, David, Bath, 1816; brother of Daniel, Sr.; son of Daniel and Catherine; buried in Funderburg graveyard, Enon, Ohio.
- Funderburg, George, Bath, 1821; son of Daniel and Catherine; buried in Union graveyard; married Nancy Clark June 3, 1824.
- Funderburg, Jacob, Bath, 1826; brother of Daniel; son of Daniel and Catherine.
- Fulton, Rev. Andrew, Xenia, 1804; buried at Carmel, near Madison, Indiana; classmate of Rev. Robert Armstrong.
- Fulton, James, Bath, 1836; born in Bath township in 1815; died in 1838; son of William.
- Fulton, Dr. Andrew, Bath, 1840; removed to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1815; died July, 1850.
- Fulton, William, Bath, 1816; from Rockingham, Virginia; born November 3, 1773; died in 1830; buried in Bath churchyard.
- Fulton, John, Bath, 1829; buried in Bath graveyard, west of Mad River.
- Fulton, William F., Bath, 1830.
- Fulton, Samuel, Bath, 1840; January 7, 1810, married Catherine Woodward.
- Funston, Thomas, Miami, 1840; born March 2, 1815; died January 22, 1889, aged seventy-five; buried at Clifton.
- Furray, Christian, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Gause, William, Sugar Creek, 1820; son of Abraham.
- Gause, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1820; died in 1843; buried in Bellbrook cemetery; wife of Jane.
- Gause, Solomon, Sugar Creek, 1820; died in Sugar Creek township in 1822; wife's name was Ruth.
- Gaskill, Bazel, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Gaskill, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Gaskill, Nehemiah, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Gary, Gray, Xenia, 1806; lived in the Union neighborhood; sold his farm to Josiah Davis in 1808.
- Gano, George, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died in 1831 in Caesar's Creek township.
- Gano, Samuel, Xenia, 1819; born in Morgan county, Virginia, January 19, 1794; died in July, 1869, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812; married Mary Williams in 1824.
- Gano, Amos, Xenia, 1840.
- Gano, Stephen, Xenia, 1840.
- Gano, Daniel, Xenia, 1840.
- Gamble, Samuel, Xenia, 1807; removed to Shelby county, Ohio; ex-commissioner of Greene county; once lived near the present site of the Roberts' villa.
- Gamble, Thomas, Xenia, 1816; buried on the Heath farm, south of Xenia.
- Gamble, William, Miami, 1816.
- Gamble, John, Ross, 1840.
- Garrwood, Stacey, Caesar's Creek, 1805; soldier of 1812.
- Garrwood, Joshua, Caesar's Creek, 1829.
- Garrwood, John, Caesar's Creek, 1820.
- Gaddis, John, Xenia, 1807.
- Galloway, James, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1797; born May 1, 1750; died August 6, 1838, aged eighty-eight; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Galloway, James, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1809; born October 28, 1782; died September 11, 1850; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Galloway, Samuel, Xenia, 1800; born April 8, 1787; died December 22, 1851, aged sixty; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Galloway, William, Xenia, 1809; born January 25, 1785; died November 16, 1823, aged thirty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Galloway, Andrew, Xenia, 1818; died March 26, 1864, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland; March 21, 1820, married Mary Collins.
- Galloway, Anthony, Xenia, 1826; died in Henry county, Indiana, September 19, 1856, aged fifty-three; March 22, 1823, married Catharine Junkin.
- Galloway, Washington, Xenia, 1840; son of Andrew; died July 8, 1887, aged sixty-six; buried in Woodland.
- Galloway, John, Xenia, 1807; June 28, 1816, married Isabelle Wilson.

- Galloway, James E., Xenia, 1840; born January 3, 1825, in Xenia, Ohio; son of James, Jr.
- Galloway, George, Beaver Creek, 1800; from Pennsylvania; died July 3, 1857, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Galloway, George, Esq., Beaver Creek, 1800; died November 8, 1865, aged ninety-six; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- Galloway, James M., Xenia, 1804; a blacksmith; soldier of 1812; buried on his farm near Mud Run churchyard, Clark county, Ohio.
- Galloway, John, Jr., Xenia, 1817; soldier of 1812; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Galloway, Thomas, Xenia, 1829; removed to Bloomington, Indiana; April 17, 1832, married Mary Jane Wilkison.
- Galloway, Henry P., Xenia, 1830; died July 30, 1874, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland; soldier in Civil War; son of James, Jr.
- Galloway, David, Xenia, 1830; October 4, 1834, married Jeracia Forsman.
- Galloway, William W., 1840; son of John and Isabelle; November 28, 1840, married Margaret Pierce.
- Galloway, James S., Xenia, 1840.
- Galloway, James C., Xenia, 1840; born near Xenia, June 30, 1817; died November 28, 1899; buried in Woodland; married Mary Ann Kendall in 1840.
- Galloway, Albert, Xenia, 1840; born in 1815; died May 15, 1876, aged sixty-five; buried in Woodland; son of James, Jr.
- Galloway, Joseph, Miami, 1807; father of Mexico James; born January 8, 1757; married Isabelle Orr; died August 19, 1833.
- Galloway, James, Miami, 1807; Mexico James; son of Joseph; August 3, 1824, married Hannah Taylor.
- Garman, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died August 4, 1859, aged sixty-seven; buried in Eleazer churchyard, Caesar's Creek township.
- Gartrell, Chas., Xenia, 1811; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's); February 9, 1837, married Elizabeth Kyle.
- Gartrell, Richard, Xenia, 1817; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's); September 19, 1816, married Arpha Logan Kyle.
- Gartrell, Mark, Xenia, 1819; lived one-half mile west of Massie's Creek church (Stevenson's).
- Gartrell, Charles, Xenia, 1828.
- Gartrell, James, Xenia, 1828; May 8, 1830, married Charity Sanders.
- Gartrell, Robert, Xenia, 1840; son of Charles; died April 8, 1875, aged fifty; buried in Woodland.
- Gaff, John, Xenia, 1813; from Lexington, Kentucky; removed to Adams county, Ohio; died in 1849.
- Gaff, John S., Xenia, 1817; a blacksmith; son of John; buried in the A. R. churchyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Gaff, John D., Xenia, 1827; son of John S.; removed to Iowa; died in 1851.
- Gaff, David M., Xenia, 1830; married Hannah Mock; killed in 1831 by a tree falling on him; buried in A. R. churchyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Gardner, James B., Xenia, 1826; editor of Xenia Free Press.
- Gardner, Henry, Xenia, 1817; died in Xenia in 1837.
- Gardner, Thomas, Xenia, 1817.
- Gardner, Matthew, Silver Creek, 1835; organized the New Light church at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Gardner, John, Miami, 1829.
- Gardner, Walter, Ross, 1826; September 4, 1823, married Mary McAnnel.
- Garrison, Jacob, Miami, 1809; soldier of 1812; buried in Mud Run churchyard, Clark county, Ohio.
- Garrison, Gamalia, Miami, 1819; from Petersburg, Virginia; died May 20, 1893, aged ninety-three.
- Garrison, Richard, Miami, 1819; died at the house of F. G. Bell, September 7, 1863, aged seventy-one.
- Garrison, James M., Xenia, 1827; merchant tailor in Xenia; married Mary Sloane.
- Garner, Daniel, Xenia, 1840.
- Galligher, Francis, Xenia, 1830; a printer; died at Springfield February 22, 1836; November 12, 1832, married Sarah Madden.
- Galligher, William D., Xenia, 1830; editor of the "Backwoodsman," published in Xenia in 1830; (see Howe's History of Ohio, Greene county).
- Garrett, Anna, Xenia, 1820.
- Garrett, Wells, 1825; died August 26, 1869, aged sixty-one.
- Garrett, John, 1816; August 1, 1816, married Laticia Quinn.
- Garrett, David, Miami, 1828.
- Gabiar, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1828.
- Gerlaugh, John, Miami, 1809; in 1809 removed to what was to be Greene township, Clark county.
- Gerlaugh, Adam, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1807; from Washington county, Maryland; born in 1786; died in 1856, aged seventy; married the mother of S. Puterbaugh.
- Gerlangh, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Gerlaugh, Madaline, Beaver Creek, 1827; widow of Adam, Sr.
- Gerlaugh, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1830; from Washington county, Maryland; died February 16, 1858, aged seventy-five; buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Gerlaugh, David, Beaver Creek, 1830; son of Adam; died November 4, 1850, aged seventy-seven; buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Gerlaugh, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1830; removed to Warren county, Illinois.
- Gerlaugh, Arthur, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Adam; born in 1819.
- Gerlaugh, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1832; died February 7, 1894, aged eighty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Gerlaugh, Henry, Bath, 1832; January 27, 1831, married Letitia Mills.
- Gerlaugh, Robert, Bath, 1819.
- Gerlaugh, Peter, Bath, 1840.
- Gerlaugh, Adam, Jr., Bath, 1835; son of Adam; born in 1814; died August 27, 1883; buried at Mt. Zion.
- Gerlaugh, John, Jr., Miami, 1810.
- Garst, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1835; died April 15, 1887, aged eighty-five; buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Gaskin, Andrew, Bath, 1811.
- Gaines, Alexander, Ross, 1826; from Virginia; died September, 1860; buried at Bethel, Ross township, Ohio.

- Gaines, Edward P., Ross, 1827; removed to Grant county, Indiana; January 4, 1821, married Mary Bone.
- Gerard, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1803; died January, 1851, aged seventy-five; buried in Tabor churchyard, Jasper, Ohio.
- Gerard, Milton, Sugar Creek, 1829; March, 1830, married Peruna Blair.
- Gerard, Isaac, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1826; son of Isaac, Sr.; removed to Iowa; October 14, 1820, married Mary Wical.
- Gerard, John, Caesar's Creek, 1830; son of Isaac; buried at Port William, Ohio.
- Gerard, George, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Isaac, Jr.; buried at Port William, in 1900.
- Gerard, Samuel, Xenia, 1826.
- Gest, Nathan, Sugar Creek, 1819; November 20, 1820, married Martha Vance.
- Gest, Jeremiah, Sugar Creek, 1819; died at Bellbrook, March, 1879, aged seventy-six; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Gest, James, Xenia, 1830; died October 7, 1859, aged eighty-five; buried at Middle Run churchyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Gest, Joseph G., Xenia, 1840; died at Spring Valley December 5, 1862, aged fifty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Gest, Truman, B., Xenia, 1840.
- Gest, Joseph, Jr., Xenia, 1840.
- George, James, Xenia, 1828; February 29, 1821, married Elizabeth Deardoff.
- George, Martin H., Xenia, 1840; removed to Rockport, Illinois; November 28, 1842, married Mary Ann Black.
- Getard, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1840; died March 9, 1874, aged eighty-nine; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Gearhart, Basil, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Gearhart, William, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Gillham, Andrew, Sugar Creek, 1809.
- Gillham, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1810.
- Gibson, John, Xenia, 1822; removed to Warren county, Illinois.
- Gibson, William, Sr., Xenia, 1806; died August 8, 1845, aged sixty-eight; buried two miles west of Jamestown, Ohio.
- Gibson, William, Xenia, 1806; son of John, Sr.; soldier of 1812; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Gibson, Andrew, Xenia, 1806; September 18, 1806, married Jennie Stevenson; son of John; soldier of 1812; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- Gibson, John, Sr., Xenia, 1807; died May 13, 1830, aged seventy; his wife, Martha, died May 15, 1828, aged seventy-five; both buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's); July 4, 1816, married Martha Campbell.
- Gibson, Thomas, Xenia, 1808; son of John, Sr.; died July 28, 1861, aged sixty-nine; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Gibson, John, Xenia, 1808; son of Thomas; married Martha Campbell; removed to Warren county, Illinois.
- Gibson, Montileon, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; married a daughter of Thomas Embree.
- Gibson, Abel, Ross, 1813; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Herrod.
- Gibson, John, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Gibson, William, Miami, 1810.
- Gibson, John, Miami, 1810.
- Gibson, Isaac, Xenia, 1816.
- Gibson, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1817; soldier of 1812; April 17, 1832, married Christena Symms.
- Gibson, James C., Silver Creek, 1817; son of Thomas; married, February 25, 1826, Sarah Kendall; removed to Warren county, Illinois, in 1831.
- Gibson, Matthew, Miami, 1813; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Galloway.
- Gibson, Valentine, Miami, 1820; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Stewart.
- Gibson, Prudence, Ross, 1820.
- Gibson, Garrett, Ross, 1820; married to Elizabeth Rhodes, September 20, 1822, by Rev. Thomas Mcaley.
- Gibson, Thomas, Jr., Xenia, 1827; son of Thomas, Sr.; removed to Monmouth, Illinois; died in 1860, buried at Sugar Tree Grove.
- Gibson, Samuel, Xenia, 1827; son of Thomas, Sr.; August, 1826, was married to Elizabeth Pearce by Rev. James Adams.
- Gibson, James, Xenia, 1826; son of John, Sr.; married by Rev. James Adams, February 21, 1826, to Sarah Kendall; died August 4, 1849, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Gibson, John, Jr., Xenia, 1828; from Fredrick county, Virginia; born April 18, 1802, died in 1885, aged eighty-three, buried in Woodland; ex-superintendent of Greene County Infirmary.
- Gibson, John, Ross, 1822; removed to Warren county, Illinois.
- Gibson, Robert, Xenia, 1840; died in Xenia, February, 1859; buried in Woodland; September 9, 1841, married Elizabeth Duke.
- Gibson, John, Ross, 1840; soldier of 1812; buried in Woodland.
- Gibson, William, Silver Creek, 1840; died in Silver Creek township in 1845; December 2, 1842, married Lucinda Strong.
- Gibson, Joseph, Silver Creek, 1840; son of William and Margaret Gibson; married Eliza Greive, August 15, 1838.
- Gibson, Francis, Ross, 1840.
- Gibson, Michael, Miami, 1840; August 13, 1829, married Mary Owens.
- Gillespie, Joseph, Sugar Creek; 1816.
- Gillespie, Henry T., Sugar Creek, 1817; son of James and Esther; November 11, 1817, married Eleanor Laughhead.
- Gillespie, James, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1817; his wife was Esther; he died in 1824.
- Gillespie, Allen, Silver Creek, 1840; May 21, 1840, married Ann Robertson.
- Gillespie, Robert, Xenia, 1816.
- Gillespie, Thomas, Xenia, 1816; son of James; in 1814 he kept tavern in brick building west of George Charters' store.
- Gillespie, James, Xenia, 1829; son of James, Sr., and Esther.
- Gillespie, John, Beaver Creek, 1817; son of James and Esther.



- Ginn, Benjamin, Beayer Creek, 1803.
- Ginn, Thomas, Xenia, 1804; came to the United States in 1804; died August 24, 1863, aged eighty-two, buried in Woodland.
- Ginn, George, Xenia, 1816; son of Thomas; died in Sugar Creek in 1819.
- Ginn, John, Xenia, 1817; born in 1797, died in 1844, buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard; February 27, 1821, married Elizabeth Long.
- Ginn, Nicholas, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Ginn, Robert, Xenia, 1830; son of Thomas; March 6, 1834, married Elizabeth McClellan.
- Ginn, William, Xenia, 1840; removed to Crawfordsville, Iowa; died January 31, 1873, aged sixty-two.
- Ginn, John, Xenia, 1840; died February 15, 1885, aged sixty-eight, buried in Woodland; September 20, 1838, married Jane Hamilton.
- Ginn, Benjamin F., Ross, 1840; removed to Iowa.
- Ginn, John, Silver Creek, 1840; died in Silver Creek township in 1844; had three sons, James, Thomas, and ———.
- Gilchrist, William, Silver Creek, 1830; died November 27, 1850, aged eighty-one, buried in New Hope churchyard, Paintersville, Ohio.
- Gillchrist, George, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Gill, James, Xenia, 1813; from Ireland; entered the land that is now owned by Richard Galloway; died in 1822.
- Gill, John, Xenia, 1815; son of James; February 27, 1817, married Elizabeth Carson.
- Gill, Hugh, Xenia, 1815; son of James; May 6, 1818, married Malinda Forest.
- Gill, Thomas, Xenia, 1819; son of James.
- Gill, Jane, Xenia, 1820; daughter of James.
- Gill, Enos, Xenia, 1835; died September 3, 1835, aged twenty-five, buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown.
- Galbreath, Robert, Xenia, 1828; died March 29, 1892, aged eighty-four, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; March 6, 1832, married Eliza Townsley.
- Gilbert, Herman J., Xenia, 1818; died May 1, 1885, aged sixty, buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Givens, James, Beaver Creek, 1813, died September, 1814; his wife was Mary; had a son Edward.
- Givens, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1812; son-in-law of Abraham Neal; married Rachel Neal.
- Gibbs, Jesse, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Gibbs, Daniel, 1824; December 23, 1824, married Mary Beall.
- Gillnad, Andrew, Sugar Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812; Capt. Ami Maltbie.
- Gillnad, John, Bath, 1817; died July 18, 1818, aged forty-five, buried in Rockafeld graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.
- Gillnad, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Gillmore, John, Ross, 1812; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Watson.
- Gillmore, Asam, 1830; May 4, 1820, married Mary Jackson.
- Gillmore, Angeline, Ross, 1813.
- Gillmore, William, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Watson.
- Gillmore, Samuel T., Silver Creek, 1826; died at Yellow Springs, aged fifty; January 7, 1841, married Judith Faulkner.
- Glass, William, Jr., Silver Creek, 1828; from Virginia; married Levina Ross; died August 6, 1861, aged fifty.
- Glass, Preston, Silver Creek, 1840; from Campbell county, Virginia; born January 4, 1821; March 11, 1841, married Susannah Sheeley.
- Glass, James, Silver Creek, 1840; blacksmith; shop was on the farm of Lyman Ballard; died August 6, 1868, aged fifty, buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Glass, Vincent, Silver Creek, 1840; from Campbell county, Virginia; born June 3, 1815.
- Glass, William, Sr., Silver Creek, 1840; father of William; died April 8, 1867, aged eighty-five.
- Glenn, James, Xenia, 1810; died in Xenia township in 1813.
- Glenny, John, 1836; March 30, 1837, married Jane Murphy.
- Glaph, Christopher, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Gladwur, G. W., Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Glutfelter, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1818; born in Summerset county, Pennsylvania; died December 21, 1860, buried in Mt. Zion; age ninety.
- Glutfelter, John A., Beaver Creek, 1850; from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; died December 22, 1863, aged ninety, buried at Mt. Zion.
- Glutfelter, Solomon, Beaver Creek, 1827; son of John A.; died August 7, 1880, aged seventy-five, buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Glutfelter, Geo. A., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of John A.; died September 14, 1866, buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Glutfelter, Solomon, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Adam; died August, 1887, buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Glassford, George, Bath, 1819.
- Glassford, Geo. F., Bath, 1820; tavern keeper in Fairfield in 1820.
- Glassford, William, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Gowdy, John, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; died November 15, 1807, aged seventy-one, buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; wife, Ann.
- Gowdy, John, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1805; son of John, Sr.; removed to Franklin, Indiana.
- Gowdy, Andrew, Sugar Creek, 1807; son of John, Sr.; born April 2, 1777, died September 25, 1818, buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Gowdy, William, Sugar Creek, 1808; son of John, Sr.; removed to Miami township, Greene county.
- Gowdy, Mary, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Gowdy, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Andrew; born May 10, 1812.
- Gowdy, Fleming, Miami, 1830.
- Gowdy, John, Sr., Xenia, 1805; from Connecticut; born in 1742, died November 7, 1814, buried in A. R. churchyard, East Third St., Xenia.
- Gowdy, James, Xenia, 1805; son of John, Sr.; soldier of 1812; first merchant in Xenia; died December 24, 1853, aged seventy-six, buried in A. R. churchyard, Xenia.
- Gowdy, Samuel, Xenia, 1806; son of John, Sr.; soldier of 1812; born January 9, 1780, died March 15, 1851, buried in A. R. churchyard, Xenia.
- Gowdy, Robert, Xenia, 1805; son of John, Sr.; soldier of 1812; born April 4, 1782, died December 15, 1821, aged forty-eight, buried in A. R. churchyard, Xenia.

- Gowdy, John, Xenia, 1809; son of John, Sr.; soldier of 1812; born in Mercer county, Kentucky, November 3, 1789, died April 4, 1869, aged eighty, buried in Woodland.
- Gowdy, Alexander, Xenia, 1805; son of John, Sr.; soldier of 1812; born April 2, 1792, died April 14, 1872, aged eighty-one, buried in Woodland.
- Gowdy, Ryan, Xenia, 1805; son of John, Sr.; died June, 1863, aged sixty-eight, buried in Francona, Illinois.
- Gowdy, Boyd, Xenia, 1819; from Pennsylvania; died June 5, 1878, aged eighty-five, buried in Woodland.
- Gowdy, John R., Xenia, 1829; son of Samuel; died July 29, 1834, aged twenty-seven, buried in A. R. churchyard, Xenia.
- Gowdy, John A., Xenia, 1830; son of Robert, Sr.; in 1836, removed to Illinois.
- Gowdy, Samuel, Jr., Xenia, 1840; son of Samuel, Sr.; died November 17, 1873, aged fifty-six, buried in Woodland.
- Gowdy, John Brown, Xenia, 1840; son of James; born in Xenia, September 2, 1820, at one o'clock p. m.; died April 9, 1900, aged seventy-nine years seven months.
- Gowdy, Robert, Jr., Xenia, 1840; son of Robert, Sr.; died October 23, 1884, aged seventy-five, buried in Woodland.
- Gowdy, John Sheeley, Xenia, 1840; son of Robert, Sr.; removed to the west.
- Gowdy, James, Xenia, 1840; son of Samuel; died January 6, 1896, aged seventy-six, buried in Woodland.
- Gowdy, John, Sugar Creek, 1809; son of John.
- Gowdy, Fleming, Miami, 1830; April 18, 1833, married Eliza Jane Sterritt.
- Gowdy, William, Miami, 1830; son of John, of Sugar Creek; married November 6, 1833, Mary Brown.
- Gowdy, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; son of James; died January 20, 1853.
- Gordon, George, Sugar Creek, 1813; born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania; died December 10, 1879, aged ninety-three; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Gordon, Robert, Caesar's Creek, 1807; died March 16, 1852, aged sixty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Gordon, William, Xenia, 1806; soldier of 1812; brother of George; removed to Madison, Indiana.
- Gordon, George R., Xenia, 1835.
- Gordon, William T., Xenia, 1840; son of George; died May 12, 1897, aged seventy-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Gordon, Andrew, Xenia, 1840; son of George; removed to Holton, Kansas.
- Gordon, J. G., Miami, 1840; died near Spring Valley July 30, 1849, aged sixty-nine.
- Gordon, Andrew, Ross 1832; from Virginia; son of Richard; July 23, 1829, married Sarah Bozarth.
- Gordon, Richard, Jr., Ross, 1840; died September 24, 1878, aged sixty-two.
- Gordon, N. Smith, 1840; August 13, 1833, married Elizabeth Armstrong.
- Gordon, John, Ross, 1833; son of Richard; died February 15, 1880, aged seventy-eight; buried east of Grape Grove.
- Gordon, Robert, Ross, 1840; son of John; died in Ross township in 1859; May, 1837, married Sarah Logan.
- Gordon, Charles, Ross, 1840; son of John; died in 1878, aged sixty-two; buried east of Grape Grove.
- Golding, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1804.
- Golding, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; born February 9, 1810; died March, 1890; buried in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Gorham, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Gorham, John, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Gorham, David, Silver Creek, 1840; born in 1811; died in 1893; buried at Port William.
- Gorham, Joshua, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Good, John, Xenia, 1806; lieutenant in 1812; removed to Sidney, Ohio.
- Good, William, Silver Creek, 1840; April 22, 1840, married Abby Steen.
- Good, Philip, Xenia, 1816; built the north addition to the old Collier House; died in 1824.
- Good, Dr. Samuel M., Xenia, 1816; born in Charlotte county, Virginia, September 2, 1785; died June 20, 1820, at Madison, Indiana.
- Good, Dr. Henry, Xenia, 1817; from Virginia.
- Good, Dr. Henry Jones, Xenia, 1818; son of Samuel and Mary Collier Good; born April 6, 1793; died July 10, 1879; soldier of 1812.
- Good, Patrick, James, Xenia, 1820; removed to Sidney, Ohio; born May 10, 1798; died October 17, 1862; buried at Sidney, Ohio; July 3, 1822, married Mary Whiteman.
- Good, Samuel, Xenia, 1830.
- Good, Samuel, Jr., Xenia, 1840; died July 21, 1873, aged fifty-eight; February 18, 1836, married Barbary Myers.
- Good, John, Xenia, 1840; July 12, 1839, married Matilda Cantrell.
- Goodnight, Jacob, Xenia, 1840.
- Goodfellow, Wm., Bath, 1830; March 18, 1830, married Catharine Casad.
- Godfrey, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Goodwin, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1822; August 29, 1822, married Mary Biddle.
- Goe, Alice, Xenia, 1811; died February 14, 1849, aged eighty-three; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Goe, Samuel, Xenia, 1811; from Kentucky; died October 14, 1814, aged forty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Goe, James, Xenia, 1816.
- Goe, Thomas, Xenia, 1818; died August 16, 1865; buried in Woodland.
- Goe, Thomas, Jr., Xenia, 1819; died at Cairo, Illinois, March 15, 1873, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Goe, John, Xenia, 1819; April 27, 1824, married Catharine Crawford.
- Golden, John, Jasper, 1840; died at New Jasper, March 8, 1880, aged seventy.
- Golden, James, Bath, 1829.
- Gott, John, Beaver Creek, 1811.

- Goldsby, John, Sr., Bath, 1807.  
 Goldsby, John, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Morrow.  
 Goldsby, Edward, Bath, 1807.  
 Goldsby, William, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Stewart.  
 Goldsby, Bridge M., Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Morrow.  
 Goldsby, Widow, Miami, 1809.  
 Goldsby, Sarah, Miami, 1809.  
 Goldsby, John, Miami, 1809.  
 Goldsby, George, Miami, 1809; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Stewart.  
 Goldsby, Minta B., Miami, 1809.  
 Goldsby, Edward P., Miami, 1808.  
 Gotton, Aaron, Bath, 1840.  
 Gotton, Abraham, Bath, 1840.  
 Goodrich, Henry, Ross, 1820; May 10, 1821, married Anna Pharis.  
 Goodhart, Fredrick, Ross, 1813.  
 Gollier, Nathaniel, Bath, 1840.  
 Gray, Philip, Silver Creek; died October 12, 1870, aged seventy-nine.  
 Gray, William, Sugar Creek, 1806; June 25, 1834, married Mary White.  
 Gray, Jesse, 1830; July 9, 1833, married Mary Gray.  
 Gray, Samuel, Xenia, 1811; tanner in Xenia in 1815; yard on Third street, No. 173.  
 Gray, Matthias, Beaver Creek, 1808; son of Abraham; Ira Hunt was his grandson, and was a resident of Butler county, Ohio.  
 Gray, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1810; a tanner; had an apprentice by the name of Clem Shockley; married Sarah Wallace.  
 Gray, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Shingledecker; died in 1840; buried on the farm of Samuel Andrew.  
 Gray, John, Beaver Creek, 1811; son of Abraham and Jane Gray.  
 Gray, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812 under Capt. Shingledecker; died in 1820; buried on Samuel Andrew's farm.  
 Gray, Jane, Beaver Creek, 1820; wife of Abraham; buried on Samuel Andrew's farm; died in 1824.  
 Gray, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Abraham and Jane Gray; December 26, 1841, married Catharine White.  
 Gray, Lewis, Bath, 1811.  
 Gray, Amos, Bath, 1811.  
 Gray, Thomas, Bath, 1811; March 12, 1841, married Martha White.  
 Geant, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1807.  
 Grant, James, Sugar Creek, 1811.  
 Grant, Robert, Caesar's Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; died September 14, 1856, at Monmouth, Illinois, aged sixty-four; May 19, 1814, married Jane Barnet.  
 Grant, Henry, Miami, 1840.  
 Grant, William, Ross, 1840; died December 10, 1885, aged seventy; buried at Yellow Springs.  
 Grant, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died October, 1875; February 11, 1830, married Eliza Mann.  
 Grewell, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1813.  
 Griffith, William, Sugar Creek, 1830; died in 1849, aged fifty-three; buried in Mercer graveyard, south of Xenia, on the Burlington pike.  
 Griffith, George, Sugar Creek, 1830.  
 Griffith, George W., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Samuel; from Loudoun county, Virginia; born in 1813; died October 13, 1881, aged seventy-three; a miller; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.  
 Griffith, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; Capt. Robert McClellan.  
 Griffith, Benjamin, Caesar's Creek, 1827; April 17, 1825, married Susanna Faulkner.  
 Griffith, Isaac, Silver Creek, 1830; July 17, 1834, married Paulena Johnson.  
 Griffith, William, Caesar's Creek, 1828.  
 Griffith, James, Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Griffith, Benjamin, Silver Creek, 1830.  
 Griffith, N. J., Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Gross, John, Bath, 1840; buried in Cost graveyard, near Fairfield; December 5, 1833, married Margaret Cost.  
 Gross, T., Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Greene, John, Sugar Creek 1819; August 10, 1837, married Ann Mercer.  
 Greene, Israel, Sugar Creek, 1826; September 5, 1826, married Tabitha Harris.  
 Greene, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1830.  
 Greene, Nathan, Caesar's Creek, 1828; died in 1867; June 10, 1822, married Rebecca Wright.  
 Greene, James W., Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Greene, Timothy, Beaver Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Ferguson; January 15, 1804, married Hulda Webb.  
 Greene, John, Beaver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Ferguson.  
 Greene, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Greene, Joshua, Bath, 1821.  
 Greene, Dr. Randolph R., Bath, 1826; son of George; born in Pennsylvania in 1787; died in 1832; father of Dr. John Greene, born in 1825; January 23, 1840, married Harriett Gattrell.  
 Greene, William, Silver Creek, 1828.  
 Greene, Thomas D., Silver Creek, 1828; died November 6, 1867, aged seventy-six; buried in Union churchyard, Byron, Ohio.  
 Grimes, James, Bath, 1807.  
 Grimes, Samuel, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Davis.  
 Grimes, John, Bath, 1807; was an uncle of Samuel.  
 Grimes, Arthur, Bath, 1807.  
 Grimes, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1817; died in 1870, aged eighty; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.  
 Grimes, Dr. Wm. H., Sugar Creek, 1840; removed to Kansas in 1854; died at Atchison in February, 1871.  
 Grimes, John, Jr., Bath, 1840.  
 Grover, Josiah, Xenia, 1804; succeeded his brother-in-law, John Paul, as clerk of courts of Greene county, Ohio, in 1809; removed to Madison, Indiana, in 1829.  
 Grover, Benjamin, Xenia, 1804; brother of Josiah; taught school in Xenia in 1805, next lot to Mrs. Judge Cooper's residence.  
 Grover, Abraham, Xenia, 1826; eldest son of Josiah Grover; removed to Madison, Indiana.  
 Grover, John P., Xenia, 1826; removed to Madison, Indiana; August 27, 1835, married Juliet Beall.  
 Grover, James L., Xenia, 1829; for seven years



- clerk of courts of Greene county; removed to Columbus, Ohio; October 13, 1830, married Nancy A. Alexander.
- Griffin, Joseph, Silver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812, under Capt. John Watson.
- Griffin, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1817.
- Griffin, Allen, Caesar's Creek, 1840; January 2, 1830, married Hester Cain.
- Griffin, William, Caesar's Creek, 1820.
- Griffin, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Griffin, David, Bath, 1809; soldier of 1812; school teacher in Bath township.
- Graham, Edward, Caesar's Creek, 1807; October 18, 1842, married Eliza Lucas.
- Graham, William, Caesar's Creek, 1826; February 2, 1820, married Elstee Stewart.
- Graham, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1829; April 29, 1828, married Mary Stafford.
- Graham, John, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Stevenson.
- Graham, Joseph, Xenia, 1807.
- Graham, Edward, Jr., Xenia, 1816.
- Graham, John, Miami, 1800; from Virginia; died in Miami township in 1839.
- Greives, Archibald, Xenia, 1816; from Scotland; born in 1775; died November 25, 1852, aged seventy-seven; buried in Caesar's Creek cemetery.
- Graves, Moses R., Xenia, 1840; died March 22, 1868, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.
- Gregg, John, Sr., Xenia, 1806; from Pennsylvania; lieutenant in war of Revolution; died June 15, 1834, aged eighty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Gregg, David, Xenia, 1835; died in 1835; buried in Massie's Creek.
- Gregg, John, Jr., Xenia, 1835; died September 13, 1881, aged sixty-nine; buried in Woodland; August 5, 1835, married Isabel Brown.
- Gregg, Wesley, Xenia, 1840; grandson of Philip Davis; January 5, 1836, married Martha Hook; buried on Heath farm.
- Gregg, Smith, Xenia, 1813.
- Gregg, Abner, Miami, 1840.
- Griner, George, Xenia, 1812.
- Griner, John, Beaver Creek, 1813; December 2, 1829, married Maria Woodward.
- Griner, Jacob, Bath, 1827; died at Dayton, Ohio, January 11, 1882; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Griner, Daniel, Bath, 1827.
- Griner, John, Jr., Bath, 1840.
- Gregory, Joshua, Ross, 1812; soldier of 1812.
- Gregory, Daniel, Ross, 1821.
- Gregory, William, Bath, 1806.
- Gregory, Henry, Miami, 1830.
- Gregory, Benjamin, Xenia, 1840.
- Gregory, Jesse D., Xenia, 1840; died February, 1859, aged sixty-three; buried in Woodland, Xenia Ohio.
- Greenwood, Robert, Xenia, 1819; died June 12, 1879, aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland.
- Greenleaf, W. K., Xenia, 1828.
- Grow, Abraham, Xenia, 1827.
- Grow, Samuel, Xenia, 1840.
- Grow, Jacob, Miami, 1840; March 20, 1825, married Susanna Long.
- Groves, James, Bath, 1840.
- Grummond, Daniel, Bath, 1807.
- Greer, John J., Caesar's Creek, 1828; October 22, 1829, married Jane Lucas.
- Grummond, James, Bath, 1807.
- Grindle, John, Miami, 1813; removed to Indiana.
- Grindle, Henry, Miami, 1817; died December 30, 1875, aged eighty-four; buried in Cedarville cemetery; married Elizabeth McMichael.
- Grindle, Jacob, Miami, 1817; buried in Folek graveyard, Bath township.
- Grindle, Jacob, Jr., Miami, 1819; buried in Folek graveyard.
- Grindle, Jonathan, Miami, 1821; died at county infirmary.
- Grindle, Benjamin, Miami, 1830; removed to Terre Haute, Indiana; February 13, 1823, married Catharine Miller.
- Grindle, Conrad, Bath, 1827; removed to Marion, Indiana; August 21, 1822, married Susanna Kirendale.
- Grindle, Daniel, Bath, 1828; buried at Clifton, Ohio; November 16, 1830, married Sarah Griffin.
- Grindle, Samuel, Bath, 1840; in 1899 yet living in Yellow Springs; January 2, 1842, married Mary Miller.
- Grouer, Dr. John, Bath, 1840.
- Grisinger, George, Bath, 1840.
- Guthridge, Rev. John, Bath, 1828; from Pennsylvania; father-in-law of Dr. John Greene; born in 1782, died in 1858; buried in Fairfield, Ohio.
- Guthridge, John, Bath, 1828; died in Bath township in 1829.
- Guthridge, Alfred, Bath, 1829; March 16, 1830, married Kesiah Sutton.
- Guthrie, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Guthrie, Cephus, Xenia, 1829; August 19, 1830, married Rachel Babb.
- Guthrie, James, Bath, 1840; died in 1860; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Guffey, James, Miami, 1810; April 20, 1813, married Elizabeth Andrew.
- Guffey, Alexander, Miami, 1810.
- Guffey, James, Caesar's Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; will recorded in 1823; February 22, 1820, married Mary Coleman.
- Gurley, Moses, Beaver Creek, 1812; died March 25, 1818, aged seventy; buried in Beaver cemetery.
- Gurley, James, Beaver Creek, 1840; died November 14, 1881; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.
- Gibney, Alexander, Xenia, 1840; died June 17, 1870, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Gibney, John, Sr., 1840; Xenia, from England; died December 7, 1871, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- Gibney, John, Xenia, 1840; a tailor; died November 1, 1894, aged seventy-four; buried in Woodland; soldier in Civil War.
- Hail, John, Bath, 1805; December 28, 1824, married Asenath Searl.
- Hail, Milton, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Hale, Alanson, Ross, 1834; December 31, 1835, married Tharesa Whitley.
- Hale, George, Beaver Creek; born September 15, 1788; died July 1, 1844; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery.

- Hale, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1803; born in Maryland in 1770; came from Maryland to Kentucky, thence to Greene county; died in Miami county, Indiana, in 1848; married Jennie Bowen.
- Hale, John, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Maltbie; removed to Indiana in 1838; born November 25, 1775; died September 25, 1845; aged sixty-nine.
- Hale, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1805; removed to Clinton county, Todd's Fork; a stonemason; drowned near the falls of the Ohio.
- Hale, Josiah, Sugar Creek, 1805; November 13, 1807, married Eva Devoe, by John McKnight, Justice of Peace.
- Hale, James, Sugar Creek, 1805; son of James and Catherine; removed to Indiana; November 6, 1806, married Sarah Garrison; March 29, 1827, married Clarasa Opedyke.
- Hale, Silas, Sugar Creek, 1806; son of James and Catherine; born in 1781; died near Laporte, Indiana, in 1844.
- Hale, Bowen, Sugar Creek, 1822; son of John; removed to Bluffton, Indiana; born July 4, 1801; died July 28, 1888.
- Hale, James, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of John; born June 26, —; died April 5, 1880.
- Hale, Silas, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1824; son of John; born August 26, 1803; died June 20, 1889, aged eighty-five; buried in Bellbrook cemetery; July 20, 1830, married Marion Opdyke.
- Hatfield, Matthew, Beaver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Hatfield, William, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Hatfield, Ivan, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Hatfield, Leaven, Sugar Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Clark.
- Hatfield, Morgan, Sugar Creek, 1840; removed to Clark county, Ohio.
- Hatfield, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Hatfield, George A., Bath, 1834; December 29, 1835, married Mary A. Licklider.
- Hatfield, Nathaniel, Beaver Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Galloway; removed to Clark county, Ohio.
- Hargrave, Fredrick, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Hargrave, Burr, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Hargrave, Nerbert, Sugar Creek, 1840; from North Carolina; born in 1805; died November 8, 1869, aged sixty-five; buried in Bowersville cemetery; June 22, 1835, married Mitty Oliver.
- Hardwick, Charles, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Hardwick, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Hardwick, William, Sugar Creek, 1806; November 15, 1806, married Elizabeth Parmer.
- Hardacre, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1840; died in 1874, aged fifty-two; buried in Mercer graveyard, south of Xenia; married Elizabeth Burrell.
- Hardacre, Acquilla, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Hardsook, George, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1815; died July 7, 1852, aged eighty-one; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Hardsook, George, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1828; died in 1860; buried in Mercer graveyard.
- Hardsook, William, Sugar Creek, 1815; soldier of 1812; died in 1860, aged seventy-six, buried in Mercer graveyard.
- Hardsook, David, Sugar Creek, 1840; died in Spring Valley township June 11, 1885.
- Hardsook, Elijah, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of George, Sr.; died September 7, 1877, aged eighty; buried at Mt. Holly.
- Hardsook, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; February 6, 1834, married Elizabeth Brown.
- Hardsook, Elijah B., Sugar Creek, 1830; born in Maryland February 28, 1798; died April 11, 1863, aged sixty-five; buried in Eleazer churchyard.
- Hardsook, Elias, Sugar Creek, 1815; born June 9, 1808; died June 12, 1838, aged thirty; buried near Bellbrook.
- Hamilton, William, Sugar Creek, 1806; died December 12, 1842, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Hamilton, James, Sugar Creek, 1826; died September 14, 1879, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Hamilton, Frank, Sugar Creek, 1840; from Maryland; died October 20, 1875, aged sixty-six; buried in Woodland.
- Hamilton, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Hamilton, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Hamilton, John, Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Hamilton, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1828.
- Hamilton, Wm., Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Hamilton, John B., Xenia, 1826.
- Hamilton, Samuel, Xenia, 1827; died in Xenia in 1835.
- Hamilton, Robert, Xenia, 1828; January 4, 1821, married Elizabeth Beckett.
- Hamilton, John, Beaver Creek, 1817; September 17, 1840, married Anna Mallow.
- Hamilton, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1818; January 5, 1825, married Haddesa Gillespie.
- Hamilton, Henry A., Xenia, 1834; born in Frederick county, Maryland, January 20, 1801; died April 5, 1861, aged sixty; buried in Woodland.
- Hamilton, Benjamin, Miami, 1820.
- Hamilton, Lewis, Miami, 1840.
- Hamilton, John W., Miami, 1840; died March 19, 1891, aged seventy; buried in Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Hawke, John, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Maltbie.
- Hawke, Devault, Sugar Creek, 1817; soldier of 1812, under Capt. McClellan; February 14, 1822, married Mary Hawkins.
- Hawke, Felix, Sugar Creek, 1826; March 15, 1827, married Mary Byrd.
- Hawke, Daniel, Xenia, 1826; August 9, 1827, married Mary Bull.
- Haines, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1812; from Washington county, Maryland; son of Jacob; died May 16, 1884; buried at Mt. Zion.
- Haines, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1810.
- Haines, Wesley, Beaver Creek, 1828; September 3, 1829, married Susan Engle.
- Haines, Ezra, Sugar Creek, 1840; from New Jersey; the father of Mrs. Rolla Davis; died in 1884, December 3; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio; February 26, 1833, married Susan Dunwiddie.
- Haines, John W., Beaver Creek, 1840; died May 1, 1885, aged seventy; buried at Beaver churchyard.

- Haines, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
Haines, Ira, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
Haines, Benjamin, Xenia, 1804; soldier of 1812; removed to Pekin, Illinois; entered the Henry Conklin farm.  
Haines, Henry, Xenia, 1804; father of Benjamin; died in 1807; September 2, 1813, married Naney West.  
Haines, Jeremiah, Xenia, 1819.  
Haines, Aaron, Xenia, 1826.  
Haines, William J., Xenia, 1840; November 25, 1841, married Elizabeth Lipencott.  
Haines, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Zimri; born October 24, 1818; March 17, 1842, married Mary Bales.  
Haines, Noah, Caesar's Creek, 1804.  
Haines, Nathan, Caesar's Creek, 1816; died September 18, 1861, aged fifty-nine; buried at Lumberton, Ohio.  
Haines, Stacey, Caesar's Creek, 1816; son of John, whose will was recorded in 1823.  
Haines, Zimri, Caesar's Creek, 1810; from New Jersey; born July 11, 1789; died August 27, 1868, aged seventy-nine; buried in New Hope, near Paintersville, Ohio.  
Haines, Clayton, Caesar's Creek, 1840; buried in New Hope cemetery.  
Haines, David F., Xenia, 1820; son of John, Sr.; died at Muncie, Indiana, February, 1900; buried at Beach Grove.  
Haines, Israel, Xenia, 1820; son of John; died in 1825; Stacey Haines appointed the administrator of his estate.  
Haines, Thomas H., Xenia, 1826; died August 17, 1876, aged fifty-five; buried in Hawker's churchyard; January 30, 1824, married Esther Rush.  
Haines, Jonathan, Caesar's Creek; died in 1823.  
Haines, Reuben, Xenia, 1824; April 21, 1825, married Nancy Connelly.  
Haines, Elizabeth, Xenia, 1830.  
Haines, John, Xenia, 1840; died April 6, 1873, aged sixty-seven.  
Haines, Abraham, Xenia, 1813.  
Haines, Daniel, Xenia, 1817; November 7, 1819, married Elizabeth Hathaway.  
Hanes, David, Beaver Creek, 1805; born in Maryland; removed to Illinois, Menard county, in 1842; died October 15, 1855, aged seventy; soldier of 1812.  
Hanes, Judge Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1807; associate judge from 1813 to 1818; died September 29, 1844, aged sixty-six; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery, Alpha, Ohio; soldier of 1812.  
Hanes, John, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1808; died in Xenia township in 1823.  
Hanes, John, Beaver Creek, 1808; died July 16, 1894, aged seventy.  
Hanes, Noah, Beaver Creek, 1808.  
Hanes, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1809.  
Hanes, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1813; from Washington county, Maryland; died June 5, 1865, aged seventy-three; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery, Alpha; soldier of 1812.  
Hanes, Samuel B., Beaver Creek, 1840; father of Luther, who was born October 16, 1828; son of Adam.  
Hanes, Michael, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
Hanes, Jacob, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Jacob; died at his home near Alpha, March, 1882, aged seventy-three; buried at Mt. Zion.  
Hanes, Levi, Ross, 1807; killed by falling from a barn; a carpenter; from Kentucky.  
Hanes, Nathan, Ross, 1819; from Frederick county, Maryland; brother of Samuel; removed to Indiana, where he died.  
Hanes, Samuel, Ross, 1820; died May 8, 1858, aged seventy-two; buried in Cedarville cemetery; married Rebecea McClellan.  
Hanes, David, Beaver Creek, 1840; died December 11, 1848, aged twenty-nine; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.  
Hawkins, William, Sugar Creek, 1813; brother of Mounsee Hawkins; removed to Palmira, Missouri.  
Hawkins, John, Sugar Creek, 1813; brother of Mounsee and William; died in Sugar Creek township.  
Hawkins, James, Sugar Creek, 1824.  
Hawkins, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1826; August, 1826, married Mary Bechtell.  
Hawkins, George, Sugar Creek, 1826.  
Hawkins, Philip, Sugar Creek, 1829; May 18, 1826, married Elizabeth Martin.  
Hawkins, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840; September 27, 1838, married Mary Andrews.  
Hawkins, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
Hawkins, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1813.  
Hawkins, Mounsee, Xenia, 1814; from Shenandoah, Virginia; born in 1797; died in 1834; buried in Woodland.  
Hawkins, Reuben, Xenia, 1840; son of Mounsee; died September 15, 1870, aged sixty; buried in Woodland; married Lydia G. Fallis.  
Hawkins, Joseph, Xenia, 1830; son of Mounsee; died at Paris, Illinois, March 17, 1872, aged sixty; buried in Woodland.  
Hawkins, Davis, Xenia, 1834; son of Mounsee; buried in Woodland.  
Hawkins, James, Xenia, 1840; son of Mounsee; born in 1813; died in 1890; buried in Woodland.  
Hawkins, William, Xenia, 1840; son of Mounsee; born in 1821; died in 1894; buried in Woodland.  
Hawkins, Samuel, Xenia, 1820; came from Guilford county, Tennessee, in 1800; father of Mrs. J. F. Wichersham; died in Columbus, December, 1875.  
Hawkins, Milo, Xenia, 1840.  
Hawker, Andrew, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; died August 10, 1850, aged eighty-two; buried in Hawker churchyard.  
Hawker, Rev. Adam, Sugar Creek, 1813; son of Andrew; born in 1813; died February 27, 1895, aged eighty-one; buried in Hawker churchyard; November 12, 1836, married Hannah Westfall.  
Hawker, Samuel, Xenia, 1819.  
Hawker, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1826; son of Andrew, Sr.; died near Lafayette, Indiana.  
Hawker, Fredrick, Beaver Creek, 1826; son of Andrew; died March 18, 1874, aged sixty-nine; buried in Hawker churchyard; married Sarah Ritter.  
Hawker, David, Beaver Creek, 1826; died November 12, 1864, aged sixty-four; buried at Mt. Zion.



- Hawker, Abraham, Bath, 1820; son of Andrew, Sr.; died in 1852; buried in Hawker churchyard; January 9, 1840, married Clemons.
- Hawker, Otto, Beaver Creek, 1808; son of Andrew.
- Harrison, John F., 1840; died in Selma, Ohio, in 1875, aged seventy-one.
- Harrison, William, Beaver Creek, 1808.
- Harrison, James P., Xenia, 1840; died in Cedarville township in 1863.
- Harrison, George H., Xenia, 1834; from Virginia; born February, 1809; removed to Floyd county, Indiana, in 1839; married Sarah Paul Grover; died at New Albany in 1854.
- Harrison, William, Sugar Creek, 1817.
- Harrison, Peter, Caesar's Creek, 1840; born in 1814; died in 1879; buried at New Burlington, Ohio.
- Hand, William, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1817; died in 1819; Phebe, his wife.
- Hand, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1817; son of William and Phebe.
- Hand, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1819; son of William and Phebe.
- Hand, Phebe, Sugar Creek, 1820; widow of William Hand.
- Hand, Samuel, Miami, 1826; son of William and Phebe.
- Hand, John, Miami, 1830; died in Miami township in 1837; son of William and Phebe.
- Harman, George, Miami, 1826; from Augusta county, Virginia.
- Harman, William, Miami, 1824.
- Harman, Henry, Miami, 1824; born September 10, 1803; died June 2, 1885, aged eighty-two; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Harman, James, Miami, 1840.
- Harman, David, Miami, 1840.
- Haughn, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1829.
- Haywood, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Hare, Philip, Xenia, 1830.
- Harr, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Harr, Phebe, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Harr, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1840; from Maryland; died at Mantou, Portage county, Ohio, May, 1877.
- Harr, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Harr, David, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Hanley, Alexander, Xenia, 1840; removed to Paxton, Illinois.
- Hanley, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Hanley, William, Xenia, 1813; died at Paxton, Illinois.
- Hanley, John M., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Hanley, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Hanley, Clement, Xenia, 1840.
- Hanley, John, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Harper, Robert W., Xenia, 1832; from Virginia; died June 10, 1881, aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland.
- Harper, James, Beaver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; Capt. Ferguson.
- Harper, Hugh, 1840; died May 31, 1864, aged eighty.
- Harper, Hugh, Caesar's Creek, 1840; brother of James W.; died September 13, 1854, aged fifty-three; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, west of Jamestown, Ohio; married Mary Currie.
- Harper, Andrew, Caesar's Creek, 1830; removed to Brandon, Mississippi, in 1834; twin brother of William C. Harper; died in Xenia, May 5, 1852, aged sixty-four.
- Harper, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died April 19, 1854, aged sixty-two; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Harper, Richard, Xenia, 1819.
- Harper, James F., Xenia, 1840; June 29, 1837, married Mary Greave.
- Harper, John, Sr., Ross, 1804; from Harper's Ferry, Virginia; grandfather of George W. Harper; died in Ross township in 1820; soldier of the Revolution.
- Harper, John M., Ross, 1819; died September, 1875; buried in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Harper, Thomas, Ross, 1812; died January 8, 1875, aged eighty-two; father of George W. Harper; May 24, 1818, married Mary Sirlott.
- Harper, Robert M., Ross, 1820; died June 10, 1881, aged seventy; buried in Woodland.
- Harper, Elijah, Ross, 1821; buried in Bloxsome graveyard, near Selma, Clark county, Ohio; August 12, 1822, married Rebecca Branson.
- Harper, Joseph, Ross, 1826; April 11, 1825, married Patsey Fallis.
- Harper, Wm. C., Ross, 1828; removed to Brandon, Mississippi.
- Harper, George, Ross, 1820; died January 6, 1858, aged seventy-two; buried at Clifton, Ohio.
- Harper, Joseph, Jr., Ross, 1828; April 13, 1826, married Naomi Bilderback.
- Harper, Parker B., 1830; December 1, 1836, married Nancy Greave.
- Harper, Ann, Ross, 1830.
- Harper, George C., Ross, 1840; brother of James W.; died August 13, 1854, aged fifty-six; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard; May 30, 1830, married Mary Morrow.
- Harper, James W., Xenia, 1834; from Rockbridge county, Virginia; born August 4, 1809; died December 25, 1893, aged eighty-five; buried in Woodland; probate judge in Greene county, 1852-1862; March 29, 1839, married Jane Shields.
- Hall, Peter, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Hall, John, Sugar Creek, 1819; May 9, 1823, married Susan White.
- Hall, James, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Hall, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1805; March 26, 1805, married Ann McGuire; May 14, 1828, married Susanna Coy.
- Hall, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Hall, John, Beaver Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812.
- Hall, David, Beaver Creek, 1806; died November 8, 1866; buried in Pleasant Grove churchyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Hall, Moses, Beaver Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812; died January, 1880, aged eighty-six; buried in Casad graveyard, Fairfield.
- Hall, Richard, Bath, 1807; the great hunter of Bath township; said to have killed six deer a day.
- Hall, Samuel, Bath, 1811; from New Jersey; died February 10, 1890, aged eighty-nine; buried at Clifton, Ohio.
- Hall, Reuben, Bath, 1813.

- Hall, Alfred, Bath, 1813.
- Hall, Moses, Bath, 1840; June 18, 1837, married Mary Ca-ad.
- Hall, Rev. George W., Xenia, 1840; December 22, 1836, married Catharine Kyle.
- Hall, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1840; October 28, 1831, married Sarah Dunn.
- Haws, Edmond, Sugar Creek, 1822; from Connecticut; died June 13, 1849, aged forty-eight; buried in Middle Run churchyard, south of Bellbrook; father of Judge James Haws, of Xenia.
- Harbison, John, Caesar's Creek, 1818; died at Leavenworth, Kansas, August 10, 1873, aged eighty-three.
- Harbison, William, Xenia, 1829; from Chester county, South Carolina; died March 14, 1874, aged seventy-two; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Harbison, Robert, Xenia, 1826; from South Carolina; father of John and Joseph; removed to Northwood, Logan county; buried near Northwood; soldier of the Revolution.
- Harbison, Matthew, Xenia, 1840.
- Harbison, Joseph H., Xenia, 1840; soldier of 1812; died October 29, 1876, aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland; married Margaret Hoop October 10, 1822.
- Harbison, John H., Beaver Creek, 1819; September 16, 1819, married Elizabeth Perkins.
- Harbison, John, Miami, 1827; born in South Carolina May 13, 1782; died March 28, 1862.
- Harbison, James, Miami, 1826; from Chester District, South Carolina; died August 1, 1890, aged seventy-six; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville.
- Harbison, Alexander, Miami, 1821; died September 17, 1849, aged forty-nine.
- Harris, Joel, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died in Xenia, September 17, 1849, aged forty-nine; August 9, 1835, married Charlotte Compton.
- Harris, Stewart, Caesar's Creek, 1807; died January 9, 1869, aged eighty-four; buried at Bowersville, Ohio; soldier of 1812.
- Harris, Stephen, Caesar's Creek, 1820.
- Harris, Herbert, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Harris, Leonard, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Harris, Asa, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Harris, Asa B., Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Harris, Evan, Caesar's Creek, 1821; school teacher at Bowersville, 1824-1825; died January 21, 1861, aged sixty-one.
- Harris, Francis, Esq., Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland.
- Harton, Edward, Caesar's Creek, 1817; a native of Ireland; a member of Rev. John Steele's church; died at the infirmary, aged ninety, May, 1869.
- Harness, Philip, Caesar's Creek, 1826; died September 11, 1845, aged forty-five; buried in Shook graveyard; May 1, 1828, married Lydia Kyle.
- Harness, John, Caesar's Creek, 1827; from Virginia; died in 1862.
- Harness, Asa, Caesar's Creek, 1840; born October 26, 1825; died November 3, 1900, aged seventy-five.
- Harness, Michael, Caesar's Creek, 1828; June 18, 1829, married Frances Bason.
- Harness, Anthony, Caesar's Creek, 1830; September 15, 1836, married Sally Straight.
- Harness, Jesse, Miami, 1840.
- Harness, Peter, Silver Creek, 1830; died March 21, 1873, aged seventy-one; buried at Jamestown, Ohio; April 19, 1824, married Susanna Shook.
- Harness, John, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Harness, Fredrick, Silver Creek, 1830; July 27, 1835, married Rosanna McDill.
- Hanby, Elisha, Caesar's Creek, 1815.
- Hagler, Eva, Caesar's Creek, 1816; born September 29, 1742; died November 2, 1842; buried at Tabor; widow of Boston Hagler.
- Hagler, Boston, Caesar's Creek, 1816.
- Hagler, Leonard, Caesar's Creek, 1819; died January 18, 1831, aged sixty-six; buried in Shook graveyard.
- Hagler, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1820; from Virginia; died August 7, 1880, aged eighty-five; married Anna, daughter of Jacob Fudge, of Warren county, Ohio.
- Hagler, Leonard, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1825; from Virginia; eldest son of Leonard, Sr.
- Hagler, George, Caesar's Creek, 1825.
- Hagler, Eli, Caesar's Creek, 1825; son of Leonard; died March 28, 1855, aged forty-six; buried in Shook graveyard.
- Hagler, Abraham, Caesar's Creek, 1815; eldest son of Jacob, Sr.
- Hagler, Jacob, Sr., Xenia, 1816; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1829; October 8, 1829, married Malinda Paullin.
- Hagler, Jacob D., Xenia, 1827; son of Jacob, Sr.; December 10, 1839, married Julia A. Richards.
- Hagler, Joseph, Bath, 1840.
- Hagler, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1829; second son of Jacob, Sr.
- Hagler, Henry C., 1840; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1865.
- Harry, Samuel, Xenia, 1822; son of James, who died in Maryland; died March 22, 1867, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812; ex-sheriff of Greene county.
- Harry, David, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Hamill, Robert, Xenia, 1824; born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1776; died May 24, 1860, aged eighty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Hamill, Joseph, Sr., Xenia, 1807; born at McConnellstown, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1778; died March 1, 1838; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812; wife, Margaret.
- Hamill, Hugh, Xenia, 1810; born July 16, 1781; died September 26, 1847; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Hamill, Adam B., Xenia, 1840; removed to Henderson county, Illinois; son of Robert.
- Hamill, Robert, Jr., Xenia, 1840; died May 4, 1860, aged eighty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Hamill, James, Xenia, 1840; August 30, 1842, married Mary Van Eaton; son of Joseph, Sr., born in 1816; died in 1840; buried in Woodland.
- Hamill, Joseph, Jr., Xenia, 1840; soldier in late Civil War, Seventy-fourth Reg. Co. D; buried in Savannah, Georgia.
- Hamill, John, Xenia, 1840; son of Joseph, Sr.
- Hamill, Robert C., Xenia, 1840; son of Joseph, Sr.

- Hamill, John, Xenia, 1840; son of Hugh, died August 8, 1874, aged fifty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Hamill, Robert, Xenia, 1840.
- Hamill, Joseph, Xenia, 1807; son of Robert, Sr.; died December 26, 1886; buried in Woodland; aged sixty-three.
- Hays, Hanes, Xenia, 1807; son of Jonathan; removed to Warren county, Indiana; soldier of 1812.
- Hays, John, Xenia, 1810.
- Hays, Daniel B., Xenia, 1820.
- Hankey, Samuel, Xenia, 1818.
- Hanna, Robert, Xenia, 1808; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Davis.
- Hanna, Thomas, Xenia, 1829.
- Harrow, John, Ross, 1809; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Galloway.
- Harrow, Eleanor, Ross, 1810.
- Halstead, James, Xenia, 1818.
- Hannet, John, Xenia, 1810.
- Hawton, James, Xenia, 1819.
- Hawton, Henry, Xenia, 1819; kept tavern in Xenia in 1819.
- Hawton, Reuben, Bath, 1840.
- Haughey, Alexander, Xenia, 1803.
- Haughey, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Haughey, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1818; soldier of the Revolution; from Virginia; died April 17, 1847, aged eighty-seven; buried in Hussey graveyard.
- Haughey, John, Silver Creek, 1818; from Virginia; son of Thomas; died December 6, 1876, aged eighty-seven; buried in Hussey graveyard.
- Haughey, Bernard, Silver Creek, 1826.
- Haughey, Andrew M., Silver Creek, 1827; January 10, 1828, married Ann January; died February 14, 1875, aged seventy; buried in Hussey graveyard, Bowersville.
- Haughey, John, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; died in 1876; buried in Hussey graveyard; aged eighty-seven years.
- Haughey, M. Churchill, Silver Creek, 1840; born February 8, 1818; buried at Bowersville, Ohio; son of John.
- Haughey, Laban, Silver Creek, 1840; removed to Charleston, Clark county, Ohio; born October 13, 1811; married November 17, 1841, Cynthia Larkin.
- Haughey, Joseph, Silver Creek, 1840; removed to Galena, Illinois; February 7, 1830, married Esther White.
- Harkness, Samuel, Xenia, 1820; died in Miami township in 1822.
- Hatton, William, Xenia, 1813.
- Hatton, Catharine, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Harlan, Hon. Aaron, Xenia, 1826; died in San Francisco, California, January 8, 1863; born September 8, 1802; attorney at law.
- Harlan, Moses, Xenia, 1826; July 2, 1827, married Mary Ann Buller.
- Harlan, Eli, Xenia, 1813; November 5, 1816, married Maria Wallace; one of the signers to petition for the incorporation of Xenia in 1817.
- Hathoway, Chas., Xenia, 1826.
- Hainland, George, Bath, 1840.
- Harrington, Erastus, Xenia, 1826; December 20, 1827, married Jane Jacoby.
- Harrington, Christopher, Xenia, 1840.
- Haddin, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Haddin, Samuel, Xenia, 1828.
- Hadden, Jesse, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Hatch, Brazilia, Ross, 1826; December 12, 1837, married Margaret Smith.
- Hatch, Stephen, 1840; September 3, 1840, married Phebe Lavalley.
- Hatch, Ebenezer, Sr., Silver Creek, 1823; from New York; soldier of 1812; died January 2, 1874, aged eighty-nine; buried in Jamestown, Ohio; son of John.
- Hatch, Ebenezer, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; died March 27, 1860, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland.
- Hadley, Levi F., Silver Creek, 1817; June 13, 1822, married Sally Reaves.
- Hadley, Samuel P., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Hadley, Jeremiah, Silver Creek, 1840; died in Richmond, Indiana, January 3, 1879; formerly of Greene county, Ohio.
- Haslett, Thomas K., Ross, 1840; died near Jamestown, Ohio, August 8, 1869, aged seventy.
- Hancock, James B., Beaver Creek, 1836.
- Hare, Leonard, Miami, 1810.
- Hare, Philip, Ross, 1817.
- Hare, Daniel, Ross, 1817; September 18, 1817, married Phebe Hower.
- Hare, Philip, Jr., Ross, 1821.
- Hare, Thomas, Ross, 1826; father of Mrs. Samuel Elwell; December 7, 1819, married Polly Mahan.
- Hare, Michael, Ross, 1829.
- Hare, Jacob, Ross, 1829.
- Harner, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1803; born in Germany; died in 1846; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Harner, John, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1803; born May 24, 1770; died July 7, 1840, aged seventy; buried in Union graveyard.
- Harner, George, Beaver Creek, 1803; son of John; born in 1796; died August 18, 1874, aged seventy-eight, buried in Union graveyard.
- Harner, George, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1805; died December 10, 1852, aged thirty-two; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard, Alpha, Ohio.
- Harner, John, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1827; died April 6, 1873, aged sixty-seven; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard; married Magdalena Hanes.
- Harner, Charles, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Jacob, Sr.; born July 10, 1817; March 19, 1840, married Mary Ann Morgan.
- Harner, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1840; brother of Charles; buried in Union graveyard; December 26, 1839; married Nancy Jones.
- Harner, Simon, Beaver Creek, 1831; son of John; born July 19, 1810; died October 26, 1896, aged eighty-six; buried in Union graveyard; March 29, 1838, married Sarah Wolf.
- Harner, Samuel W., Beaver Creek, 1840; died April 3, 1889, aged seventy-one; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio; married Nancy Watts.
- Harner, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1835; died January 9, 1893, aged eighty-one; September 10, 1837, married Elizabeth Snyder.



- Harner, Samuel, Bath; died April 9, 1871, aged sixty-two; buried in Union graveyard.
- Harner, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of George; soldier in Civil War, Co. E, Seventy-fourth; born in 1825; died at Soldiers' Home at Dayton in 1898; buried in Union graveyard.
- Harner, John, Xenia, 1820; June 4, 1840, married Susanna Sipe.
- Harner, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1830; son of John; August 23, 1832, married Lydia Kershner.
- Harner, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Harner, J. C., Miami, 1840.
- Hammond, Enoch, Xenia, 1828.
- Hansel, Michael, Xenia, 1830.
- Hardie, Wm., Sr., Xenia, 1820; from Scotland; died November 24, 1860, aged seventy-three; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard; father of Wm. B., who was born May 17, 1825.
- Hardpence, R., Bath, 1828.
- Hardpence, John, Bath, 1840.
- Hanby, William, Ross, 1816.
- Harpole, William, Ross, 1806; from Virginia; soldier of 1812; died in February, 1853; born May 8, 1786.
- Harpole, John, Ross, 1840; son of William; found dead March 28, 1849.
- Harpole, Joseph, Ross, 1840.
- Hammaker, Daniel, Miami, 1830.
- Haskill, Lazarus H., Miami, 1829.
- Hart, Silas, Xenia, 1830; died January 3, 1892, aged eighty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Haun, Capt. Jacob, Miami, 1820; born in 1799; died aged seventy-three; buried at Clifton, Ohio.
- Haverstick, William, Beaver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Haverstick, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1840; from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; died April 10, 1858, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- Haverstick, Daniel, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; died June 8, 1883, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Haverstick, John, Xenia, 1840; died October, 1853; buried in Woodland.
- Hagenbaugh, C. H., Xenia, 1840.
- Hagenbaugh, Stephen, Bath, 1835; died in 1873, aged seventy-six; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Hagenbaugh, Christian, Bath, 1840; died in Bath township in 1849.
- Hagenbaugh, William, Bath, 1840; removed to Clinton, Indiana, March 15, 1873.
- Hagenbaugh, John, Bath, 1840; April 8, 1841, married Minerva Williamson.
- Hagenbaugh, Jacob, Bath, 1840; born in 1803; died in 1888; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Hawthorn, David, Bath, 1840; September 8, 1842, married Mercy Williamson.
- Hawthorn, Jacob, Bath, 1840.
- Hart, J. N., Xenia, 1840; November 15, 1842, married Catharine Shoup.
- Hart, Wm. C., Bath, 1840; born August 17, 1784; died July 8, 1858; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Hart, William S., Bath, 1840.
- Hart, Philip, Bath, 1840.
- Harbine, Jacob, Bath, 1807.
- Harbine, John, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1828; son of Daniel; born in Washington county, Maryland, January 17, 1804; died June 8, 1873, aged sixty-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Haddox, Nimrod, Sr., Bath, 1803; from Virginia; fell from a load of hay and was killed about 1820.
- Haddox, Nimrod, Bath, 1804.
- Haddox, John, Bath, 1807; son of Nimrod; soldier of 1812; born in 1791; buried in Cox graveyard, Osborn, Ohio; died March 29, 1884, aged ninety-seven.
- Haddox, William, Bath, 1813; October 22, 1837, married ——— Stineback.
- Haddox, Samuel, Bath, 1817.
- Haddox, David, Bath, 1820; December 14, 1820, married Sarah Tingley.
- Harshman, John, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; died July 4, 1852, aged eighty; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Harshman, Philip, Beaver Creek, 1807; born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; died March 18, 1845, aged sixty-eight; buried in Zimmerman graveyard; soldier of 1812.
- Harshman, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1813.
- Harshman, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1819; soldier of 1812; June 22, 1820, married Molly Fogle.
- Harshman, James, Bath, 1816.
- Harshman, George, Beaver Creek, 1826; died in Beaver Creek township in 1855; buried in Aley churchyard; married Nancy Monahan.
- Harshman, John C., Beaver Creek, 1826; born in 1807; died June 27, 1880, aged seventy-three; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Harshman, David, Beaver Creek, 1840; died near Zimmerman January 21, 1879, aged sixty-eight; the hermit of Beaver Creek for forty-five years.
- Harshman, Jonathan, Beaver Creek, 1840; died March 15, 1874.
- Harshman, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; of Zimmermanville; died June 3, 1883, aged seventy.
- Harshman, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840; died April 20, 1860, aged forty-three; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Harshman, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1840; born in 1814; died in 1879; buried in Aley churchyard; the hermit of Beaver Creek.
- Harshman, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; from Maryland; son of Philip; born in 1801; died in 1893, aged ninety-two; buried in Aley churchyard; married Mary Miller.
- Harvey, Nicholas, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Harvey, Stephen, Beaver Creek, 1826.
- Harvey, Samuel, Ross, 1826; an old time school teacher in Ross township.
- Hagerman, Barnet B., Beaver Creek, 1827.
- Hanshaw, Francis, Xenia, 1824; December, 1825, his wife was granted a divorce by supreme court, William Elsherry, judge.
- Holcomb, Alonzo, Beaver Creek, 1828.
- Holcomb, James, Beaver Creek, 1829.
- Hadder, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1829.
- Hardin, Peter, Xenia, 1840; died May 17, 1876, aged sixty-one; buried in Woodland.
- Hardin, Taylor, Beaver Creek, 1840; May 3, 1838, married Ann Peterson.
- Hardman, Henry, Bath, 1809; from Hardy county, Virginia; soldier of 1812; a German; November 29, 1821, married Mary Searl.

- Hardman, Peter, Bath, 1810; died July 30, 1859, aged eighty-three; buried in Mitman graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio; Hardy county, Virginia.
- Hardman, Jacob, Bath, 1826; April 26, 1832, married Sarah Woodward.
- Harter, John, Bath, 1811; May 12, 1818, married Susanna Crevel.
- Harter, John, Bath, 1840.
- Handy, John, Bath, 1813.
- Handy, Thomas, Bath 1813.
- Hampton, George, Bath, 1840.
- Haven, Elisha, Bath, 1820; born July, 1798, died in 1884, buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Havner, John, Bath, 1832; died in Miami township in 1836.
- Hamma, David, Miami, 1840; born July, 1798, died May 11, 1864, buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Hanby, Elisha, Caesar's Creek, 1815.
- Hefford, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1809.
- Hefford, John, Sugar Creek, 1812; died April 10, 1894.
- Hefford, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Hefford, Cornelius, Sugar Creek, 1828.
- Hefford, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Hefford, J. W., Sugar Creek, 1840; from Pennsylvania; died April 10, 1894, aged eighty-one, buried in Woodland.
- Helm, William, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Heaton, John, Sugar Creek, 1803; his wife was Sarah. They were the parents of Major John Heaton, Sr.; died in 1823, buried in Mercer graveyard.
- Heaton, Major John, Caesar's Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; died June 21, 1859, aged seventy-eight, buried in Woodland.
- Heaton, Joseph, Xenia, 1809; soldier of 1812; son of John and Sarah.
- Heaton, Jonah, Xenia, 1809; November 20, 1808, married to Lida Heaton.
- Heaton, William J., Xenia, 1810.
- Heaton, Ebenezer, Xenia, 1826; son of John and Sarah.
- Heaton, Wm. S., Xenia, 1826; September 26, 1827, married Margaret Beason.
- Heaton, Daniel, Xenia, 1829; son of John, Jr.; removed to Cincinnati, where he died.
- Heaton, Morgan, Xenia, 1816; son of John, Jr.; died April 8, 1847, aged thirty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Heaton, Chas., Xenia, 1840.
- Heaton, Isaac, Bath, 1816.
- Heaton, Franklin, Xenia, 1840.
- Heaton, Capt. Henry, Xenia, 1840; father of Coleman; from Pennsylvania; captain in War of 1812; died in 1865, aged sixty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Heaton, Simeon, Xenia, 1807; died August 1, 1854, aged seventy-four; buried in Woodland.
- Heaton, Hiram, Xenia, 1840; soldier in Civil War, Co. E, Twelfth Regiment; buried in Woodland; died September 7, 1895, aged seventy-six.
- Heath, Tinsley, Xenia, 1807; removed to Hardin county; buried at Kenton, Ohio.
- Heath, Thos. M., Xenia, 1828; removed to Kenton, Ohio; March 26, 1829, married Anna Hook.
- Heath, Rev. Uriah, Xenia, 1830; died at Zanesville, Ohio.
- Heath, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Heath, Thomas, Xenia, 1840.
- Heath, Addison F., Xenia, 1840; removed to Kenton, Ohio; son of Tinsley.
- Heath, Fletcher, Xenia, 1840; removed to Kenton, Ohio; son of Tinsley.
- Hendrickson, Daniel, Miami, 1821.
- Hedges, William, Xenia, 1817.
- Hedges, Evan, Xenia, 1840.
- Hedges, Joseph, Xenia, 1840.
- Hedges, James R., Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died August 25, 1881, aged seventy-three; buried in Woodland; married Kesiah Scarf.
- Hebble, Henry E., Bath, 1841; from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; born March 12, 1808; died March 5, 1884; father of Joseph Hebble, Xenia.
- Habble, John, Miami, 1803; died January 28, 1884, aged ninety-six.
- Hendricks, Michael, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Hendricks, William, Xenia, 1830.
- Herrod, Capt. Samuel, Ross, 1812; captain in War of 1812; lived five miles east of Cedarville, Ohio.
- Herrod, John, Bath, 1812.
- Herrod, Robert, Bath, 1827.
- Hendis, William, Xenia, 1827.
- Herron, Rev. Andrew, Ross, 1831; from Scotland; came to the United States in 1807; born October 11, 1788; died August 30, 1873; buried in Woodland.
- Hembleman, George, Miami, 1810; October 13, 1826, married Sarah Bilberback, by Rev. Robert Dobbins.
- Hambleman, Daniel, Miami, 1840; January 3, 1839, married Sarah Fletcher.
- Hemphill, John, Xenia, 1840; died November, 1872, aged sixty-one; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; married Jane McMillan.
- Herring, David, Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Herring, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1806; native of Switzerland; born in 1763; died June 2, 1836, aged seventy-two; father of Jacob, Sr.
- Herring, Jacob, Jr., Bath, 1829; born June 9, 1808; died in Xenia, November 5, 1891, aged eighty-three; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Heffley, Chas., Bath, 1807; died April 8, 1837, aged seventy-four; buried in Union churchyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Heffley, Henry, Bath, 1809; October 6, 1820, married Nancy Quinn.
- Heffley, Chas., Jr., Bath, 1812.
- Heffley, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1814.
- Hedsal, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1828.
- Helmer, Philip, Bath, 1840; died December 4, 1854, aged sixty-one; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Henley, John, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Helmer, John, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Helmer, Philip, Beaver Creek, 1819; died in 1855, aged sixty; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Helmer, William, Bath, 1826; died June 25, 1859, aged fifty-nine; forty-five years a resident of Bath township.
- Helmer, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1826; removed to Auglaize county, Ohio, Wapuckanetta.

- Helmer, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1827; brother of Squire Wm., of Zimmerman, Ohio.  
 Helmer, Stephen O., Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Helmer, David B., Beaver Creek, 1840; died September 17, 1880; buried in Fairfield; September 12, 1832, married Rhoda Stites.  
 Heddleson, John, Beaver Creek, 1823; from Maryland; died September 10, 1855, aged seventy-two; buried at Mt. Zion; married Eve Smeltzier.  
 Heward, Joseph, Bath, 1840.  
 Helmick, Jacob, Xenia, 1807; removed to Indiana.  
 Helmick, David, Silver Creek, 1820; October 12, 1820, married Kitty Johnson.  
 Hill, Cason, Sugar Creek, 1804.  
 Hill, Elijah, Sugar Creek, 1813.  
 Hill, John, Sugar Creek, 1813; October 1, 1825, married Margaret Jones.  
 Hill, Nathaniel, Bath, 1809.  
 Hill, Martin B., Bath, 1821; a tailor; died in Xenia August 6, 1833.  
 Hill, Jeremiah, Caesar's Creek, 1823.  
 Hill, Alvin, Ross, 1818.  
 Hill, Joseph, Ross, 1815; brother of Cornelius; died in 1855, in Randolph county, Indiana.  
 Hill, Cornelius, Ross, 1819; died in Ross township in 1851; buried in Selma, Ohio.  
 Hill, Chas., Ross, 1840.  
 Hiett, Gideon, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Clark.  
 Hiett, John, Sugar Creek, 1813.  
 Hittle, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1819.  
 Hittle, Michael, Sugar Creek, 1820.  
 Hittle, George, Beaver Creek, 1840; soldier of 1812; April 1, 1824, married Mary Morgan.  
 Hinds, Jacob, Xenia, 1813.  
 Hindman, William, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812, under Capt. McClellan.  
 Hindman, James, Sugar Creek, 1816.  
 Hiney, Henry, Xenia, 1820; from Maryland; died September 24, 1869, aged eighty; buried in Miller graveyard, Lumberman, Ohio; March 2, 1824, married Anna Mallow.  
 Hiney, George, Sugar Creek, 1820; soldier of the Revolution; died May 21, 1849, aged ninety-five; buried at Lumberton, Ohio.  
 Hiney, Andrew, Sugar Creek, 1840; removed to Indiana, where he died.  
 Hiney, Michael, Sugar Creek, 1840; died October 11, 1893, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.  
 Hiney, Jonas, Sugar Creek, 1840; died near Osborn, Ohio, in 1895; buried in Woodland.  
 Hiney, Elijah, Sugar Creek, 1840; died in 1897; buried in Woodland, Dayton.  
 Hight, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807.  
 Hight, Jesse, Bath, 1828.  
 Hight, Robert, Bath 1828; member of the Owenite Community at Yellow Springs, Ohio.  
 Hightower, Edward, Caesar's Creek, 1830.  
 Hightower, Anderson, Caesar's Creek, 1830; October 12, 1841, married Mary Stewart.  
 Hightower, London, Xenia, 1826; from Kentucky; died in Xenia, August 4, 1856, aged seventy-five.  
 Hickman, James, Caesar's Creek, 1829.  
 Hickman, William, Caesar's Creek, 1819.  
 Hickman, Riley, Xenia, 1840; September 8, 1834, married Sally Ford; died April 5, 1879, aged sixty-six; buried in McDonald graveyard, south of Xenia.  
 Hickman, James, Xenia, 1807; father of Riley; died April 19, 1841, aged seventy-five; buried in McDonald graveyard.  
 Hickman, Michael, Beaver Creek, 1818.  
 Hickman, Laban, Caesar's Creek, 1828; December 14, 1826, married Catharine Price.  
 Hickman, Peter, Bath, 1840.  
 Hilliard, Warner M., Caesar's Creek, 1840; died January 13, 1844, aged forty-six; buried in McDonald graveyard; married Susan Reynolds.  
 Hilliard, Davis, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Higgins, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1826.  
 Hicks, James, Ross, 1828; March 4, 1830, married Sarah Bond.  
 Hicks, John D., Xenia, 1839; a shoemaker; from Pennsylvania to Springfield; in 1839 came to Xenia; died February 10, 1894, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.  
 Hillis, Samson, Xenia, 1806.  
 Hicks, William, Xenia, 1840; grandson of David Bowen.  
 Hillis, Dennis, Xenia, 1828.  
 Hillis, David, Xenia, 1806.  
 Hillis, Wm. R., Xenia, 1806; July 1, 1822, married Mary Koogler.  
 Hillis, John, Xenia, 1806; bought forty acres of land of James Galloway May 1, 1813.  
 Hillis, Matthew, Xenia, 1807.  
 Hillis, James, Xenia, 1807.  
 Hixon, Noah, Silver Creek, 1821; died July 16, 1838, aged thirty-nine; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.  
 HiHoxn, Reuben, Xenia, 1811; April 29, 1817; married Catharine Borders.  
 Hixon, Joel, Xenia, 1813; soldier of 1812.  
 Hixon, Enoch, Xenia, 1816; the old sexton of the first M. E. church, Xenia; removed to Lebanon, Ohio; a brickmaker; March 6, 1816, married Phebe Edwards.  
 Hixon, Robert, Xenia, 1821.  
 Hixon, Garland, Xenia, 1826.  
 Hixon, Oliver T., Silver Creek, 1830; first pastor of Campbellite church at Jamestown, Ohio; married Elizabeth Dawson, March 25, 1833.  
 Hixon, Celia, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Hixon, Stephen, Silver Creek, 1811; died August 31, 1837, aged forty-nine; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Higginbottom, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1808.  
 Higginbottom, James, Silver Creek, 1830; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook.  
 Higginbottom, John, Silver Creek, 1840; June 22, 1839, married Jane January.  
 Higginbottom, Peter, Xenia, 1840; an old resident of Xenia; died January 4, 1879; soldier in the Twelfth Ohio.  
 Hite, Andrew, Silver Creek, 1820; removed to Oakland, Illinois; May 18, 1836, married Polly Myers.  
 Hite, George, Silver Creek, 1820; from Virginia; died in Silver Creek township in 1833; buried in Baptist graveyard; March 1, 1831, married Elizabeth Baird.  
 Hite, Asa, Beaver Creek, 1826.  
 Hildreth, Nathaniel, Xenia, 1840; died February 16, 1844, aged seventy-three; buried in Xenia.



- Hildreth, Moses, Xenia, 1840.
- Hivling, Abraham, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1808; April 9, 1826, married Barbary, widow of Mathias Smith; from Hagerstown, Maryland; died March 10, 1839, aged seventy-four; buried in Woodland.
- Hivling, John, Xenia, 1808; died November 4, 1851, aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812; ex-sheriff.
- Hivling, Abraham, Jr., Xenia, 1825; died March 26, 1877, aged seventy-three; buried in Woodland.
- Hivling, John A., Xenia, 1840; died June 6, 1870, aged forty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Hivling, Margaret, Beaver Creek, 1803; wife of Abraham, Sr.; born March 6, 1770; died March 7, 1824, aged sixty-four; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Hibben, Margaret, Silver Creek, 1813; died February 7, 1854, aged ninety-one; buried in Sheley graveyard.
- Hibben, William, Silver Creek, 1813; son-in-law of John Sheley, Sr.; died June 3, 1846, aged seventy-eight; buried in Sheley graveyard.
- Hibben, James, Silver Creek, 1840; died August 23, 1871, aged seventy-seven.
- Hibben, Wm., Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; died October 16, 1889, aged sixty-five.
- Hindershot, John, Xenia, 1820.
- Hillsmith, Nathaniel, Xenia, 1840.
- Hilderbrand, John, Beaver Creek, 1827; March 7, 1833, married Sarah Hitrick.
- Hitch, David, Bath, 1840.
- Horner, Geo. W., Miami, 1840; born in 1818; died in 1889; buried in Union graveyard, Byron.
- Horner, Nathan, Xenia, 1815; September 16, 1877, was married to Nancy Hypes.
- Horner, Jacob, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; died in 1827; soldier of 1812; wife was Lydia; daughters, Fannie and Sallie; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Horner, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1803; brother of Jacob Horner.
- Horner, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1827; died in 1847, aged forty-eight; buried in Bellbrook cemetery; married Edith Miller October, 1821.
- Horner, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Jacob and Lydia Horner.
- Horner, James, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Jacob and Lydia Horner.
- Horner, James, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Jacob and Lydia.
- Horner, David, Sugar Creek, 1828; son of Jacob and Lydia.
- Horner, Isham, Xenia, 1828.
- Horner, Harrison, Xenia, 1840.
- Hower, John, Beaver Creek, 1833; from Fredrick, Maryland; son of Jacob; died May 18, 1868; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Hower, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1840; November 10, 1813, married Anna Robinson.
- Hower, David, Beaver Creek, 1833; born May 29, 1812; died January 30, 1884.
- Hower, David, Beaver Creek, 1840; still living in 1899, aged eighty-four.
- Hosier, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1803; died in 1855; buried at Beavertown, Ohio, aged seventy-seven; soldier of 1812.
- Hosier, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1806; son of Jacob and Lydia Hosier.
- Hosier, William, Xenia, 1829.
- Hosier, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1803; November 21, 1806, married Nancy Compton; buried at Beavertown, Montgomery county, Ohio.
- Hosier, Felix, Beaver Creek, 1804.
- Hosier, Fredrick, Beaver Creek, 1807; native of Pennsylvania; removed to Shenandoah county, Virginia; left Virginia in 1797, arrived in Bath township in 1803; died in 1823.
- Hosier, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1807; son of Fredrick.
- Hosier, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1810; son of Fredrick.
- Hosier, Philip, Beaver Creek, 1810; son of Fredrick.
- Hosier, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1810; son of Fredrick.
- Hosier, John, Beaver Creek, 1810; son of Fredrick; born in 1789; died December 24, 1869, aged eighty-one; buried in Fairfield.
- Hosier, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1813; son of Fredrick; died December 30, 1852, aged seventy-nine; buried at Beavertown, Ohio.
- Hosier, Thomas, Miami, 1830; June 28, 1821, married Mary Cain.
- Hoblet, James, Silver Creek, 1830; March 15, 1832, married Mary Hussey.
- Hoblet, Boston, Sugar Creek, 1804; died March 3, 1859, aged eighty-five; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Hoblet, John, Sugar Creek, 1812; removed to Logan county, Illinois; April 15, 1819, married Polly Poague.
- Hoblet, Merritt, Sugar Creek, 1819; died August, 1877, aged seventy-seven; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Hoblet, William, Sugar Creek, 1826; died December, 1874, aged sixty-six; buried in Baptist graveyard; married Leticia Vandolah.
- Hoblet, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1829.
- Hoblet, Orin, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Hoblet, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1840; January 4, 1827, married Abigail Downey.
- Hoblet, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1840; September 30, 1841, married Mary Ann Schrack.
- Horney, James, Sugar Creek, 1806; son of Wm., Sr.
- Hornev, John, Sugar Creek, 1806; February 19, 1806, married Hannah Painter.
- Horney, David, Sugar Creek, 1808.
- Horney, Wm., Jr., Sugar Creek, 1809; died in 1829.
- Horney, William, Sugar Creek, 1804; soldier of 1812; father of William.
- Horney, William, Caesar's Creek, 1805; February 20, 1806, married Rhoda Anderson.
- Horney, James, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Hotop, William, Beaver Creek, 1830; died August 12, 1877, aged eighty.
- Horney, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1807; from North Carolina; removed to Fayette county, Ohio, where he died in 1865.
- Horney, Paris, Xenia, 1806; wife was Lydia; had one son, Paris; daughters, Deborah, Rhoda and Esther; died in 1808.
- Horney, Wm., Xenia, 1807.

- Horney, Anderson, Xenia, 1824; died of cholera in 1849; son-in-law of Reece and Lydia Baldwin.
- Horney, Andrew, Xenia, 1829.
- Hopping, Ezekiel, Sugar Creek, 1803; died February, 1849, aged eighty.
- Hopping, David, Xenia, 1803; soldier of 1812; died June 30, 1859, at Smithfield, Delaware county, Indiana.
- Hopping, Wm., Xenia, 1840; son of David; resided east of Xenia; died January 25, 1879, aged seventy-one.
- Hopping, James, Xenia, 1840; son of David; born in 1809; died in 1884; buried in Dean graveyard; son-in-law of Daniel Dean.
- Hopping, David, Jr., Xenia, 1840; died July 18, 1889, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland; April 8, 1840, married Abagal Gowdy.
- Hopping, Jeremiah, Bath, 1807; son of Moses; died in 1822; May 3, 1818, married Jane Stewart.
- Hopping, Moses, Bath, 1807; brother of Jeremiah; died July 10, 1849, aged eighty-one; buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio; September 14, 1826, married Sarah Warner.
- Hopping, David, Bath, 1807.
- Hopping, George, Miami, 1810; son of Moses.
- Hopping, John, Miami, 1811; son of Jeremiah; died in 1826; June 25, 1824, married Rachael Fisher.
- Hopping, Joseph, Miami, 1826; son of Moses; April 18, 1833, married Mary Ann Madden.
- Hopping, Samuel, Miami, 1829; son of Ezekiel; died February 6, 1864, aged sixty; buried in Woodland; married Eliza Maser.
- Hopping, Jane, Miami, 1840.
- Hopping, Gideon, Miami, 1813; soldier of 1812; removed to Illinois.
- Hopping, Alexander, Miami, 1840; died June 13, 1862, aged fifty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Hoover, Adam, Xenia, 1809; born February 28, 1783; died May 27, 1854, aged seventy-one; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Hoover, John, Sugar Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812.
- Hoover, George, Silver Creek, 1840; April 29, 1840, married Mary Taylor.
- Hoover, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840; died December 7, 1840, aged forty-two; buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Holmes, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812.
- Holmes, Samuel M., Beaver Creek, 1828; from Pennsylvania; died October 17, 1887, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.
- Holmes, Hugh, Sugar Creek, 1812; from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania; wife, Mary; died in 1833, aged eighty-four; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Holmes, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1812; died in 1833.
- Holmes, John, Sugar Creek, 1817; son of Hugh; soldier of 1812; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio; September 30, 1824, married Patience Pugh.
- Holmes, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1819; son of Hugh; born in 1794; died March 18, 1881, aged eighty-six; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Holmes, William, Sugar Creek, 1818; son of Hugh; died May, 1875, aged seventy-nine; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Holmes, John, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1819; son of Jonathan.
- Holmes, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1820; died in 1840; was an inmate of the jail in Xenia; a lunatic.
- Holmes, William, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of Hugh.
- Holmes, Daniel, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1830; son of Hugh; June 23, 1842, married Mary Lewis.
- Holman, Eliphalet, Ross, 1826.
- Holman, Joseph, Ross, 1826; July 5, 1833, married Lois Branson.
- Holman, David, Beaver Creek, 1840; from Pennsylvania; died March 8, 1870, aged seventy-seven.
- Hopkins, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1828; native of Virginia; from there to Kentucky; then to Ohio; died March, 1874; buried in Bellbrook.
- Hopkins, Henry H., Sugar Creek, 1840; died October 20, 1892, aged eighty.
- Hopkins, Samuel H., Sugar Creek, 1828; died February 15, 1895, aged eighty-nine; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Hopkins, William L., Sugar Creek, 1830; died July 2, 1892, aged eighty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Howels, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1834; April 4, 1830, married Allee Cavender.
- Howels, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1834; died in Cedarville township August 13, 1858, aged ninety.
- Holland, Enos, Xenia, 1807.
- Holland, Samuel F., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Holland, Jesse, Beaver Creek, 1840; died February 8, 1886, aged seventy-four; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Hollingsworth, James, Xenia, 1826.
- Hollingsworth, Joshua, Xenia, 1826; kept the Phenix Inn, Xenia, Ohio; died October 23, 1841, at Lebanon, Ohio; June 23, 1823, married Naney Watson.
- Hollingsworth, David, Xenia, 1840; died in Spring Valley township in 1859.
- Hollingsworth, H. W., Xenia, 1840.
- Hollingsworth, Jas. W., Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Hollingsworth, Jarus, Silver Creek, 1840; from Pennsylvania; born in 1804; died October 9, 1883, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.
- Hollenbeck, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1804; died June 30, 1847, aged thirty-two; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; son-in-law of Samuel McKnight.
- Hollenbeck, Matthias, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Hollenberry, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Hoop, John A., Xenia, 1803; soldier of 1812; died February 1, 1840, aged eighty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Hoop, Andrew, Xenia, 1816; son of John A.; buried in Woodland.
- Holsten, William, Sugar Creek, 1811.
- Hoggate, Stevannus, Caesar's Creek, 1803.
- Hoggate, Moses, Xenia, 1806.
- Hough, Joseph, Xenia, 1811.
- Hough, John, Ross, 1840; born in Silver Creek township April 22, 1822.
- Hogue, John, Miami, 1826.
- Hogue, Nimrod G., Silver Creek, 1826.
- Hogue, James, Caesar's Creek, 1826; April 21, 1840, married Elizabeth Bonner.
- Hogue, Lindsey, Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died November 13, 1865; buried in Woodland.
- Hogue, George, Miami, 1840.
- Hovson, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1806.

- Holloway, Benjamin, Caesar's Creek, 1807; brother-in-law to Dr. Horace Lawrence; buried in Friend's churchyard, Selma, Ohio.
- Holloway, William, Caesar's Creek, 1807; buried in Friend's churchyard, Selma, Ohio.
- Hook, James, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; died October 12, 1844, aged seventy-one; buried in Hook graveyard.
- Hook, Hugh, Xenia, 1812; buried in Hook graveyard.
- Hook, William, Xenia, 1821; son of James; born in 1798; died December 12, 1851; buried in Hook graveyard.
- Hook, Robert, Xenia, 1826; son of James; removed to Van Wert county, Ohio; died August 29, 1848, aged forty-three; in 1832 married Nancy Martin.
- Hook, Lewis, Xenia, 1829; son of James; died June 5, 1848, aged forty-three; buried in Hook graveyard; married Manerva Loyd.
- Hook, James, Xenia, 1821.
- Hook, Chas., Xenia, 1840; son of James; from Virginia; born August 27, 1814; died August 13, 1896, aged twenty-two; buried in Woodland.
- Hook, J. C., Xenia, 1824; son of James; born April 18, 1803; died October 14, 1870; buried in Woodland.
- Hook, J. C., Jr., Xenia, 1840; October 21, 1841, married Ann Maria Bell.
- Holaday, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812.
- Holaday, Ann, Xenia, 1830; related to Judge C. C. Shearer; buried in Woodland.
- Hobbs, Edmond, Xenia, 1817; died in Caesar's Creek township April, 1836, aged seventy.
- Hobbs, Littleton, Xenia, 1817.
- Hobbs, William, Caesar's Creek, 1817; December 22, 1825, married Sarah Chalk.
- Hobbs, John, Caesar's Creek, 1828.
- Hobbs, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1828; a prisoner for debt; (see History of Greene County, page 326).
- Hobbs, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1840; December 5, 1840, married Sarah E. Wright.
- Howett, Daniel, Bath, 1830; died April 3, 1856, aged forty-nine; buried in Mitman graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.
- Hobley, John, Caesar's Creek, 1829.
- Howard, John, Xenia, 1816; January 23, 1817, married Hannah Welch.
- Howard, Stephen, Xenia, 1817.
- Howard, Samuel, Xenia, 1840.
- Howard, Roswell F., Xenia, 1837; born July 20, 1814; died June 28, 1892, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland; from Virginia; son of Cyrus.
- Howard, Susan, Beaver Creek, 1813.
- Howard, John, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Howard, William, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Howard, Silas, Bath, 1840; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Hollingshead, Richard, Xenia, 1827; from Frederick county, Virginia; died February 5, 1863, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.
- Hollingshead, Jas., Xenia, 1827; born October, 1817; died June 5, 1896, aged seventy-eight; buried at Spring Valley, Ohio; married Mary Allen.
- Hollingshead, William, Xenia, 1830; born January 3, 1801; died March 3, 1873, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- Hollingshead, Samuel, Xenia, 1840.
- Hollingshead, Daniel, Xenia, 1840.
- Hollingshead Bowen, 1822; August 20, 1822, married Elizabeth Persinger.
- Hollingshead, John, Xenia, 1827; died August 28, 1838, aged twenty-two; buried in Woodland.
- Hockey, John, Xenia, 1827.
- Holt, William, Sugar Creek, 1830; died July 30, 1877, aged eighty; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Hostetter, Adam, Xenia, 1826; died August 3, 1887, aged eighty-eight.
- Hodges, Nathaniel, Silver Creek, 1840; from Frederick county, Virginia; soldier of 1812; father-in-law of E. W. Steele; died June 5, 1859; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Horn, John S., Xenia, 1827; born August 14, 1780; died July 24, 1841, aged sixty-one; buried in Woodland.
- Horn, Daniel H., Xenia, 1840; son of Rev. John S. Horn; removed to Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Horn, Fredrick, Xenia, 1840; went to California in 1849.
- Horn, John R., Xenia, 1840; a tinner; son of John S.; died September 24, 1884, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Horn, William T., Xenia, 1841; drowned at Colomo, California, in 1852.
- Holverstott, Michael, Beaver Creek, 1807; July 26, 1821, married Dorothy M. Shoup.
- Holverstott, Nicholas, Beaver Creek, 1814.
- Holverstott, John, Beaver Creek, 1817; October 31, 1816, married Elizabeth Crowl.
- Holverstott, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1826; from Maryland; died February 18, 1870, aged sixty-six; buried in Woodland; married Elizabeth Olewine.
- Holverstott, David, Beaver Creek, 1827; died May 31, 1877; buried in Beaver Creek township; married Mary Taylor September 18, 1828.
- Holverstott, James, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Holley, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; died April 13, 1849, aged eighty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Hoyle, James, Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died November 23, 1896, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Hoy, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1827.
- Houtch, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1828.
- Hogan, John, Bath, 1828.
- Hogan, James, Bath, 1828.
- Howe, Joseph, Miami, 1810; soldier of 1812.
- Holsman, Elephalet, 1824; December 8, 1825, married Sally Bell.
- Holsman, Fredrick, Xenia, 1840; died August 15, 1875, aged sixty; buried in Woodland.
- Holoway, David, Miami, 1840.
- House, David B., Miami, 1840.
- House, John B., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Hutchison, Reuben, Silver Creek, 1820; December 11, 1823, married Mary Hatten.
- Hutchison, John, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1806; from Scott county, Kentucky; died at the age of fifty-eight; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Hutchison, George, Sugar Creek, 1816; son of John; removed to Shelby county, Ohio; soldier of 1812; married Martha Clancey, March 19, 1818.
- Hutchison, John, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1818; removed to Shelby county, Ohio, where he died in 1835, aged thirty-six; married Ella Clancey April 1, 1824.
- Hutchison, Andrew, Sugar Creek, 1820; born De-



- ember 19, 1796; died July 11, 1865; buried in Woodland; married Miss E. J. Gordon March 25, 1820.
- Hutchison, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1820; removed to Shelby county, Ohio; December 29, 1836, married Jane Stewart, by Rev. A. Heron.
- Hutchison, William, Sugar Creek, 1830; born July 19, 1809; died August 6, 1834, aged twenty-five; buried in A. R. churchyard, Xenia.
- Hutchison, Joseph B., Sugar Creek, 1826; father of Andrew, of Co. L, Third New York Cavalry; died October 30, 1877, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland.
- Hurley, Leaven, Sugar Creek, 1810.
- Hurley, Zadock, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Hurley, William, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Hurley, Fredrick, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Hurley, Leut., Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Hurley, Zadock, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1810.
- Hurley, Harrison, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died March 15, 1889, aged seventy; January 29, 1839, married Margaret Whalen.
- Hurley, John, Xenia, 1819; January 7, 1819, married Susannah Borders.
- Hurley, Henry, 1840; June 3, 1841, married Sarah Maffet.
- Hurley, Isaac, Xenia, 1840.
- Hunter, Julius, Beaver Creek, 1835; taught school in 1835 on what was known as the Joshua Martin farm.
- Hunter, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1804; commissioner of Greene county from 1812 to 1818.
- Hunter, David, Xenia, 1840.
- Hunter, John, Miami, 1826; native of Halifax county, Nova Scotia; died in 1824; Gavin and Robert H. Johnson, administrators of his estate.
- Hughs, Joseph, 1830; removed to Shelby county; died in 1896, aged eighty-one; February 4, 1830, married Susanna Dorsey.
- Hughs, William, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Hughs, Henry, Xenia, 1810.
- Hughs, Jesse, 1838; October 1, 1839, married Mary Perkins.
- Hughs, William, Beaver Creek, 1808.
- Hughs, David, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Hughs, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Hughs, Smiley, Xenia, 1840; killed on the C. H. & D. R. R., south of Xenia, June, 1870; buried in Woodland.
- Huff, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1812.
- Huff, Jacob, Xenia, 1813.
- Huff, Jacob J., Xenia, 1816.
- Huff, Noah, Ross, 1830; school teacher; buried near Grape Grove; October 11, 1832, married Jane Clemmons.
- Huff, Nancy, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Huston, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1814; from Bucks county, Tennessee; born January 1, 1778; died September 24, 1829.
- Huston, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; born in 1803; died in 1894, aged eighty-six; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard; October 14, 1830, married Elizabeth Swigart.
- Huston, O., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Huston, Hanna, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Huston, Archibald, Sugar Creek, 1840; died October 11, 1875, aged fifty-nine; buried in Beaver Creek township.
- Huston, Phenix, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Huston, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807; died in 1833.
- Huston, Robert, Caesar's Creek, 1815; from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; died April 25, 1857, aged sixty-four; buried in Dean graveyard.
- Huston, Amos, Caesar's Creek, 1821.
- Huston, Judge David, Beaver Creek, 1803; from Pennsylvania; died in 1843; buried in Beavertown cemetery August 27, 1843, aged sixty-nine; wife was Sarah.
- Huston, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1805; son of David; buried in Beavertown cemetery.
- Huston, David, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of David; married Susan, daughter of Jacob Darst; removed to Paris, Illinois.
- Huston, Luther B., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of David.
- Huston, Joseph, Miami, 1808.
- Huston, Joseph M., Miami, 1810.
- Huston, Hiram, Xenia, 1840.
- Huston, Israel, Beaver Creek, 1826; son of David; born in 1805; died in 1846; married a daughter of Jonathan Harshman.
- Hummer, Peter, Caesar's Creek, 1807; died April 8, 1836, aged sixty-six; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jamestown.
- Hummer, John, Silver Creek, 1818; died in 1823; first wife's name, Christiana; March 1, 1827, married Loty Lucas.
- Hummer, Amos, Sugar Creek, 1829; December 23, 1830, married Sarah Shoemaker.
- Huffman, John, Sugar Creek, 1829.
- Huffman, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1829; born October 15, 1806; died February 5, 1830; buried at Mt. Holly, Ohio.
- Huffman, John, Bath, 1826; July 22, 1821, married Mary Lacher.
- Huffman, Valentine, 1818; October 28, 1820, married Elizabeth Trollinger.
- Huffman, Peter, Ross, 1805; from Hardy county, Virginia; died in 1862.
- Huffman, Amos, Ross, 1840; March 9, 1842, married Nancy Thomas.
- Huffman, Fredrick, Spring Valley, 1840; died May 22, 1878, aged ninety-two.
- Huffman, Samuel, Ross, 1840; born in 1814; died in 1888; buried in M. E. graveyard, Selma, Ohio.
- Huffman, Aaron, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; died March 17, 1865, aged eighty; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Hussey, Christopher, Sr., Silver Creek, 1807; from Tennessee; died June, 1812; wife's name was Mary.
- Hussey, Christopher, Jr., Silver Creek, 1807; born June 12, 1794; died March 8, 1873, aged seventy-nine; buried in Hussey graveyard; January 13, 1820, married Margaret Haughey; December 20, 1838, married Catharine Lockhart.
- Hussey, Elijah, Silver Creek, 1807.
- Hussey, Nathan, Silver Creek, 1807; son of Christopher, Sr.; September 30, 1830, married Mary Hussey.
- Hussey, Stephen, Silver Creek, 1807; son of Christopher, Sr.; died July, 1818, aged thirty-one; buried in Hussey graveyard, Bowersville, Ohio.

- Hussey, Ivan, Silver Creek, 1828.  
 Hussey, Mary, Silver Creek, 1813; widow of Christopher, Sr.  
 Hussey, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1817; son of Christopher, Sr.; died July 2, 1867, aged seventy; buried in Hussey graveyard.  
 Hussey, John, Silver Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812.  
 Hussey, Elijah, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Hussey, Francis, J., Silver Creek, 1835; died November 19, 1868, aged fifty-five; buried in Jamestown cemetery.  
 Hussey, Stephen, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; died February 1, 1855, aged thirty-five; buried in Hussey graveyard.  
 Huett, Nathaniel, Caesar's Creek, 1819.  
 Huett, Lewis, Caesar's Creek, 1828.  
 Huett, Nathan, Caesar's Creek, 1830.  
 Huett, Jesse, Bath, 1827.  
 Huett, Aaron, Bath, 1827.  
 Huett, Robert, Bath, 1827.  
 Hunt Josiah, Caesar's Creek, 1802; the great hunter; (see History of Greene County); removed to Indiana.  
 Hunt, John, Caesar's Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812.  
 Hunt, Benson, Ross, 1819.  
 Hunt, Uriah, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.  
 Hunt, Joel, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Hunt, Edward, Silver Creek, 1814.  
 Huddelston, John, Beaver Creek, 1819; June 26, 1821, married Eve Smeltzier.  
 Huddleston, David, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1828.  
 Huddleston, David Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1830.  
 Hultzer, Jacob, Xenia, 1820.  
 Hume, Robert, Miami, 1840.  
 Hume, James A., 1820; November 20, 1834, married Mary Nevins.  
 Hume, George, Miami, 1840; came from Scotland to the United States in 1795; died September 24, 1862, aged seventy-two; buried in Clifton cemetery.  
 Hume, John, Miami, 1840; died August 22, 1857, aged eighty-three; buried in Clifton cemetery.  
 Husong, Isaac, Silver Creek, 1840; died February 27, 1861, aged forty-two; buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio; married Sarah Ann Sharp.  
 Hubble, Jacob, Miami, 1808; soldier of 1812.  
 Hubble, Francis, Xenia, 1828.  
 Hubanks, James, Caesar's Creek, 1807.  
 Hutton, John, Ross; died November 14, 1850, aged seventy-three; buried in Hixite cemetery, Selma, Ohio.  
 Huckwell, Francis, Miami, 1820; died in 1868; buried at Cedarville, Ohio.  
 Huckwell, William, Miami, 1821.  
 Huckwell, Clementine, Xenia, 1820; died March 25, 1854, aged sixty-five; buried in Cedarville cemetery.  
 Humphreys, Francis, Miami, 1816; died November 10, 1851, aged one hundred; came from Ireland in 1791; to Greene county in 1816; buried in Mud Run graveyard.  
 Humphreys, Christopher, Bath, 1817; removed to Indiana.  
 Humphreys, Thomas, Miami, 1828; brother of Edward; removed to Iowa; died in 1832.  
 Humphreys, Joseph, Miami, 1840; buried in Woodland; May 6, 1837, married Mary Casada.  
 Humphreys, David, Bath, 1807.  
 Humphreys, Harvey H., Bath, 1828; March 3, 1829, married Harriet Rush.  
 Humphreys, Andrew, Ross, 1840.  
 Humphreys, Edward, Miami, 1807; came to the United States from Ireland in 1807; died in 1856; buried in Mud Run graveyard, Clark county, Ohio.  
 Hushaw, Fredrick, Beaver Creek, 1806.  
 Hushaw, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1806.  
 Hurl, John, Miami, 1840.  
 Hulick, Samuel, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812.  
 Humbart, John, Beaver Creek, 1817.  
 Humbart, Emanuel, Beaver Creek, 1827.  
 Huey, William, Bath, 1817.  
 Hufford, Jacob, Bath, 1828; removed to Sandusky, Ohio; August 19, 1830, married Rebecca Coffelt.  
 Huffer, Daniel, Bath, 1840; son of Abraham; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River; born in 1819.  
 Huffer, Abraham, Bath, 1815; from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; died August 29, 1843, aged sixty-six; buried at Hufferville, Ohio.  
 Huffer, John, Bath, 1821; son of Abraham; buried in Hufferville, west of Mad River; married Catharine Srodes.  
 Huffer, Simon S., Bath, 1840; son of Abraham; born May 23, 1813; died March 14, 1894, aged eighty; buried at Hufferville, Ohio.  
 Huffer, Joseph, Bath, 1840; son of Abraham; died in 1861; buried at Hufferville, Ohio.  
 Hulinger, Christopher, Miami, 1808.  
 Hulinger, Valentine, Miami, 1810.  
 Hulinger, Daniel, Miami, 1810.  
 Hulinger Jacob, Miami, 1810.  
 Hulinger, Adam, 1830; April 4, 1834, married Esther H. Lewis.  
 Hulinger, Christian, Miami, 1810; soldier of 1812.  
 Hulbert, Homer, Miami, 1840.  
 Hulbert, John, 1834; June 4, 1835, married Eliza Humphreys.  
 Hyers, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.  
 Hyers, Anthoney, Xenia, 1810.  
 Hypes, Henry, Xenia, 1811; from Virginia; born June 11, 1775; died October 1, 1854, aged seventy-nine; buried in Woodland.  
 Hypes, Joseph, Xenia, 1819; born March 24, 1798; removed to Illinois.  
 Hypes, Thomas Asbury, 1834; November 10, 1835, married Caroline Howard.  
 Hypes, Benjamin, Xenia, 1826; born February 10, 1805; removed to Illinois.  
 Hyslop, George, Xenia, 1815; January 25, 1820, married Margaret Greenwood, by Rev. Armstrong; native of Scotland; was not naturalized until 1840; Hugh Andrew and Wm. C. Robinson vouch for him.  
 Hyslop, Robert, Xenia, 1840; died August 29, 1896, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.  
 Hyde, Robert, Miami, 1840; died August 18, 1866, aged seventy-two; buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.  
 Humpston, S. G., Caesar's Creek, 1840; buried at Maple Corners; died, aged seventy-four.

- Humpston, Edward, Caesar's Creek, 1840; killed on the railroad December 10, 1859.
- Hyland, Hugh H., Beaver Creek, 1832; from Washington county, Maryland.
- Inman, Ahab, Xenia, 1807.
- Inman, Jehu, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812, under Captain Maltbie; June 27, 1809, married Lucy Fires.
- Indicut, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1828.
- Innskeep, Henry, Xenia, 1840; September 28, 1840, married Casandra Roberts.
- Insley, Zara Ross, 1804; died January 18, 1859, aged seventy-five; buried east of Grape Grove; married Jane Ash in 1817.
- Insley, Mitchell, Ross, 1815.
- Insley, Isaiah, Ross, 1820.
- Insley, Sarah, Ross, 1826; died November 3, 1851, aged seventy-two; buried in Bethel graveyard, Grape Grove.
- Insley, John H., Ross, 1840; died March 7, 1879, aged seventy; buried in Bethel graveyard.
- Insley, Harrison, Ross, 1840.
- Insley, Thomas, Ross, 1840.
- Insley, David, Ross, 1821.
- Insley, James, Ross, 1815; died in 1846, aged fifty-two; buried in Bethel Grape Grove.
- Irwin, John Sugar Creek, 1803.
- Irwin, William, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Irwin, David, Xenia, 1828.
- Irwin, Stephen M., 1834; April 4, 1835, married Elizabeth Burrows.
- Irwin, John, Miami, 1810; died at Blaintown of cholera, in 1854.
- Irwin, John C., Miami, 1827; January 1, 1837, married Margaret Mercer.
- Irwin, John, Sugar Creek, 1804; soldier of 1812; died July 14, 1854; buried in Hussey graveyard.
- Irwin, William, Sugar Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812.
- Irwin, Samuel, Xenia, 1812.
- Irwin, James, Ross, 1821; died September 2, 1839, aged thirty-nine; buried in Caesar's Creek cemetery, two miles west of Jamestown, Ohio; October 10, 1832, married Martha Creswell.
- Irvin, Richard, Ross, 1811.
- Irvin, Alexander, Ross, 1813.
- Irvin, Robert, Ross, 1840; died at Cedarville, Ohio, in 1881; sermon preached by Rev. Shannon.
- Ireland, Thomas S., Ross, 1820.
- Ireland, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Ireland, James, Caesar's Creek, 1828; died in 1870, aged seventy-two; buried in Hussey graveyard.
- Ireland, John, Xenia, 1817; December 4, 1826, married Margaret Campbell.
- Ireland, William, 1830; September 6, 1830, married Lucinda Hanna.
- Ireland, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1840; October 12, 1837, married Catharine Parrott.
- Ireland, Alexander, Caesar's Creek, 1808; died March 2, 1881, aged seventy-eight; married November 24, 1831, Eliza Ellis.
- Ireland, Seth, Xenia, 1826; died January 19, 1859, buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Ireland, John L., Ross, 1827; died in 1835, July 15; aged thirty-five; March 17, 1831, married Eliza Loblett.
- Isham, George, Caesar's Creek, 1803.
- Isham, George, Caesar's Creek, 1827.
- Isham, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Isley, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1820; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Isley, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1820.
- Isley, Jesse, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Ingraham, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1840; died July 21, 1876, aged seventy.
- Ivers, Richard, Ross, 1815; soldier of 1812.
- Iliff, Wesley, Sr., Ross, 1816; son of James and Bessie Hill Iliff, of Pennsylvania; died in 1852; buried at Cedarville, Ohio.
- Iliff, John, Ross, 1826; died at Springfield, Ohio; buried in Fern Cliff cemetery; married Hester Myers in 1832.
- Iliff, James, Ross, 1819; died in Springfield, Ohio; buried in Fern Cliff cemetery; August 16, 1829, married Mary Humble.
- Iliff, Jesse, Ross, 1827; died in 1849; buried in Cedarville cemetery; June 14, 1827, married Maria Cline.
- Iliff, James, Jr., Ross, 1830.
- Iliff, Thomas, Ross, 1840; son of Wesley, Sr.; died in 1888.
- Iliff, William, 1840; January 1, 1840, married Mary Ann Spahr.
- Iliff, David, Ross, 1840.
- Iliff, Wesley, Jr., Ross, 1840; married a daughter of Joseph Ballard; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Inlow, Abraham, Miami, 1840; soldier of 1812; March 24, 1813, married Margaret Foley.
- Inlow, Henry, Miami, 1840; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Isenbarger, Elias, Beaver Creek, 1840; died in 1897, aged seventy-eight; buried in Hawker churchyard.
- James, William, Sugar Creek, 1832; son of Jonathan; removed to Indiana.
- James, Joshua C., Xenia, 1840; son of John, Sr.; died April 28, 1867, aged fifty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- James, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1803; born November 11, 1773.
- James, John, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1808; from Virginia; died September 18, 1841, aged sixty-seven; buried in Middle Run cemetery; wife, Mary; son of William.
- James, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1820; son of William; born March 17, 1782; died January 24, 1860; buried at Middle Run.
- James, John, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1826; son of David; removed to Washington state.
- James, Evan B., Sugar Creek, 1826; son of John, Sr.; died January 2, 1831, aged twenty-eight; buried in Middle Run cemetery.
- James, David W., Sugar Creek, 1828; son of John; died July 9, 1875; buried in Bellbrook cemetery; aged sixty-nine.
- James, Banes, Sugar Creek, 1828; son of Jonathan; died December 17, 1856, aged fifty; buried in Middle Run cemetery.
- James, David W., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of John, Sr.; died July 9, 1875; buried at Bellbrook.
- James, Jonathan, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Jonathan, Sr.; removed to Illinois.



- James, John C., Esq., Sugar Creek, 1837; son of John; twin to Catherine; born March 9, 1816; still living in 1899.
- James, Perry, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Jonathan, Sr.; removed to Indiana.
- James, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Jackson, David, Xenia, 1840; born June 18, 1795; died in Xenia May 15, 1860, aged sixty-five; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- Jackson, John, Caesar's Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Jackson, Philip, Caesar's Creek, 1804; son-in-law of John Downey.
- Jackson, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1819; November 26, 1812, married Susanna Best.
- Jackson, David, Xenia, 1820; son of Robert; born March 3, 1794; died July 17, 1863, aged sixty-nine; buried in Massie's Creek; a farmer.
- Jackson, David, Xenia, 1830; died in 1876, aged seventy-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; a teacher.
- Jackson, Robert, Xenia, 1814; from County Derry, Ireland; died September 26, 1828; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's); aged seventy; soldier of the Revolution.
- Jackson, Gen. Robert, Xenia, 1840; from Westmoreland, Pennsylvania; died June 10, 1877, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.
- Jackson, Ann, Xenia, 1830; widow of Archibald Jackson.
- Jackson, Edward, Bath, 1809.
- Jackson, William, Ross, 1819; died November 1, 1826, aged sixty; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's); May 4, 1820, married Rebecca Pearson.
- Jackson, Archibald, Ross, 1819; born January 8, 1791; died January 4, 1833; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's); wife was Ann.
- Jackson, Amos, Ross, 1820; died in 1848.
- Jackson, Phebe, Ross, 1820.
- Jackson, William, Ross, 1840; died in 1875, aged fifty-four; buried at Bowersville, Ohio; June 24, 1830, married Martha Clemons.
- Jackson, Uriah, Silver Creek, 1840; died January 5, 1875, aged fifty-four; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Jacobs, James, Xenia, 1812; soldier of 1812; removed to Indiana.
- Jacobs, Alexander, Xenia, 1826; died in 1838.
- Jacobs, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Jay, John, Sugar Creek, 1830; died January 27, 1884, aged eighty-five; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, south of New Burlington, Ohio.
- Jay, George, Sugar Creek, 1840; May 28, 1840, married Polly Bayliff.
- Jay, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Jarrol, James, Xenia, 1811.
- Jacoby, James, Xenia, 1814.
- Jacoby, John, Sr., Xenia, 1814; grandfather of John H.; from Northumberland county, Pennsylvania; died November 30, 1836, aged seventy-three.
- Jacoby, Henry, Xenia, 1814; father of John H.; died December 31, 1859, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland.
- Jacoby, John H., Xenia, 1819; died August 13, 1894, aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland.
- Jacoby, Matthew C., Xenia, 1840; brother of John H.; May 10, 1840, married Phebe Ann Jackson.
- Jacoby, Henry, Jr., Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland.
- Jacoby, Peter, Xenia, 1822; died July 9, 1870, aged sixty-nine; buried in Woodland; April 13, 1826, married Sarah Gowdy.
- Jameson, John, Jr.; son of George; born August 8, 1815; married Elizabeth McCoy.
- Jameson, James, Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Jameson, John, Xenia, 1808.
- Jameson, Alexander, Xenia, 1816.
- Jameson, Alexander R., Xenia, 1817.
- Jameson, Rebecca, Xenia, 1820; wife of George.
- Jameson, George, Ross, 1829; from Washington county, Pennsylvania; died February 2, 1893, aged eighty-one; August 22, 1837, married Sarah McClellan.
- January, James, Sr., Silver Creek, 1817; died August 21, 1824, aged sixty-one; buried two and one-half miles west of Bowersville; was in battle of Blue Licks, Kentucky.
- January, Robert, Silver Creek, 1820; son of James; soldier of 1812; born December 12, 1786; died December 11, 1842; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- January, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1820; married September 27, 1832, to Julia Ann Blain, by William M. Irvin.
- January, James, Jr., Silver Creek, 1820; son of James and Susanna; January 22, 1822, married Catherine Haws.
- January, George, Silver Creek, 1820; born June 13, 1810.
- January, William, Xenia, 1840; was a resident of Xenia in 1840.
- Jenkins, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1809.
- Jenkins, Baldwin, Caesar's Creek, 1807; son of Aaron.
- Jenkins, Aaron, Caesar's Creek, 1804; from Tennessee; wife, Charity; died March 4, 1851, aged seventy-six; buried in Salem graveyard, south of Paintersville, Ohio.
- Jenkins, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Jacobs, Levi, Miami, 1840; died July 15, 1875, aged seventy.
- Jenkins, Jonathan, Silver Creek, 1827; died October 10, 1888, aged eighty-one, buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Jenkins, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1827; son of Aaron, Sr.
- Jenkins, Malachi, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Jenkins, James, Caesar's Creek, 1840; soldier of 1812.
- Jenkins, Bedford, Caesar's Creek; 1840.
- Jenkins, Zealia, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Jenkins, John, Xenia, 1830.
- Jenkins, Daniel, Miami, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Jenkins, Daniel, Jr., Miami, 1813.
- Jenkins, George, Ross; 1830.
- Jenkins, Marshall, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Jenkins, Jonathan, Silver Creek, 1833; born October 9, 1808, died October 16, 1883, buried in Jamestown cemetery; married Ann Dawson.
- Jewett, Dr. John, Xenia, 1840; died May 11, 1856, aged sixty, buried in Woodland.
- Jennings, James, Sugar Creek, 1820.

- Jeffries, Uriah, Xenia, 1830; from North Carolina; established a cabinet factory in Cedarville in 1834; died in 1870, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Jeffries, Wyath, Xenia, 1830; removed to Indiana; February 16, 1832, married Eliza Jones.
- Jeffries, Sarah, Xenia, 1830.
- Jeffries, Macklin, Xenia, 1830; removed to Rush county, Indiana.
- Jeffries, Walker, Xenia, 1830; removed to Rush county, Indiana.
- Jeffries, James, Xenia, 1840; buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown.
- Jeffries, John P., Xenia, 1838; April 23, 1839, married Nancy Day.
- Jeffries, Dillison, Xenia, 1840.
- Jeffries, Peninah, Xenia, 1840.
- Jeffries, Wm., Caesar's Creek, 1840; died September, 1873.
- Jeffries, Silas, Xenia, 1832; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Jessup, Samuel, Bath, 1826.
- Jenie, Jonas, Xenia, 1840.
- Jenie, Abel, Xenia, 1840.
- Jickell, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Joab, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Jones, Moab, Caesar's Creek, 1804; died November 5, 1870, aged eighty-seven, buried in Tabor church yard, Jasper township.
- Jones, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1804; August 16, 1804, married Rebecca Mooney.
- Jones, Wm., Sugar Creek, 1805.
- Jones, Ann, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Jones, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1810; married January 12, 1826, Hannah Harbison, by Rev. John Steele.
- Jones, David, Sugar Creek, 1813; May 15, 1813, married Ann Hester.
- Jones, John, Caesar's Creek, 1804; died in 1852, aged sixty-three, buried near New Burlington, Ohio.
- Jones, Nathaniel B., Caesar's Creek, 1830; died in 1838.
- Jones, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1812.
- Jones, James, Caesar's Creek, 1813; died December 26, 1872, buried in Spring Valley.
- Jones, Lewis, Caesar's Creek, 1829; died May 22, 1857, aged 65, buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Jones, Geo. W., Caesar's Creek, 1833; son of Erastus; from Virginia.
- Jones, Matthew, Caesar's Creek, 1840; January 24, 1833, married Nancy Ellis.
- Jones, Benjamin, Xenia, 1811.
- Jones, Fleming, Xenia, 1816.
- Jones, Moab, Xenia, 1820; died in 1870, aged sixty-seven, buried in Tabor churchyard, New Jasper.
- Jones, James A., Miami, 1840; died at Yellow Springs, October 22, 1882, aged seventy-six, buried in Glen Forest cemetery.
- Jones, Dennis, Miami, 1830; died May 3, 1859, aged seventy-five, buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Jones, Joshua, Xenia, 1841; from Maryland; died November 2, 1885, aged sixty-five, buried in Woodland; soldier in Civil war, Company E, Fortieth Ohio; married Elizabeth Painter.
- Jones, Wm., Xenia, 1830.
- Jones, Tilbury, Xenia, 1840; from Delaware; born June 30, 1783, died April 10, 1868, aged eighty-five, buried in Woodland.
- Jones, Thomas L., Xenia, 1840; born March 2, 1811, died May 7, 1874, aged sixty-three, buried in Woodland.
- Jones, Washington, Xenia, 1840; died September 24, 1854, aged forty-two, buried in Woodland.
- Jones, John, Beaver Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812.
- Jones, Nancy, Beaver Creek, 1813.
- Jones, Thomas, Bath, 1813; soldier of 1812; May 2, 1822, married Sarah Low.
- Jones, Ezekiel, Bath, 1819.
- Jones, Levi, Bath, 1826.
- Jones, Thomas, Bath, 1813; died in 1821.
- Jones, Peter, Bath, 1810; January 24, 1839, married Ann Probasco.
- Jones, Stephen, Miami, 1830; born in Cincinnati in 1802, died in Dayton, Ohio, in 1881.
- Jones, Samuel, Miami, 1840; married Rachel, daughter of Thomas Baker, Sr.
- Jones, Erasmus, Ross, 1818; died March 1, 1850, aged eighty-three, buried in Bloxsom graveyard.
- Jones, Erasmus, Jr., Ross, 1840; son of Erasmus, Sr.; died in 1849.
- Jones, Abraham, Silver Creek, 1826.
- Jones, Alanson, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Ambrose Jones.
- Jones, Rev. Ambrose, Silver Creek, 1832; from New York; died January 17, 1847, aged seventy-one, buried at Port William, Ohio.
- Jones, Ambrose, Jr., Silver Creek, 1832; son of Rev. Ambrose; born June 12, 1817; January 6, 1839, married Eliza Jones.
- Jones, Eber, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Ambrose.
- Jones, Burl, Silver Creek, 1828; died September 22, 1856, aged sixty-five, buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Jolly, John, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; died May 15, 1852, aged seventy, buried in Woodland.
- Jolly, James G., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of John; born in Xenia, September 23, 1811, died at Lumberton, February 21, 1899, aged eighty-seven; carpenter by trade.
- John, John, Beaver Creek, 1803; died November 1, 1822, aged seventy-six, buried at New Burlington, Ohio; soldier of 1812.
- John, David, Beaver Creek, 1806; son of Wm.; buried in Falace graveyard; April 20, 1807, married Jennie McFarland.
- John, Elizabeth, Beaver Creek, 1813; widow of John John.
- John, Daniels, Xenia, 1840; born March 13, 1812, died January 5, 1857, buried in Woodland.
- John, Wm., Beaver Creek, 1813; son of John; died in 1833, buried in Coy graveyard; married Catharine Coy, 1827.
- John, Lemuel, Beaver Creek, 1813; son of John; died January 8, 1835, aged forty-four; soldier of 1812.
- John, Joseph P. B., Sugar Creek, 1840; born November 16, 182; married Sarah Bowen.
- John, Bowen, Sugar Creek, 1827; son of David; removed to Iowa; March 10, 1825, married Martha Lambert.
- Jones, James, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of J. John; buried in the John graveyard at the old home.

- Jobe, Wm. H., Xenia, 1816; his brother was George F.
- Jobe, George, Xenia, 1816; from Pennsylvania; a wagon maker; died January 29, 1867, aged eighty, buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812; married Mary A. Hutchison.
- Jobe, Daniel, Miami, 1840; died August 6, 1888, aged sixty-six buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Johnson, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1808.
- Johnson, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1840; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Johnson, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807; died in 1810; September 4, 1834, married Malinda Davis.
- Johnson, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; died September 26, 1851, aged seventy, buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Johnson, John M., Caesar's Creek, 1827; February 1, 1827, married Susan Moorman.
- Johnson, John W., Silver Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; died October 10, 1889, aged seventy-six, buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Johnson, James L., Silver Creek, 1812; died January 19, 1861, aged seventy-eight, buried in Hussey graveyard.
- Johnson, Macajah M., Silver Creek, 1813; died October 15, 1869, aged sixty-two, buried in Moorman graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Johnson, John S., Silver Creek, 1813.
- Johnson, Moorman, Silver Creek, 1813, January 22, 1818, married Mary K. Burgess.
- Johnson, James, Silver Creek, 1808; from Virginia; died January 17, 1875; soldier of 1812.
- Johnson, Wm., Silver Creek, 1808; son of Thomas; died October 16, 1830, aged forty-eight, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cederville; soldier of 1812.
- Johnson, John, Silver Creek, 1810; October 24, 1822, married Martha Blane.
- Johnson, Gavin, Sr., Silver Creek, 1811; died July 5, 1838, aged eighty-four, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Johnson, Joseph, Silver Creek, 1812; son of Thomas; kept a store in Jamestown in 1819; May 2, 1813, married Polly Moorman.
- Johnson, Christopher, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Johnson, Thomas M., Silver Creek, 1812; born September 5, 1781, in Maryland.
- Johnson, James C., Silver Creek, 1817; died June 24, 1875, aged seventy-nine; September 17, 1829, married Jane Greenwood.
- Johnson, Joseph, Silver Creek, 1818; black man.
- Johnson, Alexander, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Johnson, Robert, Silver Creek, 1820; son of Thomas.
- Johnson, Joseph H., Silver Creek, 1813.
- Johnson, J. B., Silver Creek, 1827; native of Prince Edward county, Virginia; May 21, 1836, married Ann Bell.
- Johnson, Pleasant, Silver Creek, 1818; from Virginia.
- Johnson, Edwin, Silver Creek, 1820; son of Pleasant.
- Johnson, Christopher E., Silver Creek, 1820; February 18, 1827, married Lydia Johnson.
- Johnson, Charles, Silver Creek, 1820; soldier of 1812; married Margaret, daughter of John Marshall.
- Johnson, Simon, Silver Creek, 1820; November 21, 1833, married Rachel Cruzen.
- Johnson, Ashley, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Johnson, Moorman, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Johnson, John H., Silver Creek, 1820; from Campbell county, Virginia; January 24, 1831, married Lydia Faulkner.
- Johnson, Thomas P., Silver Creek, 1826; died August 11, 1887, aged seventy-four; son of James.
- Johnson, George W., Silver Creek, 1826; May 11, 1837, married Jane Merryfield.
- Johnson, Christopher G., Silver Creek, 1826.
- Johnson, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1826.
- Johnson, Virgil H., Silver Creek, 1840; April 27, 1841, married Mary Wilson.
- Johnson, Thornton, Silver Creek, 1840; died July 30, 1861, aged fifty-two; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Johnson, Zachariah, Silver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Johnson, Clark T., Silver Creek, 1820; born in Highland county January 4, 1811; died April 22, 1888, aged seventy-seven; buried at Bowersville; came to Xenia in 1820.
- Johnson, Elijah O., Silver Creek, 1840; died December 17, 1893, aged eighty-two.
- Johnson, William B., Silver Creek, 1840; died January 6, 1874; buried in Jamestown cemetery; aged sixty-six.
- Johnson, John D., Silver Creek, 1840; born in Campbell county, Virginia, in 1800; died in 1862, aged sixty-two.
- Johnson, Christopher O., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Johnston, Dr. Joseph, Xenia, 1814; from Campbell county, Virginia; removed to Salem, Illinois; died June 5, 1847, aged sixty-four; in 1820 he represented Greene county in the legislature.
- Johnston, James, Bath, 1807; from Kentucky; son of Arthur; was not naturalized till 1840; Amos Quinn and James Galloway vouch for him; died February 23, 1878; in 1808 married Margaret Johnston.
- Johnston, Arthur, Bath, 1807; was not naturalized till 1840; James and Andrew Galloway vouch for him; died in 1870.
- Johnston, Fredrick, Bath, 1807; son of Arthur; came from Ireland and in 1807 entered lands in Bath township.
- Johnston, Samuel, Bath, 1809.
- Johnston, Arthur, Bath, 1810; died May 6, 1870, aged eighty-six; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Johnston, Charles, Bath, 1810; a soldier of 1812; buried at Muddy Run graveyard, Clark county, Ohio; married Rebecca Stephenson.
- Johnston, Andrew, Bath, 1817; April 5, 1838, married Mary Ann Thompson.
- Johnston, William D., Miami, 1828; born July 10, 1808; died June 3, 1875; from Mason county, Kentucky.
- Johnston, William M., Bath, 1836; born October 23, 1815; died November 18, 1865; buried in Cox graveyard, Osborn, Ohio.
- Johnston, Jephtha, Miami, 1811; soldier of 1812.



- Johnston, Zebulon, Miami, 1827; died in 1849.  
 Johnston, Stephen, Miami, 1829.  
 Johnston, Oliver, Miami, 1830; September 12, 1833, married Sophia Galloway.  
 Johnston, Oliver, Jr., Miami, 1830.  
 Johnston, George, Miami, 1830.  
 Johnston, Dr. Thomas B., Xenia, 1829; born August 9, 1806; died November 5, 1868, aged sixty; buried in Woodland.  
 Johnson, David, Ross, 1807; soldier of 1812.  
 Johnson, Benjamin, Ross, 1807.  
 Johnson, Arthur, Ross, 1807.  
 Johnson, Reuben, Ross, 1807.  
 Johnson, Isaac, Ross, 1813.  
 Johnson, Samuel, Ross, 1816; soldier of 1812.  
 Johnson, Thornton, Miami, 1840; died May 21, 1885, aged eighty-four.  
 Johnson, James M., Miami, 1840; died January 2, 1891, aged seventy-eight.  
 Johnson, James, Ross, 1808; soldier of 1812; died in 1857; buried in Muddy Run churchyard, Clark county, Ohio.  
 Johnson, Jas. C., Ross, 1828.  
 Johnson, George W., Ross, 1828; died November 22, 1857, aged eighty-four.  
 Johnson, James E., Ross, 1828.  
 Johnson, Gaivin, Ross, 1811.  
 Johnson, Seth, Ross, 1830.  
 Johnson, Rev. Wm. M., Xenia, 1840; died June 20, 1850, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland.  
 Jordon, George, Caesar's Creek, 1827; from Maryland; buried in Eury graveyard, Beaver Creek; December 26, 1816, married Elizabeth Koffman.  
 Jordon, William, Caesar's Creek, 1830; from Maryland; died in 1885, aged eighty-four; buried at Beavertown, Ohio.  
 Jordon, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1840; from Maryland; removed to Tiffin, Ohio.  
 Junkin, James, Ross, 1807; first school teacher in what is now Cedarville township; school house was two miles south of Cedarville.  
 Junkin, William, Ross, 1807.  
 Junkin, George, Ross, 1808; built a sawmill in Ross township in 1820; died in 1858; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard.  
 Junkin, Lancelot, Sr., Ross, 1810; soldier of Revolution; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; died in 1833.  
 Junkin, Lancelot, Jr., Ross, 1815; died August 11, 1883, aged seventy-seven; buried near Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Junkin, Wm., Jr., Ross, 1818; born June 1, 1818; died August 5, 1898, aged eighty; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard.  
 Judy, John, Beaver Creek, 1803; born in Switzerland in 1790; August 9, 1819, married Catharine Hittle; removed to Clark county, Ohio.  
 Judy, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; died in 1823.  
 Judy, Martin, Beaver Creek, 1805; December 8, 1803, married Sally Petro.  
 Judy, David, Beaver Creek, 1806; August 31, 1826, married Mary Devore.  
 Judy, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1840; August 8, 1833, married Martha Ford.  
 Judy, Samuel, 1824; August 9, 1824, married Sarah Wright.  
 Kennode, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Kennode, James S., Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Kay, John E., Caesar's Creek, 1840; died August 31, 1882, aged seventy-eight; buried at New Burlington, Ohio.  
 Karsal, Robert, Xenia, 1810; from Scotland; died at the home of his son in Indiana January 10, 1887.  
 Kavender, Matthias, Beaver Creek, 1803.  
 Kauffman, James M., Bath, 1836; September 25, 1838, married Elizabeth Roberts.  
 Kaylor, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1830.  
 Kable, James, Bath, 1834.  
 Kable, Francis, Bath, 1840.  
 Kable, Dr. Wm. R., Bath, 1831; killed by accident November, 1859, with a runaway horse, near Glotfelter.  
 Kable, Samuel, Bath, 1831; from Virginia; died November 25, 1864, aged sixty-three; buried in Hawker's churchyard.  
 Kable, Wm. H., Bath, 1840.  
 Kable, Benjamin, Bath, 1840.  
 Kelley, Joshua, 1832; January 26, 1832, married Elizabeth Merryfield.  
 Kelley, Ezekiel, Sugar Creek, 1806.  
 Kelley, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1807; died December 27, 1875, aged eighty-five; buried at Cedarville.  
 Kelley, Benjamin, Xenia, 1810.  
 Kelley, David, Xenia, 1829; from Virginia; died June 8, 1878, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland; married Mary Musgrove.  
 Kelley, Solomon, Bath, 1807.  
 Kelley, John, Bath, 1806; soldier of 1812, under Captain Stewart; May 15, 1806, married Charity McKenney.  
 Kelley, Isaac, Bath, 1826.  
 Kelley, James, Miami, 1840.  
 Kennedy, John, Ross, 1813; March 18, 1814, married Nancy Campbell.  
 Kennedy, James, Sugar Creek, 1815; soldier of 1812, under Captain Maltbie.  
 Kennedy, John, Sugar Creek, 1812.  
 Keys, Job, Sugar Creek, 1812.  
 Keys, John, Beaver Creek, 1812; died in 1816.  
 Kelso, Hugh, Vance, 1812; soldier of 1812.  
 Kershner, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1812; removed to Van Wert, Ohio.  
 Kershner, Price S., 1832; January 1, 1835, married Anna Swadener.  
 Kershner, Daniel, Xenia, 1840; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.  
 Kershner, Eli A., Xenia, 1811; born in Washington county, Maryland, August 18, 1809; died September 16, 1894, aged eighty-five; son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Ankeney Kershner.  
 Kershner, Otha S., Beaver Creek, 1829; December 10, 1839, married Elizabeth Burrows.  
 Kershner, Elrick, Beaver Creek, 1830.  
 Kershner, Martin, Miami, 1826; removed to Indiana; April 29, 1820, married Barbary Wiland.  
 Kershner, John, Miami, 1828.  
 Kershner, William, Miami, 1830.  
 Kershner, Samuel, Jr., Miami, 1840.  
 Kershner, Solomon, Sr., Miami, 1806; native of Maryland; died October 10, 1850, aged seventy-six; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.

- Kershner, Solomon, Jr., Bath, 1840; January 15, 1835, married Magdalene Steaman.
- Kershner, Andrew, Bath, 1807; died January 8, 1849, aged thirty-two; buried in Union graveyard, Byron; married Henrietta Baughman.
- Kershner, Daniel, Bath, 1811; from Maryland; buried in Union graveyard, Byron; married Susanna Howard.
- Kershner, John, Bath, 1820; February 22, 1838, married Sarah Whennett.
- Kershner, William, Bath, 1826; October 14, 1824, married Magdalene Kershner.
- Kershner, Thomas, Bath, 1828; from Hagerstown, Maryland; born in 1806 in Cincinnati; removed to Noble county, Indiana, in 1859; died September, 1878; son of Solomon, Sr.
- Kershner, William B., Bath, 1830; father of Mrs. Ira K. Minton; died October 9, 1851, aged forty-eight; buried in Union churchyard, Byron.
- Kershner, David, Bath, 1840; son of William B.
- Kershner, Aaron, Bath, 1840.
- Kershner, Martin, Miami, 1826; died June 11, 1859, aged sixty-three.
- Kershner, John, Bath, 1828.
- Kershner, William, Miami, 1830.
- Kershner, Henry, Bath, 1840; May 20, 1841, married Julia Ann Wolf.
- Kershner, Jonathan, Miami, 1840; from Pennsylvania; son of John, Sr.; still living in 1899.
- Kendall, William, Xenia, 1804; son of Robert, Sr., and Nancy; died August 6, 1879, aged eighty-seven; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Kendall, Robert, Sr., Xenia, 1808; soldier of the Revolution; died in 1842, aged ninety-one; buried in A. R. churchyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Kendall, John, Xenia, 1808; son of Robert and Nancy; died February 25, 1853, aged fifty-seven; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Kendall, Robert, Xenia, 1811; son of William.
- Kendall, Joseph, Xenia, 1811; died in Xenia, February 28, 1858; buried in Woodland; September 4, 1828, married Amanda Steele.
- Kendall, John, Xenia, 1806; a printer; born near Georgetown, Kentucky, September 25, 1792; died April 21, 1849, aged fifty-seven; December 28, 1819, married Elizabeth Gibson; removed to Illinois; son of William Kendall, who built the court house; in 1806 was editor of second paper published in Xenia.
- Kendall, William, Xenia, 1804; built the first court house on the public square; died in 1824; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard; cousin to Robert, Sr.
- Kendall, Francis, Xenia, 1819; son of Robert, Sr.; kept store in Xenia in 1817; died August 9, 1833, aged thirty-five; buried in A. R. churchyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Kendall, Wilson, Xenia, 1828.
- Kendall, James, Xenia, 1828; son of Robert, Sr., and Nancy; died in 1846; March 25, 1824, married Lydia Bicket.
- Kendall, Milton, Xenia, 1829; son of Robert, Sr., and Nancy.
- Kendall, Robert M., Xenia, 1840; died August 19, 1857, aged fifty; buried in Woodland; September 30, 1834, married Elizabeth Stewart.
- Kendall, Newton, Xenia, 1840; son of Robert, Sr.; died May 13, 1867, aged fifty-one; buried in Woodland.
- Kendall, Joseph, Jr., Xenia, 1840; born July, 1820; died February 28, 1858; buried in Woodland.
- Keiter, Dennis, Xenia, 1840; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1831.
- Keiter, Benjamin, Caesar's Creek, 1840; from Virginia; born June 27, 1798; died August 7, 1885; buried in Maple Corner churchyard.
- Keiter, George, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1812; father of Dennis.
- Keiter, Fredric, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died December 18, 1875, aged seventy-four; buried at Maple Corner churchyard.
- Ketterman, Jonathan, Xenia, 1830; from Virginia; died September 10, 1892, aged ninety-seven; buried in Woodland; married Mary Peterson.
- Ketterman, Joseph, Xenia, 1840.
- Keenan, Allen, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died November, 1846, aged forty-three.
- Keenan, Edward, Caesar's Creek, 1840; buried near Kenton, Ohio.
- Keenan, William, Xenia, 1840; buried at Kenton, Ohio.
- Kent, James, Bath, 1819; died in 1864, aged seventy-eight; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Kenney, Reading, Xenia, 1808.
- Kenney, John, Xenia, 1840; black man.
- Kenney, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; removed to Washington, Iowa.
- Kenney, John, Xenia, 1840; father of James, who was murdered in the Puterbaugh fire.
- Kenney, J. F., Xenia, 1840.
- Kenney, James, Xenia, 1840; one of the victims of the Puterbaugh fire, Saturday evening August 3, 1845; buried in Woodland.
- Kenney, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1826; July 4, 1822, married Eve Yanton.
- Kenney, John, Bath, 1807; from Pennsylvania; in 1815 settled on what is called the Isaac Swadner farm; January 7, 1823, married Margaret Brown.
- Kenney, Matthias, Bath, 1818.
- Kenney, David, Bath, 1840; October 16, 1834, married Susan McCashen.
- Kenney, Peter, Miami, 1820.
- Kenney, Robert, Miami, 1840.
- Kendrick, John, Xenia, 1830; from Virginia; soldier of 1812; died June 17, 1865, aged sixty-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Kenser, David, Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland; September 22, 1836, married Elizabeth Price.
- Keef, Alexander H., Xenia, 1826.
- Kenton, Simon, Xenia, 1820; nephew of Simon Kenton, Sr., of Indian fame; removed to Madison county, Ohio; died July 2, 1844; married Phebe Baker in 1820.
- Kellhoffer, Henry, Xenia, 1828; the old-time livery stable man of Xenia; died February 1, 1867, aged sixty-two; buried in Woodland; October 2, 1840, married Anna P. Beall.
- Keifer, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; August 26, 1826, married Elizabeth Miller.
- Keifer, David, Beaver Creek, 1827.
- Keifer, Jacob, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1830; died March

- 30, 1856, aged forty-six, at Richmond, Indiana; December 31 1829, married Mary Noris.
- Keifer, James, Beaver Creek, 1840; removed to Darke county, Ohio, in 1877; June 8, 1837, married Denaza Read.
- Keifer, George, Beaver Creek, 1840; died March 4, 1849, aged thirty-five, buried in Woodland.
- Keifer, George, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of George; died in 1857.
- Keifer, John, Beaver Creek, 1835; April 28, 1836, married Mary Ann Flatter.
- Kernes, Peter, Silver Creek, 1822.
- Kerns, George, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Kerns, Adam, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Keppleton, John, Sugar Creek, 1809.
- Kelsey, Jesse, Silver Creek, 1813.
- Kelsey, Samuel, Miami, 1810.
- Kelsey, Thomas, Miami, 1810.
- Kempton, Fredrick, Miami, 1826.
- Kempton, Gilbert, Miami, 1828.
- Kempton, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1813; buried in Hawker churchyard.
- Kempton, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1840; married a daughter of Jacob Herring, Sr., April 15, 1823; Margaret.
- Kempton, James, Bath, 1840.
- Keeler, John, Bath, 1840.
- Keplinger, Peter, Bath, 1833; from Adams county, Pennsylvania; died February, 1875, aged sixty-five; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Keplinger, William, Bath, 1830.
- Kent, Silas, Beaver Creek, 1810; settled first where David Gerlaugh now lives, north of Herring's.
- Kent, John, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Kent, James, Beaver Creek, 1811; from Kentucky; removed to Fayette county, Ohio.
- Keplar, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Keplar, Jonathan, Bath; August 6, 1835, married Rebecca Devilbiss.
- Keplar, Peter, Xenia, 1840; died January 5, 1881, aged fifty-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Ketterson, John, Beaver Creek, 1827.
- Krepps, George, Bath, 1840; died August 9, 1873, aged seventy; buried in Woodland.
- Kingery, Martin, Sugar Creek, 1804.
- Kingery, Michael, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Kingery, Christian, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Kirkpatrick, John, Sugar Creek, 1804; soldier of 1812, under Captain Clark.
- Kirkpatrick, William, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; died December 10, 1825, aged seventy-six; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Kirkpatrick, William W., Sugar Creek, 1810; wife, Mary; daughters, Margaret and Rebecca.
- Kirkpatrick, Samuel D., Beaver Creek, 1803; son of William; soldier of 1812; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Kirkpatrick, George, Beaver Creek, 1803; son of William; soldier of 1812, under Captain Ferguson; died in the service.
- Kirkpatrick, William, Beaver Creek, 1803; son of Samuel; removed to Wisconsin; January 15, 1837, married Lydia Tobias.
- Kirkpatrick, Amos, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Samuel; died in Colorado in 1888; December 10, 1839, married Mary Elizabeth Davis.
- King, Peter, Vance, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- King, William, Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812, under Captain Maltbie; died in 1814.
- King, Leonard, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- King, Francis, Caesar's Creek, 1840; June 11, 1833, married Mary Gerard.
- King, Benjamin, Xenia, 1811.
- King, Vincent, Xenia, 1840; a miller; died August 12, 1874, aged seventy-four; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's) cemetery; November 15, 1837, married Jane G. Stevenson.
- King, Walter, Xenia, 1835; a carpenter; died April 5, 1881, at his home in Kenton, Ohio; brother of Vincent.
- King, William, Xenia, 1840; from Kentucky; died February 29, 1868, aged sixty; buried in Woodland; married Eliza Robinson.
- King, John, Miami, 1817; born in Roxburyshire, Scotland, in 1789; died February 22, 1882, aged ninety-three; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- King, David, Silver Creek, 1819.
- King, Leonard, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; died May 3, 1859, aged thirty-five; buried in Hussey graveyard, Bowersville, Ohio.
- King, Amos, Silver Creek, 1840; died August 24, 1890, aged seventy.
- King, J. W., Xenia, 1844; born August 30, 1814, died July 8, 1885, aged seventy; buried in Woodland.
- King, Cornelius, Silver Creek, 1840.
- King, Henry, Xenia, 1834.
- King, Jeremiah, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Kiner, Michael, Xenia, 1819.
- Kiser, John, Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; Christina, his wife; died in 1822.
- Kiser, Richard, Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; buried at Beaver Creek.
- Kiser, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1803; son of John; removed to Miami county, Ohio; February 3, 1825, married Mary A. Repogle.
- Kiser, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; son of John, Sr.
- Kiser, John, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1805; son of John, Sr.
- Kiser, William, 1819; brother of Benjamin; was whipped by Aaron Beal, at Oldtown in 1806.
- Kiser, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1804; the champion fighter of Greene county until he met Aaron Beal at Oldtown in 1806; (see History of Dayton, page 163).
- Kiser, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Kiser, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1810.
- Kiser, Lewis, Beaver's Creek, 1827; died August 6, 1885, aged eighty-four.
- Kiser, Jacob, Xenia, 1816; died December 8, 1850; buried in M. E. graveyard, near Selma, Ohio.
- Kiser, Abdel, Beaver Creek, 1834.
- Kiser, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; December 7, 1840, married Elizabeth Ellis.
- Kirk, Rachel, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Kirk, Samuel, Xenia, 1826; December 20, 1825, married Elizabeth Marshall.
- Kirk, Edward, Xenia, 1840; died in 1818 in Beaver Creek township; August 10, 1842, married Mary Ann Struthers.



- Kirk, Fredrick, Xenia, 1840; buried in Tabor churchyard, near New Jasper, Ohio.
- Kirk, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Kildow, Jacob, Xenia, 1840; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- Kirt, John, Xenia, 1828; married a daughter, March, 1824, Nancy, of John Marshall; removed to Champaign county, Ohio.
- Kirkendale, George, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812; died July 1, 1871, aged seventy.
- Kirkendale, Jacob, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Kirkendale, Joseph, Bath, 1816; January 25, 1817, married Polly Kirkendale.
- Kirkendale, Matthew, Bath, 1819.
- Kirkwood, Samuel, Bath, 1803; died March 6, 1878.
- Kirkwood, George, Bath, 1803.
- Kirkwood, William, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812; January 11, 1816, married Julia Ann Shover.
- Kirkwood, Anna, Bath, 1813.
- Kirkwood, John, Bath, 1817.
- Kirkwood, Robert, Bath, 1827; June 2, 1836, married Catharine Smith.
- Killgore, John, Beaver Creek, 1807; came from Kentucky in 1801; not finding game plenty, removed to Fayette county, Ohio.
- Killen, Patrick, Silver Creek, 1817; died March 25, 1822, aged sixty-nine; buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Killen, James, Silver Creek, 1817; son-in-law of Patrick Killen; buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Killen, David, Silver Creek, 1826; son of Patrick and Sarah; September 1, 1825, married Amelia Short.
- Killen, Hugh, Silver Creek, 1824; died April 25, 1824, aged twenty-seven; buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Kise, William, Miami, 1830.
- Kite, Asa, Beaver Creek, 1828.
- Knight, John, Sugar Creek, 1803.
- Knapp, Henry, Bath, 1836; October 29, 1838, married Rebecca Roberts.
- Knight, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; died March 19, 1850; buried one mile south of Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Knight, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1828; April 16, 1827, married Elizabeth Wallace.
- Knight, Squire, Sugar Creek, 1828; born October, 1804; died April 28, 1846; buried one mile south of Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Knight, Alfred, Sugar Creek, 1840; born November 15, 1812; died April 11, 1847; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Knight, James, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Knight, Zimri, Sugar Creek, 1840; born August 8, 1810; died December 4, 1846; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Knott, Peter, Jr., Miami, 1840; died May 17, 1852, aged forty-five; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Knott, Ignatius, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Knott, David, Miami, 1818; December 30, 1818, married Margaret Braley.
- Knott, John, Miami, 1819; from New Jersey; died in 1826; April 20, 1820, married Nancy Miller.
- Knott, Peter, Sr., Miami, 1819; died October 21, 1828, aged seventy-four; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Knott, William H., Miami, 1826; died April 25, 1869, aged seventy; buried in Clifton cemetery; March 6, 1828, married Ann Finley.
- Knott, Lydia, Miami, 1830; widow of William Knott.
- Knott, William, Ross, 1811; September 5, 1837, married Lydia Price.
- Knott, Zacharias, Ross, 1840.
- Knobling, Casper, Bath, 1840; died February 24, 1883, aged ninety-three; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Knox, John, Bath, 1807.
- Knox, William, Xenia, 1840; removed to Logan county, Ohio; died March, 1881.
- Knox, Hugh, Xenia, 1840; died September 11, 1855, aged fifty; buried in Woodland.
- Knox, Brice, Xenia, 1840; died October 12, 1894, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- Knox, John, Sr., Miami, 1808; came to the United States in 1810, and to Greene county, Ohio, in 1820; buried in Miami township.
- Knox, John F., Miami, 1810; June 9, 1837, married Elizabeth Haganbaugh.
- Knox, John B., Miami, 1840; died December 20, 1876, aged sixty-eight; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Knox, Robert, Miami, 1833; born February 14, 1812; died April 1, 1841; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Kneely, Samuel, Xenia, 1840.
- Knave, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1808.
- Kniss, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Kniseley, George, Bath, 1826; buried in Kniseley graveyard, west of Mad River.
- Kniseley, John, Bath, 1827; from Pennsylvania; died in 1869; buried in Kniseley graveyard.
- Kniseley, Joseph, Bath, 1840; died in 1868; buried in Kniseley graveyard.
- Koogler, Jacob, Sr., Bath, 1803; born in 1785; died July 22, 1837, aged forty-eight; buried in Rockafield graveyard.
- Koogler, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Koogler, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1803; came from Pennsylvania in 1800; died in 1870, aged eighty-six; buried in Union graveyard; soldier of 1812.
- Koogler, George, Beaver Creek, 1827; son of Jacob; born May 11, 1806; died December 19, 1892, aged eighty-six; buried at Mt. Pisgah, north of Zimmerman, Ohio.
- Koogler, Samuel, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1840; soldier of 1812; buried in Union graveyard.
- Koogler, Samuel, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; died June 7, 1886, aged seventy-five; February 15, 1840, married Elizabeth Snipp.
- Koogler, Solomon, Beaver Creek, 1840; still living in 1899; September 3, 1840, married Catharine Jones.
- Koogler, Martin, Beaver Creek, 1840; removed to Logan county, Ohio.
- Koogler, Simon, Beaver Creek, 1840; died December 20, 1867, aged seventy-five; buried in Union graveyard; married Elizabeth Parsons.
- Koch, John, Bath, 1840; died December 20, 1867, aged seventy-five; buried in Union graveyard.

- Koogler, Simon, Bath, 1840; died May 21, 1897, aged seventy-nine; buried in Union graveyard.
- Koutz, A., Xenia, 1840.
- Koutz, Daniel, Xenia, 1835; an employe of Merrick's hotel; died in Xenia February 25, 1851, aged fifty-five.
- Krise, Christian, Xenia, 1811; November 3, 1805, married Esther Staley.
- Krise, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1816.
- Krise, John, Beaver Creek, 1827.
- Krise, Oliver P., Beaver Creek, 1840; soldier in Civil War; member of Co. E, Ninety-fourth O. V. I.; died in 1898; buried in Woodland.
- Kreder, Henry, Bath, 1840; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Kustenborder, Matthew, Beaver Creek, 1820; June 3, 1827, married Sarah Zimmerman.
- Kustenborder, Matthew, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1830.
- Kustenborder, John, Beaver Creek, 1830.
- Kreppe, George, Xenia, 1830; died August 9, 1873, aged sixty-six; buried in Woodland.
- Kurtz, Christian, Bath, 1818.
- Kurtz, Conrad, Bath, 1830.
- Kyler, John, Sugar Creek, 1817; from 1843 to 1845 represented Greene county in the legislature; also served one term as commissioner; died September 11, 1854, aged fifty-eight; buried at Mt. Zion.
- Kyler, Ruth, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Kyler, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1820; removed to Iowa, Kosciusko county.
- Kyler, Bazell, Sugar Creek, 1826; died February 5, 1843, aged forty; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard; married Eliza Hanes.
- Kyler, Sappington, Sugar Creek, 1827; June 13, 1813, married Susan Ann Coy.
- Kyler, James, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Kyler, George, Miami, 1828; from Pennsylvania; father of Abdael G.; removed to Madison county, Ohio; married Hester Marshall.
- Kyler, Abadil, Miami, 1840; born in Maryland February 18, 1810; died October 4, 1891, aged eighty-one; married Mary Paullin.
- Kyler, Albert, Miami, 1840.
- Kyle, Joseph, Sr., Xenia, 1803; from near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; moved to Kentucky, thence to Ohio; soldier of Revolution, as were four of his brothers; died February 2, 1821, aged seventy-two; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- Kyle, Samuel, Xenia, 1804; son of Joseph, Sr.; soldier of 1812; died February 25, 1851, aged seventy-nine; buried in Cedarville cemetery; surveyor and associate judge.
- Kyle, Joseph, Xenia, 1806; son of Joseph, Sr.; soldier of 1812; died July 16, 1849, of cholera, aged sixty-two; buried in Woodland; representative of Greene county.
- Kyle, Samuel, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812; grandfather of Harvey and Samuel; died in Indiana.
- Kyle, Samuel, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1816; son of Samuel; died March 25, 1847, aged thirty-four; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Kyle, William L., Xenia, 1826; grandfather of Wilbur Maddox; died in 1876; buried in Cedarville.
- Kyle, James A., Xenia, 1826; son of Joseph; captain of Co. H, Ninety-fourth O. V. I.; buried in Woodland.
- Kyle, Dr. Joseph A., Xenia, 1833; son of Joseph; born in 1812; died December 7, 1886, aged seventy-four, buried in Woodland.
- Kyle, David M., Xenia, 1825; died July 10, 1897, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland; son of Samuel.
- Kyle, James, Xenia, 1829; son of Samuel, of Caesar's Creek; father of Harvey and Samuel; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Kyle, James, Xenia, 1840; son of Samuel (Judge); born November 8, 1819; died September 4, 1897, aged seventy-eight; buried at Cedarville.
- Kyle, Joseph, Xenia, 1840; son of Samuel; born June 29, 1809; died August 28, 1881; buried in Woodland.
- Kump, George, Xenia, 1826; from Pennsylvania; a shoemaker; died April 24, 1888, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland.
- Kendig, John, Bath, 1825; born in 1798; died in 1878; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Kendig, Daniel, Bath, 1825; died August 4, 1828, buried in Bath churchyard.
- Kendig, Tobias, Bath, 1840; buried in Bath churchyard.
- Klepard, George, 1840.
- Langdon, Richard C., 1828; November 3, 1829, married Arabella Mitchel; published a paper in Xenia in 1829, "Farmer's Record and Xenia Gazette."
- Lamme, Isaac; from Orange county, Virginia; died December 11, 1888, aged eighty-eight.
- Lamme, Nathan, Sugar Creek, 1803; captain in Revolutionary War; first sheriff of Greene county, Ohio; died in 1834, aged eighty-nine; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Lamme, Josiah, Sugar Creek, 1805; soldier of 1812; removed to Indiana; September 25, 1806; married Nancy Carman.
- Lamme, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; died April, 1863, aged seventy-eight; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Lamme, William, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; removed to Iowa.
- Lamme, James, Sugar Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812; removed to the west; February 2, 1837, married Hester Black.
- Lamme, David, Sugar Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; married Margaret Frazier.
- Lamme, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Samuel, Sr.; removed to Illinois; June 28, 1838, married Elizabeth Glatfelter.
- Lamme, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Josiah; died August 16, 1885, aged seventy-three; February 7, 1837, married Sarah Cooper.
- Lamme, John L., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Lamme, Nathan, Jr., 1840; in 1840 married Phebe Quick.
- Laird, Benjamin, Xenia, 1806; soldier of 1812.
- Lawrence, William, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of

- 1812; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; married Jane McConnell.
- Lawrence, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; married Ann McConnell.
- Lawrence, Ellenson, Xenia, 1828.
- Lawrence, Uriah, Ross, 1828; died October 31, 1875, aged sixty-eight; February 14, 1828, married Hulzey McFarland.
- Lawrence, George, Ross, 1840.
- Lawrence, Milo, Ross, 1818; died in 1836; August 15, 1833, married Emma Hatch.
- Lawrence, Dr. Horace, Ross, 1818; died in 1850.
- Lawrence, Chancey, Ross, 1813.
- Lawrence, Martin, Ross, 1815; died in 1846; buried in Bloxson graveyard, near Selma, Ohio.
- Lawrence, John W., Ross, 1815.
- Lawrence, Clark, Ross, 1816.
- Lawrence, Chancey G., Ross, 1818.
- Lawrence, John B., Ross, 1821; died October 12, 1871, aged eighty; February 8, 1816, married Amelia Vickers.
- Lawrence, Levi B., Ross, 1826; born in 1791; died in 1871; buried in Bloxson graveyard; February 26, 1824, married Dorothy Sirlott.
- Lawrence, Lawson, Ross, 1827.
- Lawrence, Morris, Ross, 1829.
- Lawrence, Lewis W., Ross, 1840.
- Lawrence, Hiram, Ross, 1840.
- Lawrence, Charles, Ross, 1840.
- Law, William, Sugar Creek, 1804; died January 28, 1826, aged seventy-six; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Law, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1810; died January 5, 1864, aged seventy-nine; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Law, John G., Sugar Creek, 1830; died January 8, 1877, aged sixty-seven; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Law, T. P., Xenia, 1840.
- Law, Rev. James, Xenia, 1830.
- Law, William, Jr., Xenia, 1840; died April 7, 1853, aged seventy-seven; buried in Pioneer graveyard Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Lamaster, Thornton, Silver Creek, 1840; died August 13, 1855, aged sixty-eight; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Lamaster, Richard W., Silver Creek, 1840; died August 13, 1855, aged fifty-five; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Lang, William, Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died March 11, 1891, aged ninety-four; buried in Woodland.
- Layman, Christian, Silver Creek, 1840; buried in Jamestown cemetery; August 18, 1842, married Susanna Spahr.
- Layman, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1840; died April 3, 1861, aged eighty-seven; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Lacey, John, Xenia, 1840; November 20, 1828, married Ruaney Moorehead.
- Lacey, Samuel, Xenia, 1840.
- Lamston, Horton, Bath, 1807.
- Lamston, Richard, Miami, 1813.
- Larrow, John, Bath, 1809.
- Laughley, Jonathan, Xenia, 1830; April 30, 1833, married Mary M. Williams.
- Layton, Arthur, Bath, 1803.
- Layton, John, Bath, 1814; from Virginia; removed to Clark county; December 30, 1834, married Evaline Tulis.
- Layton, Joseph, Miami, 1814; died in 1836.
- Layton, Isaac, Bath, 1819.
- Lantz, John, Beaver Creek, 1836; died July 14, 1871, aged sixty-six; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Lantz, Ezekiel, Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Lantz, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1820; from Washington county, Maryland; born in 1805; died in 1874; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Lantz, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Lafong, Orlander B., Beaver Creek, 1830; September 8, 1842, married Margaret Kershner.
- Lafong, George B., Beaver Creek, 1830; born in Richmond, Virginia, February, 1787; died April 18, 1875, aged eighty-eight; buried in Hawker's churchyard; soldier of 1812.
- Landers, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1820; minister and teacher in the school; died in Bath township in 1825.
- Landers, Henry, Bath, 1820; died in 1831.
- Landers, Jacob, Bath, 1826; January 9, 1822, married Elizabeth Bates.
- Lafin, William, Bath, 1817.
- Lafferty, Samuel, Bath, 1840.
- Lapscott, Joseph, Miami, 1840.
- Leffel, Samuel, Ross, 1829.
- Leshner, Jacob, Bath, 1818; April 8, 1819, married Phebe Read.
- Leshner, James, Bath, 1816.
- Leshner, Timothy, Bath, 1820; May 15, 1819, married Sarah Read.
- Levey, Perry, Xenia, 1840.
- Levey, D. L., Xenia, 1840.
- Ledbetter, E., 1835; December 15, 1836, married Catherine Prather.
- Ledbetter, Hamlin, Xenia, 1828; from Brunswick county, Virginia; soldier of 1812; born in 1798; died in 1836, aged sixty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Ledbetter, John, Xenia, 1840; son of Hamlin; died September 17, 1886, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland.
- Ledbetter, Robinson, Xenia, 1840; son of Hamlin; buried in Woodland.
- Ledbetter, Warren, Xenia, 1840; born in Allen county, Kentucky, January 28, 1822; died in 1900.
- Ledbetter, James, Xenia, 1840; son of Hamlin; October 9, 1839, married Rachel Borden.
- Ledbetter, Stephen, Xenia, 1840; son of Hamlin; died June, 1886, buried in Woodland.
- Lapham, Pazza, Xenia, 1838; from Champaign county; first editor of "Xenia Torchlight," in 1838; died in 1842, aged twenty-nine, in West Liberty, Logan county, Ohio.
- Lenox, John, Miami, 1826; son-in-law of Christian Hagenbaugh.
- Ledbetter, George, Xenia, 1840; born October 25, 1819; died April 13, 1887; buried in Woodland.
- Leach, D. F., Xenia, 1840; removed to Shelbyville, Indiana.
- Leach, W. D., Xenia, 1840; from Rockbridge county, Virginia.



- Leach, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; died in Xenia August 28, 1839; John C. Deacon, administrator; married Elizabeth Amy.
- Lecompt, Felix, Miami, 1840.
- Levalley, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Leffel, Samuel, Ross, 1830; owned a sawmill at Grape Grove in 1830.
- Lewis, Daniel, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; from North Carolina; soldier of 1812; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Lewis, Joel, Sugar Creek, 1809; son of Daniel, Sr.; soldier of 1812, under Capt. John Clark; married Mary Follace.
- Lewis, Daniel, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1808; died January 9, 1863, aged sixty-five; buried in Woodland; born May 7, 1797; married Nancy Robinson.
- Lewis, Hannah, Sugar Creek, 1820; widow of Daniel, Sr.; buried at Bellbrook.
- Lewis, Joseph, 1840; July 29, 1840, married Sarah D. Newcom.
- Lewis, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died March 14, 1846, aged sixty-eight; buried in New Hope cemetery, Paintersville, Ohio.
- Lewis, John, Xenia, 1806; September 10, 1832, married Susanna Synns, by Edward Williams, M. G.
- Lewis, Littleton, Xenia, 1821.
- Lewis, George W., Xenia, 1828.
- Lewis, William, Xenia, 1840; removed to Crawfordsville, Indiana; March 15, 1840, married Mary Fletcher.
- Lewis, William, Bath, 1816; January 13, 1817, married Mary Stiles.
- Lewis, Samuel, Bath, 1820.
- Lewis, Bennett, Miami, 1830; one of the original proprietors of Clifton, Ohio, in 1833; born in 1803; died October 21, 1876, aged seventy-four; buried in Clifton, Ohio.
- Lewis, Thomas, Ross, 1826; one of the original proprietors of Grape Grove; July 12, 1827, married Elizabeth Vandine.
- Lewis, James, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Lewis, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1808; a noted hunter.
- Lambert, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1803; soldier of the Revolution; buried in Mercer graveyard.
- Lambert, Aaron, Caesar's Creek, 1805; son of Joseph; soldier of 1812; died March 12, 1850, aged sixty-five; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Lambert, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807; son of Joseph; soldier of 1812; June 10, 1813, married Nancy Lee.
- Lambert, Phebe, Caesar's Creek, 1812.
- Lambert, Joseph, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1813.
- Lambert, Moses, Caesar's Creek, 1817; youngest son of Joseph, Sr.; February 5, 1824, married Susanna Peterson.
- Lambert, Martha, Caesar's Creek, 1828.
- Lambert, Abraham, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Lambert, Amos, Bath, 1840.
- Lambert, Josiah, Bath, 1809.
- Lambert, William, Bath, 1809; kept store in Fairfield in 1820; died June 30, 1832; buried in graveyard between Mitman's and Fairfield, Ohio.
- Lambert, Aaron, Jr., Bath, 1810; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Lambert, John, Bath, 1811; December 29, 1832, married Nancy Murphy.
- Lambert, Adam, Bath, 1840.
- Lane, John, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Lane, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1828.
- Lane, Thomas C., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Lane, Matthias, Miami, 1840.
- Lane, Robert, Xenia, 1813.
- Laughead, Joseph R., Xenia, 1840; died July 12, 1883, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Laughead, David, Sr., Xenia, 1803; from Kentucky; was with Roger Clark at Oldtown in 1780; died January 28, 1824, aged sixty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's); wife, Elizabeth.
- Laughead, David M., Xenia, 1809; son of David, Sr.; soldier of 1812; died January 27, 1870, aged eighty-one; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- Laughead, James, Xenia, 1809; son of David, Sr.; died March 11, 1854, aged thirty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Laughead, William, Xenia, 1817; son of David; removed to Mercer county, Illinois; died December 15, 1872.
- Laughead, Rcv. I. N., Xenia, 1840; died July 22, 1894, aged eighty-four; buried in Washington, Iowa.
- Laughead, Joseph K., Xenia, 1840; died in 1883, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland; April 18, 1839, Catharine Galloway.
- Laughead, David, Jr., Xenia, 1826; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- LaRew, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1811; sergcant in Capt. Maltbie's company in War of 1812; died in 1858, aged eighty-three.
- LaRew, Abraham, Xenia, 1806; soldier of 1812; buried near Cincinnati; also of the Revolution.
- LaRew, William, Xenia, 1808.
- LaRew, Fredrick, Xenia, 1840; soldier in Civil War; buried in Woodland; Company D, One Hundred and Tenth Infantry.
- Ladd, Noble, Xenia, 1819.
- Ladd, George, Xenia, 1826.
- Lambertson, Thomas, Xenia, 1817.
- Lambertson, John, Xenia, 1817.
- Larkin, David, Ross, 1806; from Maryland.
- Larkin, David B., Ross, 1829.
- Larkin, Perry, Ross, 1840; died August 22, 1881; buried at South Charleston, Ohio.
- Lake, Henry, Ross, 1840.
- Lackey, John, Ross, 1830; from Rockbridge county, Virginia.
- Lackey, Isaac, Sr., Ross, 1830; died September, 1850, aged sixty-one; buried two miles west of Jamestown, Ohio.
- Lackey, Isaac, Jr., Ross, 1830.
- Lackey, Thomas, Ross, 1840; son of Isaac; June 23, 1830, married Jane V. Harper.
- Lackey, James, Ross, 1840; October 15, 1834, married Mary Ann Boots.
- Lauman, Philip S., Xenia, 1825; from Virginia; died October 17, 1870, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.
- Lauman, George, Xenia, 1826; died November 15,

- 1871; buried in Woodland; October 31, 1826, married Magdalene Stother.
- Lauman, Henry, Xenia, 1828; from Virginia; died in 1829; buried in A. R. churchyard, East Third street, Xenia; January 13, 1821, married Eliza Holman.
- Lauman, John, Ross, 1840.
- Lenard, William, Xenia, 1807; August 26, 1820, married Deborah Fifer.
- Lenard, John, Sugar Creek, 1805.
- Lenard, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Lenard, Nathaniel, Silver Creek, 1813.
- Lenard, Jephaniah, Silver Creek, 1817; soldier of 1812.
- Lenard, Ezekiel, 1840; December 29, 1842, married Parmelia Moorman.
- Leslie, Jacob C., Xenia, 1812; died in 1815; David Connelly, administrator of his estate.
- Leslie, Elisha, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Leslie, Jacob, Xenia, 1811.
- Leslie, James, Xenia, 1818.
- Little, Daniel P., Ross, 1812; died in 1812; buried east of Grape Grove.
- Little, Obadiah, Sugar Creek, 1820; November 29, 1821, married Alice Grant.
- Little, John, Xenia, 1830; died August 17, 1867, aged sixty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; married Elizabeth Cooper.
- Little, William K., Xenia, 1830; died May 27, 1852; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, (Cedarville).
- Little, Robert, Xenia, 1840; born in 1817; died in 1872; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Little, Thomas, Xenia, 1830; died January 26, 1861, aged sixty-nine; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville.
- Little, Samuel, Xenia, 1830; from Ireland; died February 14, 1836, aged ninety-five; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Little, Jacob, Ross, 1815; died in 1851, aged sixty-six; buried east of Grape Grove; (blacksmith); from Frederick county, Virginia.
- Little, Joseph, Ross, 1820; son of Jacob.
- Little, David, Ross, 1820; died April, 1836, aged fifty-four; buried at Grape Grove.
- Little, Martin, Ross, 1820.
- Little, Rev. Cyrus, Ross, 1840; son of Jacob; born in Frederick county, Virginia, May 30, 1814; married Susan Dalby; present home, 1899, Van Wert, Ohio.
- Little, John, Ross, 1823; died March 23, 1870, aged eighty-six; buried in Little graveyard, Grape Grove; married Sarah Miller.
- Little, Robert, Ross, 1840; father of the late Hon. John Little; born September, 1811; died June 8, 1875; buried in the Little graveyard.
- Little, Simon, Ross, 1834; died in 1891, aged seventy-seven; buried in the Little graveyard.
- Little, George W., Ross, 1830; died November 2, 1825, aged sixty-six; buried east of Grape Grove.
- Lee, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1803; died February 3, 1817; buried in Baptist graveyard, south of Jamestown, Ohio.
- Lcc, John, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812; died in 1814.
- Lee, John, Jr., Bath, 1810.
- Lee, William, Bath, 1826.
- Lee, William G., Bath, 1828.
- Lee, James, Silver Creek, 1816; died in Silver Creek township in 1820; January 6, 1820, married Nancy Haughey.
- Lee, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1819; July 11, 1840, married Mary Ann Turner.
- Lee, Mary, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Lee, John, Silver Creek, 1826.
- Lee, David, Silver Creek, 1829.
- Lee, David P., Silver Creek, 1830; January 17, 1828, married Sarah Haughey.
- Lee, William, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Lee, John P., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Lee, Charles, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Leaman, Peter, Xenia, 1827; from Pennsylvania; died December 27, 1851, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Leaman, David, Sugar Creek, 1827; died June 15, 1852, aged eighty-one; buried in Beavertown; December 26, 1826, married Rebecca Bell.
- Leaman, Jonathan, Xenia, 1827.
- Leaman, George, Xenia, 1829.
- Leaman, John, Xenia, 1840; son of Peter; from Maryland; died October 16, 1891, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland.
- Leaf, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; November 3, 1838, married Hannah Parker.
- Leet, Abraham, Xenia, 1811.
- Ligett, John, Xenia, 1825; from Virginia; died March 30, 1862, aged eighty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Ligett, William, Xenia, 1829; November 11, 1834, married Mary Bain.
- Ligett, John, Jr., Xenia, 1840; November 11, 1841, married Mary Lamme.
- Ligett, Henry, Xenia, 1840; April 17, 1838, married Jane Brown.
- Ligett, Alexander, Xenia, 1840; died June 16, 1877, aged fifty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Ligett, J. D., Xenia, 1840; attorney and minister; died in Detroit, Michigan.
- Lindsey, Jeremiah, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Lindsey, Enos, Sugar Creek, 1817.
- Lindsey, William, Bath, 1820; March 12, 1835, married Rachel Killen.
- Lindsey, Robert D., Bath, 1820; died July 17, 1849, aged sixty; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Light, Samuel, Bath, 1828; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Light, Joseph, Bath, 1829; buried in Bath churchyard.
- Light, Jacob, Bath, 1840; died May 5, 1879, aged eighty-five.
- Light, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; September 24, 1829, married Martha Dunn.
- Linscott, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1828.
- Linscott, Jeremiah, Sugar Creek, 1830; died June 4, 1898, buried in Beaver Creek churchyard; soldier in Civil war, Company E, Seventy-fourth O. V. I.; married Catharine Cunningham.
- Linscott, Corhon, Sugar Creek, 1835.
- Linscott, Squire, Sugar Creek, 1835.
- Linscott, James, Sugar Creek, 1835.

- Linscott, Jarrett, Sugar Creek, 1840; soldier in Civil war; buried in Chattanooga cemetery; member of Company E. Seventy-fourth.
- Linkart, Thomas, Xenia, 1840.
- Linkart, Wm., Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died May 24, 1875, aged sixty-one, buried in Woodland.
- Linkart, Joseph, Xenia, 1840; died May 9, 1885, aged sixty-three, buried in Woodland.
- Linkart, George, Xenia, 1840; removed to Sheffield, Illinois.
- Linkhart, Obed., Xenia, 1836; April 9, 1839, married Mary Ann Potter.
- Linkart, John, Xenia, 1840; died May 22, 1881, aged seventy-five, buried in Woodland.
- Linkart, Andrew, Xenia, 1840; died February 26, 1854, aged seventy-nine, buried in Woodland; February 6, 1834, married Christena Rhodes.
- Linnville, John, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; married Hannah, daughter of John Marshall; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- Linnville, Wm., Ross, 1820.
- Ligler, John, Ross, 1828.
- Livingston, Andrew, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Littler, Archibald, Ross, 1836; November 3, 1837, married Jane Nallow.
- Littler, Nathan, Xenia, 1826; December 4, 1834, married Bruanda Sellars.
- Littler, Robinson, Xenia, 1826.
- Littler, John, Miami, 1840.
- Littler, Noble G., Miami, 1840.
- Littler, John, Miami, 1840; November, 1835, married Mary Conwell.
- Liabarger, John, Silver Creek, 1828.
- Licklider, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840; born in 1820, died in 1894, buried in Beavertown.
- Licklider, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1808; buried in Beavertown cemetery.
- Lightfoot, Christopher, Miami, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Lippencott, Obadiah, Bath, 1812.
- Lippencott, Samuel, Bath, 1813; father-in-law of Joseph Davis.
- Lippencott, Ira, Miami, 1840.
- Lindamood, Geo. H., Xenia, 1825; born August 29, 1760; died December 25, 1857; buried in Woodland.
- Lindamood, Lewis, Beaver Creek, 1830; buried in Beaver churchyard; his wife, Magdalena, died in 1830, aged twenty-six.
- Lindamood, Henry, Xenia, 1840.
- Lindamood, Abraham, Xenia, 1840.
- Liken, John, Xenia, 1830.
- Liken, David, Xenia, 1830.
- Liken, Leonard, Xenia, 1830; removed to Greenfield, Iowa.
- Liken, James C., Xenia, 1830; son of Leonard; died at Greenfield, Iowa, April 25, 1841.
- Littlewood, Thomas, Xenia, 1808.
- Linebaugh, Elijah, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Litcher, D. F., Bath, 1840.
- Litcher, Timothy, Bath, 1818; May 15, 1819, married Sarah Read.
- Lidenick, John, Miami, 1840.
- Long, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1830; February 11, 1833, married Mary Ann Austin.
- Long, John, Caesar's Creek, 1812.
- Long, Peter, Caesar's Creek, 1820; died May 24, 1835, aged fifty-three; buried in Shook graveyard.
- Long, William, Caesar's Creek, 1820; born May 7, 1801; died March 11, 1891, aged eighty-nine; buried in Woodland; married Mary Hagler.
- Long, Peter, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1818; October 23, 1823, married Eliza Hopping.
- Long, Jesse W., Caesar's Creek, 1830; son-in-law of Jacob; February 24, 1825, married Hannah Hagler.
- Long, Reuben, Caesar's Creek, 1828; October 18, 1829, married Mary Harpole.
- Long, Henry H., Caesar's Creek, 1830; one of the heirs of John Harmer; February 20, 1823, married Mary Waldon.
- Long, Elias, Xenia, 1840; removed near Topcka, Kansas, in 1879.
- Long, David E., Silver Creek, 1830; June 27, 1833, married Feasthorn.
- Long, Adam, Xenia, 1840; March 21, 1839, married Mary Jane Giffy.
- Long, Ellis, Xenia, 1818; removed to Kansas.
- Long, John, Xenia, 1826.
- Long, George, Beaver Creek, 1819; died January 27, 1839, aged sixty-eight; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Long, John, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Long, Solomon, Beaver Creek, 1828.
- Long, William O., Beaver Creek, 1840; died in Bath township in 1849.
- Long, Rev. George, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; March 19, 1840, married Margaret Ankeney.
- Long, James, Silver Creek, 1816; from Virginia; died near Jamestown, November 22, 1852, aged fifty-two; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Long, Harvey, Silver Creek, 1821.
- Long, Henry H., Silver Creek, 1828; February 4, 1829, married Rebecca Birt.
- Long, Henry, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Lovett, Mark, 1840; June 21, 1840, married Hannah Appleton.
- Lovett, George, Ross, 1840; from Pennsylvania; died February 12, 1889, aged seventy-three; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Loller, Moses, Sugar Creek, 1818; January 13, 1827, married Sarah Vaughn.
- Loy, Fredrick, Silver Creek, 1840; died in 1852, aged forty-five; buried in Hussey graveyard, Bowersville, Ohio.
- Logan, Samuel, Xenia, 1807; a carpenter; died November 21, 1873, aged sixty-one; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Logan, Hugh, Beaver Creek, 1830.
- Logan, George, Miami, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Logan, John, Ross, 1830; died October 27, 1836, aged fifty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; married Sarah Moreland.
- Lovejoy, William, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Louck, John, Bath, 1835; born in Pennsylvania January 12, 1813.
- Loftus, Gideon, Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Lowry, James, Caesar's Creek, 1803; died September 8, 1881, aged seventy-one.
- Lowry, Ann, Caesar's Creek, 1804; buried in Woodland, on the Harbison lot.



- Lowry, James M., Caesar's Creek, 1826; born in 1809; died September 22, 1881, aged seventy-two; buried in Eleazer churchyard.
- Lowry, Rebecca, Caesar's Creek, 1826; buried in Woodland, on the Harbison lot.
- Lowry, Alexander, 1824; March 24, 1825, married Elizabeth Sanders.
- Loudecker, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Loudecker, John, Miami, 1840.
- Lockhart, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1824; born in Pennsylvania; removed to Kentucky, then to Ohio; died February 20, 1869; buried at Bowersville; aged eighty-five.
- Lockhart, William, Silver Creek, 1830; November 15, 1827, married Tabatha Bryan, Bowersville.
- Lockhart, M. F., Silver Creek, 1840; March 3, 1833, married Nancy H. Moorman.
- Lockart, Tabatha, Silver Creek, 1840; widow of William Lockhart.
- Loyd, James, Xenia, 1805; soldier of 1812; died May 27, 1842, aged sixty-three; buried on the old Loyd farm, south of Xenia.
- Loyd, John, Xenia, 1805; died April 25, 1872, aged eighty-seven; buried on the farm; born in Virginia May 8, 1785.
- Loyd, William E., Xenia, 1840; died June 29, 1888, aged seventy-four; buried in Woodland, Xenia, Ohio.
- Loyd, Lewis N., Xenia, 1840; son of James and Polly Loyd.
- Loyd, Marcus L., Xenia, 1840; son of James; died September 23, 1846, aged twenty-eight; buried in McDonald graveyard.
- Louck, John, Bath, 1835; born in Hanover, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1813; treasurer of Greene county in 1854; died July 23, 1894, aged eighty-two.
- Loyd, Tillman, Spring Valley, 1840; died in 1860.
- Loyd, Alexander D., Bath, 1840; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Lonas, Jesse, Beaver Creek, 1840; died March 23, 1871, aged seventy; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Lowe, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Lowe, Henry, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Lowe, John, Sr., Miami, 1805; died in Bath township in 1805; Thomas Watson, administrator.
- Lowe, John, Jr., Miami, 1840; died March, 1847, aged seventy-two; buried in Folck graveyard, Bath township.
- Lowe, William, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Lowe, Nathan, Beaver Creek, 1807; died in 1826; James Collier, administrator.
- Lowe, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Lowe, Jeremiah, Bath, 1820; December 26, 1822, married Mary Jones.
- Lowe, George, Bath, 1806; died in 1823.
- Longstreth, Arnest, Bath, 1806; soldier of 1812; buried in Mitman graveyard; June 24, 1806, married Nancy York.
- Longstreth, Bartholomew, Bath, 1811; buried at Fairfield Ohio.
- Longstreth, Daniel, Bath, 1828; died March 30, 1875, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Louderman, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1826.
- Loper, Stephen, Beaver Creek, 1830; buried in Beaver Creek township.
- Loper, Isaac, Xenia, 1830; died December 7, 1882, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland.
- Losh, John, Bath, 1840.
- Loomis, Thomas, Ross, 1826.
- Loofborrow, David, Sugar Creek, 1805.
- Loofborrow, Jacob, Bath, 1819.
- Luce, Thomas F., Miami, 1830; died April 28, 1878, aged eighty; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Luce, Benjamin, Bath, 1807.
- Luce, Justice, Miami, 1803; died September 3, 1875, aged seventy-three; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Luce, Abner G., Sugar Creek, 1827; died February 26, 1849, aged forty-five; buried in Middle Run churchyard; associate judge, G. C.
- Luce, William, Miami, 1827; died in 1845, aged fifty-three; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Lucas, Dennis, Xenia, 1830; from Virginia; died August, 1866, aged seventy-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Lucas, John, Caesar's Creek, 1803; born July 29, 1793; died in 1871; buried in Maple Corner churchyard.
- Lucas, Caleb, Caesar's Creek, 1803; born October 2, 1776; died April 25, 1851, aged seventy-four; buried in Burlington; soldier of 1812.
- Lucas, Abraham, Caesar's Creek, 1804; son of Thomas, Sr.
- Lucas, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1804.
- Lucas, Francis, Caesar's Creek, 1805; son of Thomas, Sr.
- Lucas, Abenezzer, Caesar's Creek, 1805; son of Thomas, Sr.
- Lucas, Simon, Caesar's Creek, 1819; July 4, 1816, married Elizabeth Sutton.
- Lucas, John, Caesar's Creek, 1829; died June 2, 1875, aged seventy-one; September 10, 1840, married Nancy Harness.
- Lucas, Jabez, Caesar's Creek, 1810; September 10, 1842, married Sarah Smith.
- Lucas, Bazel E., Xenia, 1819; born January 23, 1807; died August 18, 1888; buried in Woodland.
- Lucas, Thornton, Xenia, 1840; born December 29, 1799; died December 4, 1874, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland; November 28, 1838, married Mary Blessing; father of John B. Lucas.
- Lucas, David, Caesar's Creek, 1819; July 4, 1822, married Mary Burnsides.
- Lucas, Tobias, Silver Creek, 1828.
- Lucas, Peter, Caesar's Creek, 1821; April 13, 1824, married Mary Mickle.
- Lucas, James, Bath, 1826.
- Lucas, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1820; died May 3, 1872, aged seventy-eight; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Lunback, Jacob, Ross, 1820.
- Lundry, Jesse, Silver Creek, 1840; died at Gurneyville November 8, 1876, aged seventy-two.
- Lutz, Nicholas, Bath, 1811; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Lurkins, Joseph B., Miami, 1840.
- Lynn, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1806; died in 1849 in Sugar Creek township.
- Lynn, James, Xenia, 1807.

- Lynn, David, Bath, 1840.  
 Lyon, Peter, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.  
 Lyon, Daniel W., Sugar Creek, 1816.  
 Lyon, James, Sugar Creek, 1840; died August 16, 1849; son-in-law of Robert McKnight; buried in McKnight graveyard; April 18, 1839, married Mary McKnight.  
 Lyon, John, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1812; father-in-law of Wilford McDonald; born in England; came to Virginia; thence to Ohio; died in 1818; wife, Catherine.  
 Lyon, James, Caesar's Creek, 1826; son of John, Sr.  
 Lyon, William, Caesar's Creek, 1848; son of John, Sr.  
 Lyon, Joseph, Silver Creek, 1836; September 20, 1838, married Nancy Sanders.  
 Lyon, Robert Hook, Xenia, 1813; son of John, Sr.; died August 31, 1898; aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.  
 Lyle, James, Xenia, 1819; from Virginia; soldier of 1812; died January 23, 1868, aged eighty-five; buried in Woodland.  
 Lyle, Joseph, Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland.  
 Lyle, John G., Miami, 1826; buried in Yellow Springs cemetery; June 6, 1840, married Clarasa Brealey.  
 Lyle, William R., Miami, 1813; buried in Glen Forest cemetery, Yellow Springs, Ohio.  
 Laird, David, Xenia, 1812; a merchant tailor in Xenia in 1815; removed to Canton, Ohio.  
 Laird, Jesse, Xenia, 1815; removed to Canton, Ohio.  
 Laird, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1812; removed to Canton, Ohio; died in Sugar Creek township in 1814.  
 Louderdale, Robert, Xenia; died in Xenia in 1823.  
 Lyle, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of James; buried in Woodland.  
 Lapham, Pazz, Xenia, 1838; founder of "Xenia Torchlight"; removed to Logan county, Ohio; died at West Liberty January 29, 1842, aged twenty-nine.  
 Martindale, Mary, Sugar Creek, 1803; died in 1805; buried in Middle Run churchyard, south of Bellbrook; wife of James.  
 Martindale, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1803.  
 Martindale, William, Sugar Creek, 1821; died January 2, 1837, aged fifty-seven; buried near P. A. Peterson's farm.  
 Martindale, Wealthy, Sugar Creek, 1840; widow of William; buried near P. A. Peterson's farm.  
 Martin, Ezekiel, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812.  
 Martin, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812.  
 Martin, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1803.  
 Martin, Permar, Sugar Creek, 1806.  
 Martin, Harry, Sugar Creek, 1803.  
 Martin, John, Sugar Creek, 1820.  
 Martin, Charles, Sugar Creek, 1826.  
 Martin Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1826.  
 Martin, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1827.  
 Martin, Jonas, Xenia, 1810; soldier of 1812.  
 Martin, John, Xenia, 1813.  
 Martin, Dr. Joshua, Xenia, 1813; from Loudoun county, Kentucky; born March 23, 1791; died October 31, 1855, aged sixty-five; buried in Woodland.  
 Martin, Dr. Samuel, Xenia, 1834; from Ireland to Pennsylvania, thence to Ohio; died June 21, 1879, aged eighty-three; buried in Woodland.  
 Martin, Evan, Xenia, 1817.  
 Martin, Judge Daniel, Xenia, 1840; born in 1801; died January 26, 1875, aged seventy-four; buried in Woodland; from Maryland.  
 Martin, William, Bath, 1807; September 15, 1830, married Mary Gray.  
 Martin, John, Bath, 1807.  
 Martin, Uriah, Bath, 1816; died in 1829, aged fifty-one.  
 Martin, Daniel, Bath, 1820; September 16, 1820, married Nancy Devere.  
 Martin, Ashel, Bath, 1826.  
 Martin, Henry, Bath, 1827; May 8, 1828, married Polly Clayton.  
 Martin, Elijah, Bath, 1830; March 13, 1835, married Elizabeth Pringle.  
 Martin, Rhoda, Bath, 1830.  
 Martin, James, Miami, 1808.  
 Martin, William, Miami, 1810; September 4, 1837, married Ann Maria Peck.  
 Martin, John, Miami, 1817.  
 Martin, Joseph, Ross, 1846.  
 Martin, Eldridge, Ross, 1840.  
 Martin, George, Silver Creek, 1840; died March 28, 1855; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Martin, Samuel G., Caesar's Creek, 1803.  
 Martin, John, Caesar's Creek, 1803; September 6, 1814, married Elizabeth Price.  
 Martin, James, Caesar's Creek, 1817.  
 Martin, Alfred, Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Martin, Abraham C., Bath, 1835; April 28, 1836, married Ann Sparks.  
 Maley, Rev. George W., 1826; a minister in the M. E. church.  
 Marshall, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; died July 15, 1867, aged eighty-two; buried on the Marshall farm on the Miami River.  
 Marshall, John, Sugar Creek, 1803; son of Robert; born November 26, 1796; died January 26, 1836; buried on the Marshall farm, six miles west of Xenia, on the Little Miami River.  
 Marshall, James, Sugar Creek, 1817; died February 13, 1888, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland; son of Robert.  
 Marshall, Mark, Sugar Creek, 1819; fourth son of Robert, Sr.; August 6, 1827, married Susan Hummer.  
 Marshall, William, Sugar Creek, 1827; son of Robert, Sr.; died in 1823.  
 Marshall, Margaret, Sugar Creek, 1830; widow of Robert, Sr.; buried in the Marshall graveyard.  
 Marshall, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1830; from Kentucky; son of Robert, Sr.; died September 19, 1855, aged fifty; buried in Woodland.  
 Marshall, John, Sugar Creek, 1804; from Virginia; died at his brother Thornton's, December 3, 1880, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.  
 Marshall, David, Sugar Creek, 1818; died March 5, 1845; buried in Zoar churchyard, Caesar's Creek; father of Dr. Thornton.  
 Marshall, William, Sugar Creek, 1826; October 21, 1819, married Polly May Browder.

- Marshall, George R., Sugar Creek, 1840; born in 1809; died in 1886; buried in Woodland.
- Marshall, John, Xenia, 1803; brother of Robert, Sr.; born March 16, 1770; died March 14, 1855; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's); built the first house in Xenia on lot 193, April 7, 1804.
- Marshall, Robert T., Xenia, 1825; son of John, Sr.; the first child born in Xenia; died in Urbana, Ohio, October 25, 1875, aged seventy-two; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Marshall, William B., Xenia, 1811; son of John, Sr.; died September 4, 1892, aged eighty-two; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Marshall, Lindsey, Xenia, 1814; died in Xenia township in 1835; buried in the Associate churchyard.
- Marshall, James, Xenia, 1815; died September, 1815, aged fifty-five; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Marshall, David, Xenia, 1820; son of Lindsey; died May 3, 1842, aged forty-nine; buried in A. R. churchyard, East Third street, Xenia; married Delilah Hanes.
- Marshall, Lemuel, Xenia, 1826; removed to Champaign county, Ohio.
- Marshall, William J., Xenia, 1827; removed to Champaign county, Ohio.
- Marshall, Dr. Thornton, Xenia, 1826; from Virginia; died July 25, 1866, aged eighty-three; buried in Woodland; father of Oscar Marshall; April 19, 1836, married Mary Walker.
- Marshall, James, Xenia, 1840; son of John; died June 5, 1849, aged sixty-six; buried in Woodland.
- Marshall, Robert, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1828; September 21, 1826, married Nancy Hummer.
- Marshall, Jesse, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of John; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Marshall, Stephen, Bath, 1808.
- Marshall, Jacob, Bath, 1817.
- Marshall, Leman, Bath, 1826.
- Marshall, John, Ross, 1819; January 18, 1816; married Nancy Hays.
- Marshall, William, Ross, 1819; died in 1867; March 22, 1821, married Catharine Huffman.
- Marshall, Seth, Ross, 1840.
- Marshall, William, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Marshall, Rev. Samuel, 1840; chaplain of the Seventy-fourth O. V. I.; died January 5, 1872, aged seventy-six; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Mackay, Alexander, Xenia, 1804.
- Mackay, William, Xenia, 1816.
- Maltbie, Capt. Ammi, Sugar Creek, 1809; captain in War of 1812; died June 18, 1854, aged seventy-four; buried one mile south of Bellbrook, Ohio, in old Baptist graveyard; September 25, 1806, married Rachel Carman.
- Maltbie, Milo B., Sugar Creek, 1830; died March 21, 1836, aged twenty-eight; buried in old Baptist graveyard, near Bellbrook.
- Mayor, David, Bath, 1840; son-in-law of Joseph Huffer; buried in Huffer graveyard, west of Mad River.
- Mack, Henry, Miami, 1840; died October 15, 1874, aged seventy-two.
- Manahan, Jesse, 1840; removed to Waterford, Indiana.
- Manahan, David, Sugar Creek, 1840; died in 1856.
- Manahan, Thomas, 1840; June 11, 1840, married Barrett.
- Mahan, Chas., Ross, 1819; father-in-law of Thomas Hare; removed to Iowa.
- Mahan, John, Ross, 1819; removed to Noblesville, Indiana.
- Mahan, John, Jr., Ross, 1821; January 11, 1824, married Hester Sheigley.
- Mahan, James, Ross, 1826.
- Mahan, William, Ross, 1826.
- Mahan, Leslie, Ross, 1827.
- Mahan, Rev. Matthew, Ross, 1827; died July 22, 1853, aged eighty-one; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Mahan, Jacob, Ross, 1826; removed to Muscatine, Iowa, where he died.
- Mahan, Asa, Ross, 1828; November 3, 1836, married Elizabeth A. Tiles.
- Mahan, James, Ross, 1826.
- Mahan, Olivet, Ross, 1840; a blacksmith; his shop was on Lyman Ballard's farm; married Hannah Mercer.
- Matthews, Joel, Miami, 1826.
- Matthews, John, Caesar's Creek, 1808; July 4, 1809, married Polly Hussey.
- Matthews, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Matthews, Dr. James, Caesar's Creek, 1835; March 12, 1835, married Margaret Watson.
- Mason, Joshua, Xenia, 1840; born September 10, 1806; died October 2, 1892; buried in Woodland.
- Mason, Joseph, Esq., Sugar Creek, 1840; from Virginia; born October 21, 1800; died January 30, 1871; buried in Woodland.
- Mason, John, Xenia, 1834; from Virginia; born January 15, 1795; died February 25, 1894, aged seventy-nine; buried in Spring Valley, Ohio.
- Mason, Roman, Beaver Creek, 1816; December 18, 1817, married Nancy Downey.
- Mason, Lewis, Beaver Creek, 1820; died in 1844.
- Mason, Henry, Ross, 1840.
- Mason, Richard, Beaver Creek, 1820; March 14, 1826, married Susan Fogle.
- Mason, David, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Mason, David, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; born in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1818.
- Mason, Stacey, Silver Creek, 1840; died February 16, 1888, aged sixty-nine; buried in New Hope churchyard; married Elizabeth Buell.
- Masson, Wills, Miami, 1840; died October 23, 1894, aged eighty-eight; buried in Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Maffit, Thomas E., Ross, 1826; removed to Springfield, Ohio.
- Maffit, Robert, Bath, 1829; January 4, 1827, married Asenia Powell.
- Maffit, Francis, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of William N.; born September 6, 1813, died January 28, 1900; buried at New Burlington.
- Manville, Thomas E., Ross, 1826; carried on the tanning business in Ross township in 1827.
- Maxey, Enoch, Xenia, 1816; son of Horatio; died at the home of Martin Maxey September 7, 1861, aged sixty-six.
- Maxey, Horatio, Caesar's Creek, 1804; wife, Jane; children, Jane, Malinda, Polly, Loyd, Cynthia and Edna; died in 1835.



- Maxey, Rev. Bennet, Caesar's Creek, 1804.
- Maxey, Lewis, Xenia, 1840; August 17, 1841, married Elizabeth Starr.
- Maxey, Stephen, Xenia, 1809; son of Horatio, Sr.
- Maxey, Martin, Xenia, 1816; son of Horatio, Sr.; born September 2, 1791; died March 4, 1862; buried in Woodland.
- Maxey, Abner, Xenia, 1816; son of Horatio, Sr.; died in 1822.
- Maxey, John T., Xenia, 1840; December 24, 1840, married Charity Starr.
- Maxey, Horatio, Jr., Xenia, 1828; died October 31, 1864, aged sixty; buried in Woodland.
- Maxey, William C., Xenia, 1830.
- Maxey, Bennet, Jr., Xenia, 1840.
- Maddux, John, Xenia, 1804; plowmaker in Xenia at an early date.
- Maddux, William, Xenia, 1834; from Maryland; soldier of 1812; died and was buried at Soldiers' Home, Dayton.
- Maddux, David, Xenia, 1840; son of William; born in 1812; died December 20, 1896; buried in Woodland; aged eighty-four.
- Maddux, Philip, Xenia, 1840; son of William; born July 14, 1816.
- Maddux, John, Jr., Xenia, 1840; son of William; died May 4, 1888, aged sixty-four; buried at Spring Valley, Ohio.
- Mann, Charles, Caesar's Creek, 1805; from Pennsylvania; a German; soldier of 1812; died December 4, 1865, aged eighty-three; buried at New Burlington, Ohio; married Lydia Jenkins.
- Mann, David Caesar's Creek, 1813; son of George and Elizabeth; soldier of 1812; died July 29, 1856, aged seventy-two; buried at New Burlington, Ohio.
- Mann, David, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Mann, Daniel, Miami, 1808.
- Mann, Michael, Silver Creek, 1813.
- Mann, John, Silver Creek, 1829; January 28, 1830, married Mary Fisher.
- Mann, Richard, Silver Creek, 1819.
- Marsh, Stephen, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Marsh, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Mangold, Hiram, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Mangold, James H., Caesar's Creek, 1836; February 27, 1838, married Catharine A. Fink.
- Madden, John, Xenia, 1806.
- Madden, Benjamin, Xenia, 1811; December 27, 1832, married Jane Hamaker.
- Madden, Warren, Xenia, 1812; died at West Chester, Butler county, Ohio, October 18, 1848; a former resident of Xenia.
- Madden, James G., Xenia, 1828; removed to Monmouth, Illinois; June 25, 1840, married Martha E. Struthers.
- Madden, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Madden, Thomas, Miami, 1820; his wife buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Martimore, Henry, Silver Creek, 1840; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Maitland, Isaac, Xenia, 1807.
- Malone, Lester, Ross, 1825; August 5, 1826, married Nancy Hanes.
- Malone, William, Xenia, 1849.
- Malone, Anna, Xenia, 1808; died April 16, 1825; buried on the Heath farm.
- Mays, George, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812; killed in battle; buried in Roekafeld graveyard.
- Mays, Benjamin, Bath, 1813.
- Mays, Isaac H., Bath, 1840; born in 1813; died in 1870, aged sixty-six; buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Mays, John, Miami, 1820; store keeper at Patterson's Mill, 1820, Clifton, Ohio.
- Mallow, Peter, Xenia, 1817; a native of Roekingham county, Virginia; eldest son of George, Sr.; buried near Dunkirk, Jay county, Indiana.
- Mallow, George, Sr., Xenia, 1817; soldier of the Revolution; wife was Catherine; died May, 1837; buried in Boot's graveyard.
- Mallow, Col. George, Xenia, 1826; son of George, Sr.; died August 19, 1861, aged seventy; buried in Boot's graveyard, near Jasper, Ohio; married Julia Haughey.
- Mallow, John, Xenia, 1829; second son of George, Sr.; died January 12, 1873, aged seventy-two; buried in Boot's graveyard.
- Mallow, Jonathan, Xenia, 1830.
- Maxwell, William, Beaver Creek, 1803; married Nancy Robins in 1793 at Fort Washington; first sheriff of Greene county; also one of the first associate judges of Greene county; died in 1809.
- Maxwell, Elias, Beaver Creek, 1820; son of William, Sr.; May 30, 1822, married Nancy Morgan.
- Maxwell, William, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1826; son of William, Sr.; September 14, 1815, married Patsey Morgan; married Sarah Robinson.
- Maxwell, Nancy, Beaver Creek, 1826; daughter of William, Sr.
- Maxwell, John, Beaver Creek, 1826; son of William, Sr.; died April 27, 1891, aged ninety-two; buried in Woodland.
- Maxwell, David, Bath, 1812; March 24, 1814, married Elizabeth McCaspen, by Matthew Smith, Justice of Peace.
- Maxwell, George, Xenia, 1826; son of William, Sr.; a hatter; firm of Jonathan Jones & Maxwell; married Savela Kyle in 1827.
- Maxwell, Thomas, Miami, 1836; February 7, 1837, married Francis Hopping.
- Maxwell, Ludlow, Beaver Creek, 1836; November 6, 1828; married Delila Marshall.
- Maeklin, James, Xenia, 1820.
- Maeklin, John, 1835; September 20, 1836, married Peggy A. Campbell.
- Maclin, Evans, Xenia, 1840; died in 1876, aged sixty-seven; August 25, 1831, married Eliza Thomas.
- Magor, James, Xenia, 1820.
- Matton, Peter, Xenia, 1828.
- Matton, John M., Xenia, 1840.
- Manor, Benjamin, Xenia, 1828; from Frederiek county, Virginia; died October 24, 1860, aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland.
- Manor, William, Xenia, 1840; died November, 1862, aged forty-three; buried in Woodland; soldier in Civil War.
- Manor, John, Xenia, 1840; a cooper; removed to Muncie, Indiana; died June 5, 1881.
- Manor, George, Xenia, 1835; from Berkeley county,

- West Virginia; died October 3, 1867, aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland.
- Manor, David, Xenia, 1840.
- Manor, John W., Xenia, 1840; soldier in Co. F, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Infantry; died December 13, 1897; buried in Woodland.
- Maholm, William, Beaver Creek, 1840; April 1, 1840, married Caroline Beeks.
- Mayhood, Andrew B., Xenia, 1832; November 8, 1832, married Jane Johnson.
- Manair, William, Bath, 1813; buried in Manair graveyard, west of Mad River.
- Manair, Isaac, Bath, 1813; soldier of 1812; buried in Manair graveyard.
- Manair, John, Bath, 1818; buried in Manair graveyard.
- Maxon, James, Bath, 1826; died March 6, 1837, aged thirty-one; buried in Mitman's graveyard; married Eliza Hardman.
- Maxon, Jesse, Bath, 1810; soldier of 1812; buried in Mitman graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Maxon, Mosher, Bath, 1811.
- Maxon, Moses, Bath, 1817.
- Maxon, John, Bath, 1830.
- Maxon, Simon, Miami, 1829; November 25, 1832, married Malinda Sleeth.
- Maxfield, David, Bath, 1825.
- Mahoney, Gabriel, Bath, 1840.
- Mapes, Thomas, Bath, 1827.
- Marks, Samuel, Miami, 1840.
- Markley, John, Bath, 1822; died August 20, 1853, aged fifty-three; buried in Fairfield, Ohio.
- Markley, William, Miami, 1828.
- Macey, William, Miami, 1830.
- Mandenhall, John, Silver Creek, 1803; died in 1835; buried in Friend's churchyard, south of New Burlington, Ohio.
- Mandenhall, Stephen, Silver Creek, 1803; buried in Friend's churchyard, south of New Burlington, Ohio; married Jane Davis.
- Mendenhall, Martin, Silver Creek, 1803; one of the first settlers and founders of Jamestown, Ohio; died near Jamestown in 1834.
- Mendenhall, Richard, Silver Creek, 1804; soldier of 1812; son of John; removed to Hamilton county, Indiana.
- Mendenhall, Joseph, Silver Creek, 1808; son of John; October 1, 1818, married Cloe Barzdal; soldier of 1812.
- Mendenhall, William, Silver Creek, 1827; son of John; buried at Caesar's Creek; died November 20, 1876; married Sarah Peterson.
- Mendenhall, Malichi, Silver Creek, 1830; removed to Vermilion county, Illinois; April 6, 1820, married Elizabeth Starr.
- Mendenhall, Silas, Silver Creek, 1840; died of cancer in New Jasper township March 10, 1880; February 14, 1839, married Lavina Beason.
- Mendenhall, Aaron, Silver Creek, 1813; son of John; soldier of 1812; removed to Indiana; April 5, 1816, married Lavina Westfall.
- Mendenhall, Zacharias, Silver Creek, 1826; February 22, 1821, married Mary Dorathy Winans.
- Mendenhall, Acquilla, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Mendenhall, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1810; son of John; died February 10, 1891, aged eighty-six; buried at Spring Valley; November 1, 1832, married Ann Simmerson.
- Mendenhall, Ivy, Sugar Creek, 1826; died September 20, 1875, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland; November 23, 1826, married Hester Medsker.
- Mendenhall, Obadiah, Xenia, 1810; soldier of 1812.
- Mendenhall, Ira, Xenia, 1817; born November 8, 1802; removed to Indiana.
- Mendenhall, John, Xenia, 1818; from North Carolina; died September 20, 1875, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland.
- Mendenhall, David, Xenia, 1828.
- Mendenhall, Nathan, Xenia, 1828; son of John; drowned March 3, 1885, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland; married Rhoda Anderson.
- Mead, Jonathan R., Bath, 1819.
- Mead, Andrew, Bath, 1814.
- Mercer, John S., Sugar Creek, 1830; son of Edward, Sr.; removed to Clinton county.
- Mercer, David M., Sugar Creek, 1830; son of Edward, Sr.; removed to Indiana.
- Mercer, Edward, Sugar Creek, 1802; from Maryland; son of Aaron and Nancy Carr Mercer; born March 4, 1769; died February 5, 1837, aged sixty-seven; buried in Mercer graveyard, south of Xenia; soldier of 1812.
- Mercer, Lewis E., Sugar Creek, 1828; son of Edward, Sr.; May 5, 1841, married Mary Ann Scarff.
- Mercer, Aaron, Sugar Creek, 1800; son of Jonathan; died December 17, 1800, near Cincinnati; buried in old Baptist graveyard, Columbia, at that place; father of Edward, Sr.
- Mercer, James A., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Edward; removed to Iowa; married Beulah Jay.
- Mercer, Jonathan, Bath, 1803; from Virginia; brother of Edward, and father of Gen. Robert; will recorded in 1805; one of the first settlers in Bath township, Greene county.
- Mercer, Edward, Bath, 1803; son of Jonathan; died in 1840.
- Mercer, Moses, Bath, 1805; son of Jonathan; February 7, 1819, married Mary Carpenter.
- Mercer, Gen. Robert, Bath, 1805; son of Jonathan; born at Cincinnati December 2, 1795; died September 23, 1868; buried in Fairfield, Ohio; soldier of 1812.
- Mercer, Henry, Bath, 1816; son of Jonathan; soldier of 1812; married Susanna Fink.
- Mercer, Robert, Jr., Bath, 1829; February 28, 1828, married Ann Tingley; buried in Bath township.
- Mercer, Thomas, Miami, 1828; brother of John; removed to Rochester, Indiana.
- Mercer, John, Ross, 1811; from Frederick county, Virginia; soldier of 1812; born September 14, 1789; died June 28, 1880, aged ninety-one.
- Mercer, Samuel, Xenia, 1828.
- Mercer, Daniel, Ross, 1828; died June 8, 1879, aged ninety-two; brother of John D.
- Mecum, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Merryman, George, Sugar Creek, 1807.
- Merryman, Joshua, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.

- Merrill, Joshua, Sugar Creek, 1821.  
 Medsker, Hamilton, Sugar Creek, 1830; September 17, 1831, married Hannah Sharp.  
 Medsker, John, Bath, 1813.  
 Medsker, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1817; father of Mrs. Hettie Mendenhall; died at Pine Creek, Indiana, aged ninety.  
 Medsker, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1828.  
 Medsker, George, Caesar's Creek, 1830; November 8, 1827, married Jane Donell.  
 Medsker, Abraham, Xenia, 1840.  
 Medsker, David, Xenia, 1829; born in Highland county, Ohio, in 1807; came to Xenia November 6, 1829; died August 22, 1879; buried in Woodland; undertaker in Xenia; father of Mrs. Elizabeth Pettigrew.  
 Merryfield, James, Caesar's Creek, 1818.  
 Merryfield, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1826.  
 Merryfield, Samuel, Xenia, 1829; September 9, 1829, married Jemima Taylor.  
 Merryfield, Abner, Caesar's Creek, 1827.  
 Merryfield, James, Xenia, 1807.  
 Merryfield, John, Ross, 1830.  
 Merrick, David, Beaver Creek, 1829; son of Joseph, of Kent county, Delaware; born in Beaver Creek township in 1820.  
 Merrick, John, Beaver Creek, 1828; died in 1849.  
 Merrick, Casper L., Xenia, 1828; from Massachusetts; born in 1802; died March 12, 1882 aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland.  
 Merrick, John W., Xenia, 1840; died January 17, 1849, aged thirty-one; buried in Woodland.  
 Merrick, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1829; father of David; from Delaware county, Maryland; born October 9, 1779; died March 3, 1857, aged seventy-eight.  
 Merrick, Thomas T., Silver Creek, 1840; removed to Louisville, Kentucky.  
 Merrick, Watson, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Merrick, Roswell, Silver Creek, 1828; removed to Greencastle, Iowa; father of Casper L. Merrick.  
 Menser, Peter, Bath, 1840.  
 Mentser, John, Xenia, 1840; died at Lawrenceburg, Indiana, January 30, 1847, aged twenty; buried in Woodland, Xenia.  
 Meldin, J., Xenia, 1840.  
 Meeks, James, Ross, 1830.  
 Meeks, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Menser, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1840; born August 26, 1790; died August 20, 1849; buried in Woodland.  
 Maeley, Thomas, Miami, 1819; died in 1826.  
 Melrose, John, Ross, 1840; May 2, 1839, married Catharine Clemons.  
 Melrose, Adam, Ross, 1840; died June, 1836 aged twenty-seven; buried two miles west of Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Medley, James, Silver Creek, 1813.  
 Meredith, Dr. P. C., Xenia, 1820; from England; died March 14, 1867; buried in Woodland; married Julia Sexton.  
 Miller, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; buried in Middle Run churchyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; wife, Hannah, died in 1813.  
 Miller, William, Sugar Creek, 1803; died in Xenia township in 1822.  
 Miller, Robert Cooper, Sugar Creek, 1827; son of Isaac, Sr.; removed to Lafayette, Indiana; father of John Miller, the painter.  
 Miller, Isaac, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1827; died in Sugar Creek township in 1829.  
 Miller, Jane, Sugar Creek, 1830; widow of Isaac.  
 Miller, William, Bath, 1819; from Northumberland, Pennsylvania; died December 7, 1859, aged seventy; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Miller, James P., Sugar Creek, 1826; August 4, 1829, married Amanda Davidson.  
 Miller, Reuben, Bath, 1832; from York county, Pennsylvania; born September 25, 1810; died October 1, 1892, aged eighty-two; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Miller, Augustus C., Sugar Creek, 1810; son of Isaac; soldier of 1812; buried at Dayton, Ohio.  
 Miller, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1803; died April 28, 1848, aged sixty-three; buried in Rockfield graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Miller, John M., Caesar's Creek, 1820; died August 20, 1862, aged sixty-five; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.  
 Miller, James, Xenia, 1807; from Scotland; died in 1829, aged seventy-one; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.  
 Miller, Jacob, Xenia, 1807; from Pennsylvania; born January, 1799; died February, 1885, aged eighty-six; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville.  
 Miller, William M., Xenia, 1807; from Maysville, Kentucky; removed to Indiana; father of George, of Xenia (house mover).  
 Miller, John, Xenia, 1808; died July 18, 1850; buried in Woodland.  
 Miller, Peter, Xenia, 1810; born in 1776; died June 1, 1882; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville, Ohio.  
 Miller, Samuel H., Xenia, 1818.  
 Miller George, Sr., Xenia, 1820; son-in-law of Elias Bromagem; married Martha; soldier of 1812; born in 1796, died June 1, 1882, aged eighty-six.  
 Miller, Benjamin, Xenia, 1820; son of George and Martha.  
 Miller, Ruth, Xenia, 1820; daughter of George and Martha.  
 Miller, Jacob, Jr., Xenia, 1820; died in Wilmington, Ohio, May 16, 1858, aged fifty-five; buried in Woodland.  
 Miller, Aaron M., Xenia, 1820; in 1827 the commissioners loaned him and James Collier the northwest corner of the public square for a law and physic office.  
 Miller, Lewis, Xenia, 1840; March 21, 1837, married Phebe Rich.  
 Miller, Jerry, Xenia, 1840.  
 Miller, Christy, Bath, 1803; September 1, 1833, married Rebecca Roberts.  
 Miller, James, Bath, 1803; died May 12, 1841, aged fifty-seven; buried in Folck graveyard.  
 Miller, John, Bath, 1803; soldier of 1812.  
 Miller, Isaac, Bath, 1803; soldier of 1812.  
 Miller, Martin, Bath, 1805; May 8, 1809, married Mary Frost.  
 Miller, Daniel, Bath, 1840; born August 23, 1791; died June 6, 1858, aged sixty-six; buried in Hawker churchyard.



- Miller, James, Beaver Creek, 1828; from Greencastle, Pennsylvania; born September 15, 1807; married Sarah Harner in 1840; died in 1872, aged sixty-seven; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard; father of William J. Miller.
- Miller, Moses, Bath, 1807; died in 1814.
- Miller, Aaron, Bath, 1807.
- Miller, Robert, Bath, 1807; a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; came to Ohio in 1807; purchased the Kerkendall farm; died in 1835.
- Miller, Thomas S., Bath, 1826; son of Robert; born in 1801; died September 26, 1836; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Miller, John Wolf, Bath, 1826; died January, 1870, aged sixty-one; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Miller, Thomas, Bath, 1829; born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1801; died September 26, 1836.
- Miller, Samuel, Jr., Bath, 1840; born in 1811; died in 1889, aged seventy-eight; buried in Union churchyard, Byron, Ohio; December 27, 1838, married Mary Warner.
- Miller, Robert P., Bath, 1840; son of Thomas; born May 2, 1826.
- Miller, Jones, Beaver Creek, 1830; died September 29, 1872, aged sixty-seven; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Miller, John, Beaver Creek, 1827; born October 15, 1801; died in 1850; buried in Woodland.
- Miller, John W., Beaver Creek, 1840; March 11, 1841, married Aletha Hopping.
- Miller, Morris, Miami, 1808.
- Miller, Washington, Sugar Creek, 1840; died March 5, 1874; buried at Bellbrook; aged fifty-eight.
- Miller, Ephraim, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died October 2, 1869, aged seventy-two; buried at Maple Corners.
- Miller, Benjamin, Miami, 1808.
- Miller, Jacob, Miami, 1808; died January 20, 1847, aged sixty-two; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Miller, Jonathan, Miami, 1808.
- Miller, Maser, Miami, 1808.
- Miller, James, Sr., Miami, 1810; died in 1820.
- Miller, James, Jr., Miami, 1810; died July 24, 1888, aged seventy-three.
- Miller, Peter, Miami, 1809.
- Miller, Moses, Sr., Miami, 1810; died March, 1814.
- Miller, Daniel, Miami, 1811; soldier of 1812; son of Moses, Sr.
- Miller, Jonathan Dayton, Miami, 1812; son of Moses, Sr.
- Miller, Marion Baker, Miami, 1813; son of Moses, Sr.
- Miller, John, Miami, 1814; son of Moses.
- Miller, Alexander S., Miami, 1819; removed to Gannett, Kansas; brother of William.
- Miller, James W., Miami, 1819; died in 1830; brother of William.
- Miller, Rebecca, Miami, 1820.
- Miller, Samuel, Miami, 1820; from Pennsylvania; died July 27, 1881, aged seventy; buried near Byron, Ohio.
- Miller, James N., Miami, 1821; brother of William.
- Miller, James M., Miami, 1828.
- Miller, William, Ross, 1811; died September 25, 1873, aged seventy-three; buried at Clifton, Ohio.
- Miller, Robert, Ross, 1826; removed to Logansport, Indiana.
- Miller, Johnson, Ross, 1826; died April 24, 1844, aged seventy-three; buried in Bethel churchyard.
- Miller, Thomas, Ross, 1827; February 11, 1827, married Christana Frazier.
- Miller, George, Ross, 1830; September 24, 1828, married Caroline Wilson.
- Miller, John, Ross, 1840; died August 25, 1872, aged sixty-four; buried at Cedarville, Ohio; married Hester Bryson December 15, 1839.
- Miller, Jackson, Ross, 1840.
- Miller, David, Bath, 1820; died June 17, 1856, aged fifty-eight; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Mickle, John, Silver Creek, 1812; from Tennessee; son-in-law of C. Hussey; a school teacher.
- Mickle, Adam, Caesar's Creek, 1818.
- Milton, George, Ross, 1818.
- Milton, John, Xenia, 1806; wheelwright and chair-maker; an old time Methodist.
- Mitchell, James, Sugar Creek, 1805; soldier of 1812; died November 28, 1848, aged eighty-three; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Mitchell, David, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1819; son of James; soldier of 1812; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Mitchell, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1826; December 4, 1825, married Sarah Porter.
- Mitchell, Samuel C., Xenia, 1818; September 28, 1820, married Susanna Read.
- Mitchell, David, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812; died June 10, 1817, aged eighty; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Mitchell, M., Bath, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Mitchell, William M., Bath, 1808.
- Mitchell, John, Xenia, 1807; died at Greencastle, Indiana, February, 1874, aged sixty-five; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Mitchell, Margaret, Xenia, 1820.
- Mitchell, Davis, Xenia, 1820.
- Mitchell, Lees, Xenia, 1826.
- Mitchell, Matthew, Xenia, 1826; a school teacher; successor to Lancelot Junkins at the old school house; married a daughter of Elizabeth Cunningham; removed to the west.
- Mitchell, James E., Xenia, 1827; son of James, Sr.; born May 27, 1805; died April 26, 1860; buried in Cedarville cemetery; September 4, 1834, married Ann Foster.
- Mitchell, Neriah, Xenia, 1829.
- Mitchell, Josiah, Xenia, 1828; son of David; died January, 1836; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- Mitchell, James R., Xenia, 1828; December 17, 1839, married Margaret A. McLinn.
- Mitchell, James, Xenia, 1828; died February 24, 1858, aged seventy-six; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville.
- Mitchell, Levi, Xenia, 1830; died November 12, 1875, aged seventy-two; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville.
- Mitchell, Robert H., Xenia, 1840; November 6, 1834, married Rachel Townsley.
- Mitchell, John, Jr., Xenia, 1840; died February 5, 1870, aged sixty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; married Margaret Moreland.

- Mitchell, Francis P., Xenia, 1840; son of James, Sr.; was a physician; died at New Orleans of yellow fever; married Margaret Wright.
- Mitchell, Robert, Miami, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Mitchell, George, Silver Creek, 1826; soldier of 1812; son-in-law of Patrick and Sarah Killeen.
- Michell, Robert A., Xenia, 1837; son of James, Sr.; died in the west June 19, 1896, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.
- Millman, Ephraim, Miami, 1806; soldier of 1812.
- Miner, Isaac, Miami, 1828; died November 27, 1831.
- Mills, Constantine, Sugar Creek, 1811.
- Mills, Moses, Sugar Creek, 1811; died July 8, 1845, aged fifty-two; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Mills, Job, Sugar Creek, 1840; born September 1, 1817; in 1900 still living at New Burlington, Ohio, aged eighty-three.
- Mills, John, Caesar's Creek, 1819; died at Dayton, Ohio, January, 1883; brother-in-law of T. B. Gest.
- Mills, Thomas B., Silver Creek, 1840; son of John; January 22, 1829, married Sophia Dines.
- Mills, Jacob, Miami, 1809; from Virginia; died July 29, 1850; buried in Glenn Forest cemetery, Yellow Springs; September 30, 1824, married Margaret McClellan.
- Mills, George, Caesar's Creek, 1826; April 30, 1827, married Cynthia Strong.
- Mills, John, Silver Creek, 1815; son of Jacob; died May 10, 1886, aged ninety-one; buried in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Mills, Owen Davis, Miami, 1810; died in 1838 in Miami township; November 30, 1835, married Martha Hardman.
- Mills, Perquin, Miami, 1810; July, 1817, married Charlott Weller.
- Mills, William, Miami, 1840; son of Elisha; born in Connecticut January 5, 1814; died November 3, 1879, aged sixty-six; buried in Yellow Springs, Ohio; Co. M. Seventy-fourth Infantry.
- Middleton, Nathaniel, Sugar Creek, 1826; from Virginia.
- Middleton, Nathan, Sugar Creek, 1828; from Virginia.
- Middleton, John, Caesar's Creek, 1826; died September 7, 1864; father of Christopher.
- Middleton, James, Caesar's Creek, 1825; from Martinsburg, Virginia; died January 16, 1888, aged eighty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Middleton, Bethel, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died April, 1855, aged eighty-three; buried in Eleazer churchyard.
- Middleton, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1830; from Virginia; died May 22, 1888, aged eighty-six; buried in Eleazer churchyard.
- Middleton, Nathan, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Michenor, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Millen, Eli, Xenia, 1834; from South Carolina; came to Xenia in 1834.
- Millen, David, Xenia, 1840; from South Carolina; born October 11, 1813; died May 21, 1889, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland; married Margaret McMillan.
- Minner, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; removed to Sidney, Ohio.
- Minner, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Minton, Jonathan, Beaver Creek, 1840; from Virginia; died December 19, 1878, aged eighty; buried at South Salem, Ross county, Ohio; father of Ira K. Minton, of Xenia.
- Mintle, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1840; died in 1860; buried in Friend's graveyard, Waynesville, Ohio.
- Mintle, Philip, Sugar Creek, 1840; brother of Jacob; removed west, where he died; buried at Corwin, Ohio, in 1857.
- Minick, John, Bath, 1820; died February 5, 1849, aged sixty-three; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Minick, George, Bath, 1816; died in 1830; December 7, 1816, married Catharine Shover.
- Minick, Adam, Bath, 1840.
- Michael, John, Bath, 1816.
- Michael, Samuel C., Bath, 1821.
- Middleborough, J., Bath, 1840.
- Mittman, Peter, Bath, 1834; from York, Pennsylvania; died December, 1890, aged eighty; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Mittman, Jacob, Bath, 1835; father of Peter; soldier of 1812; from Pennsylvania; buried in Mittman graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Mittman, John, Bath, 1840; son of Peter; died August 22, 1875; buried in Mittman graveyard.
- Mineral, George, Bath, 1807.
- Mock, John, Sugar Creek, 1804; from North Carolina; soldier of 1812; removed to Fayette county, Ohio, in 1853; died in 1862.
- Mock, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1809; removed to Fayette county Ohio.
- Mock, Phebe, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Moon, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1818.
- Moon, Mahlon, Ross, 1830.
- Moon, Gideon, Sugar Creek, 1840; died April 29, 1884, aged eighty-one; buried at Bowersville, Ohio; February 20, 1831, married Jane Turner.
- Morgan, Nathaniel, Xenia, 1805; father of Morgan Morgan; died January 21, 1831, aged eighty-six; buried on the Morgan farm, Oldtown, Ohio.
- Morgan, William, Sugar Creek, 1805; buried on the Morgan farm, six miles west of Xenia; January 16, 1828, married Elizabeth Marshall.
- Morgan, George, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Morgan, Morgan, Caesar's Creek, 1824; August 8, 1824, married Elizabeth Hamton.
- Morgan, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; October 7, 1816, married Nancy Bloxsom, of Ross township.
- Morgan, John, Sugar Creek, 1807; father of William; died in 1810; daughters, Nancy, Martha and Peggy; wife, Sally.
- Morgan, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812; died in 1824; October 28, 1813, married Nancy Morgan.
- Morgan, Evan, Sugar Creek, 1807.
- Morgan, Sarah, Sugar Creek, 1803.
- Morgan, John, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Morgan, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1816; removed to California in 1849.
- Morgan, Ralph, Sugar Creek, 1817; April 15, 1819, married Ann Sturges.
- Morgan, Nancy, Sugar Creek, 1820; widow of Thomas Morgan.

- Morgan, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1830; son of Morgan Morgan; removed to Pike county, Illinois.
- Morgan, Morgan, Xenia, 1817; from Hagerstown, Maryland; died February 18, 1844, aged fifty-six; buried on hill top back of Jacob Harner, on his old farm; father of Mrs. Chas. Harner.
- Morgan, James, Xenia, 1806; son of Thomas.
- Morgan, Daniel; son of Morgan; died in Missouri.
- Morgan, Peter, Sr., Bath, 1803; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Morgan, Cornelius, Beaver Creek, 1803; son of Peter; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Morgan, John, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1803; removed back to Virginia.
- Morgan, John, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1803; son of Peter; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Morgan, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1803; the old miller; in 1803 he had a mill about two miles southwest of Harbine's.
- Morgan, Joshua, Beaver Creek, 1813; son of Peter.
- Morgan, Vanzant, Beaver Creek, 1813; son of Peter; soldier of 1812.
- Morgan, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1816; son of Peter; soldier of 1812.
- Morgan, William, Beaver Creek, 1818.
- Morgan, Evan, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Morgan, Jacob, Miami, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Morgan, Thomas, Sr., Miami, 1816; will recorded in 1821.
- Morgan, Thomas, Jr., Miami, 1820; son of Thomas, Sr.
- Morgan, Christopher, Miami, 1840.
- Morgan, Charles; son of Peter.
- Morgan, Gabriel; son of Peter.
- Morgan, David J., Xenia, 1835; son of Morgan; buried in Union graveyard.
- Moss, George, Sugar Creek, 1835; died in 1838, aged sixty; buried at Mt. Holly.
- Moss, Matthew, Sugar Creek, 1840; buried on the Heath farm, south of Xenia.
- Moss, Thomas S., Sugar Creek, 1812; died June 12, 1816, aged twenty-eight; buried on Heath farm.
- Moss, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1840; born March 19, 1818; died January 31, 1883, aged sixty-five; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Morehead, Andrew, Bath, 1840.
- Montgomery, Samuel, Bath, 1826; October 25, 1826, married Charity Critchfield.
- Montgomery, John, Caesar's Creek, 1803.
- Montgomery, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1820; August 29, 1820, married Nancy Miller.
- Moberly, John, Caesar's Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Moore, George, Sugar Creek, 1836; May 11, 1837, married Sarah Brewster.
- Moore, William, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Moore, William C., Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Moore, Charles, Caesar's Creek, 1804; soldier of 1812.
- Moore, William M., Caesar's Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812; September 12, 1806, married Nancy Flood.
- Moore, David, Caesar's Creek, 1818.
- Moore, James, Sr., Xenia, 1818; soldier of 1812; died April 29, 1845, aged fifty-seven; buried in Dean cemetery; son-in-law of Daniel Dean, Sr.
- Moore, William H., Xenia, 1829; son of James; died July 4, 1890; aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland.
- Moore, John, Xenia, 1840; Jackey; buried in Woodland; married in 1815, Prudence Ferguson.
- Moore, James G., Xenia, 1840; son of James; removed to Indiana; April 13, 1834, married Margaret Sipe.
- Moore, John, Xenia, 1831; merchant tailor; son of Thomas and Margaret Wallace; born in County Tyrone, Ireland, September 15, 1811; died in Xenia; buried in Woodland.
- Moore, William, Xenia, 1808.
- Moore, Samuel, Xenia, 1828; son of James; removed to Indiana; October 11, 1816, married Rachel Ewing.
- Moore, Daniel, Bath, 1807.
- Moore, Richard, Bath, 1807.
- Moore, Jeremiah, Bath, 1813.
- Moore, Horace, Bath, 1840.
- Moore, Thomas P., Miami, 1812.
- Moore, Charles A., Miami, 1813.
- Moore, Pressley, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died in 1834.
- Moore, Ervin, Miami, 1817; June 20, 1820, married Elizabeth Eperson.
- Moore, Gavin, Miami, 1819.
- Moore, Jesse, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Morris, William E., Xenia, 1840; died March 12, 1863; buried in Woodland; brother of Mrs. Judge Winans.
- Morris, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Morris, Stephen, Sugar Creek, 1818; November 6, 1819, married Hannah Huffman.
- Morris, W. S., Sugar Creek, 1828; died April 3, 1898, aged eighty-five; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Morris, Peter, Sugar Creek, 1828.
- Morris, William, Sugar Creek, 1828; died February 22, 1875; buried at Bellbrook.
- Morris, George H., Bath, 1816; died near Bellbrook May 10, 1877; February 19, 1835, married Delila Steene.
- Morris, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; died March 7, 1887, aged sixty-four; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Morrow, James, Xenia, 1803; from Kentucky; captain in War of 1812; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Morrow, James K., Xenia, 1826; son of James, Sr.; born in 1774; died in 1855; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard; married Harriet Sterritt, October 8, 1828.
- Morrow, Joseph, Xenia, 1840; son of James, Sr.; died December 9, 1885, aged seventy-three, buried in Woodland.
- Morrow, Samuel, Xenia, 1821; son of James, Sr.; removed to Albany, New York.
- Morrow, John, Xenia, 1821.
- Morrow, Robert, Xenia, 1821; son of James, Sr.; removed to Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Morrow, Chas. W., Bath, 1821.
- Morrow, James E., Silver Creek, 1840; November 24, 1836, married Matilda Sanders.
- Mountjoy, Edward, Xenia, 1826.
- Moreland, Thomas, Xenia, 1830; died April 16, 1833, aged forty, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; married Ruth Small.



- Moreland, Wm., Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; died January 9, 1834, aged thirty, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Moreland, Fredrick, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Moreland, James, Bath, 1820; January 6, 1820, married Sarah Lee.
- Moreland, John, Sr., Miami, 1808; died January 5, 1812, aged twenty, buried in Massie's Creek churchyard, (Stevenson's).
- Moreland, John, Jr., Miami, 1808.
- Moreland, Wm., Miami, 1808; soldier of 1812; died in 1837, buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Moreland, Mary J., Miami, 1810.
- Moreland, John J., Miami, 1812.
- Moreland, Christian, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Moorman, Chas. F., Silver Creek, 1809; from Campbell county, Virginia; November 24, 1816, married Matilda Watson.
- Moorman, Thomas, Sr., Silver Creek, 1809; from Virginia; soldier of 1812; died October 26, 1845, aged eighty-eight, buried east of Jamestown, Ohio.
- Moorman, Thomas P., Silver Creek, 1809; from Virginia; organized the Friends' Church at Jamestown in 1812.
- Moorman, Micajah C., Silver Creek, 1809; from Virginia; soldier of 1812.
- Moorman, Andrew, Silver Creek, 1811.
- Moorman, John, Silver Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812.
- Moorman, Pleasant, Silver Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; died in 1860.
- Moorman, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Moorman, Chilis, Silver Creek, 1813; died January 12, 1871, aged eighty-five, buried in Moorman graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Moorman, Chas. F., Silver Creek, 1817; born June 25, 1795, in Campbell county, Virginia; died September 30, 1880, aged eighty-five, buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Moorman, James, Silver Creek, 1819; soldier of 1812; died January 5, 1885, aged ninety-one, buried in Moorman graveyard.
- Moorman, Johnson, Silver Creek, 1819.
- Moorman, Lydia, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Moorman, Thomas C., Silver Creek, 1809; from Virginia; died May 23, 1880, aged seventy-five, buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Moorman, Goodman, Silver Creek, 1809; February 8, 1827, married Lydia Price.
- Moorman, James E., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Moorman, Pleasant, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; March 6, 1840, married Mary Hickerson.
- Moorman, John, Xenia, 1816.
- Moorman, James T., Xenia, 1826.
- Moorman, Andrew, Xenia, 1816.
- Moorman, Pleasant G., Xenia, 1816; July 9, 1834, married Mildred Moorman.
- Moorman, Peyton, Xenia, 1816; from Virginia; died March 15, 1861, aged eighty, buried in Woodland; married Rebecca Reese, 1819.
- Moran, James, Xenia, 1819.
- Morton, James, Miami, 1830.
- Morton, Thomas, Miami, 1828; February 12, 1829, married Margaret McClure.
- Moorman, Samtel, Xenia, 1819.
- Moorman, John C., Xenia, 1816.
- Morton, John, Xenia, 1818.
- Monroe, Hugh, Xenia, 1835; removed to Muncie, Indiana, in 1863.
- Monroe, David, Xenia, 1819; from Scotland; died November, 1848, buried in Woodland; born in 1783.
- Monroe, George, Xenia, 1840; son of David; died August 23, 1879, aged sixty-nine, buried in Woodland; married January 2, 1829, Martha Cunningham.
- Monroe, James B., Xenia, 1840; son of David.
- Monroe, Wm., Xenia, 1830; died August 3, 1836, aged twenty-two, buried in Woodland; son of David.
- Moulderbaugh, Wm., Xenia, 1826.
- Moudy, Martin, Xenia, 1840; June 5, 1834, married Margaret McClure.
- Moudy, George, Xenia, 1840.
- Moudy, Peter, Xenia, 1830; built the first grist mill on the site of the Charlton Mill in 1836; died September 7, 1839.
- Moudy, Andrew, Xenia, 1840.
- Morningstar, John, Beaver Creek, 1803; March 5, 1829, married Barbary Brinker.
- Morningstar, George, Beaver Creek, 1807; first erected his cabin on what is known as the John B. Stine farm.
- Morningstar, Philip, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Morningstar, Levi, Beaver Creek, 1831; November 3, 1831, married Elizabeth Grimes.
- Mooney, Rebecca, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Moler, Casper, Beaver Creek, 1820; died in 1865.
- Moler, Vandever, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Moler, John, Jr., Bath, 1840; died July 27, 1881, aged seventy-one.
- Moler, John, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1820; born November 7, 1780, died September 12, 1882, aged ninety-two, buried in Woodland, Dayton, Ohio.
- Moser, Dunham, Beaver Creek, 1825; from Virginia; born in 1803, died in 1895, aged ninety-one, buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Moler, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1817; died June 6, 1891, aged seventy-one, buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Moody, Wm., Xenia, 1827; died January 23, 1827; formerly from Springfield, Ohio.
- Moler, Franklin, Beaver Creek, 1840; died October 4, 1873, aged seventy-eight.
- Moody, John, Bath, 1840; died October 22, 1881, aged sixty-three, buried near Byron, Ohio.
- Moodie, Robert, Miami, 1806; from Scotland; died in Xenia, August 24, 1872, aged ninety-six; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's); soldier of 1812.
- Moodie, Andrew, Miami, 1810; died October 8, 1815, aged fifty-three, buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Moody, John H., Bath, 1840; father of Walter P.; buried in Union churchyard.
- Moody, Philip, Bath, 1840; from Virginia; died April 23, 1883, aged seventy-nine, buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Moody, Martin, Bath, 1840; son of Philip; died February, 1875, buried in Union churchyard.
- Marlow, Horatio, Miami, 1820.

- Morison, Thomas P., Silver Creek, 1825.  
 Morison, Samuel, Miami, 1820.  
 Morrison, Peter, Miami, 1830; died in 1839, aged eighty-one, buried in Clifton.  
 Monohon, John, Ross, 1819; October 7, 1823, married Nancy Stipe.  
 Monohon, Peter, Ross, 1819.  
 Monohon, Owen, Ross, 1830; November 30, 1826, married Ann Liza Strong.  
 Moulder, Michael, Bath, 1836; died October 18, 1860, aged seventy-one, buried in Fairfield cemetery.  
 Morey, Roger B., Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Mortimore, Henry, Silver Creek, 1835; August 11, 1836, Mary Lockhart.  
 Mullen, Wm., Caesar's Creek, 1803; removed to Indiana; October 13, 1831, married Fanny Ary.  
 Mullen, John, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Mullen, Samuel G., Caesar's Creek, 1826; brother of Wm.; died August 13, 1871, aged seventy, buried in New Hope churchyard, Paintersville, Ohio, November 11, 1824, married Phebe McConnel.  
 Mullen, Frankey, Jefferson, 1840; died October 22, 1878, aged seventy-eight.  
 Mullen, James M., Caesar's Creek, 1840; died at Paintersville, Ohio; February 23, 1832, married Phebe Ellis.  
 Murdock, Robert, Xenia, 1840; from Ireland; died April 14, 1876, aged seventy-six, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.  
 Murphy, Martin, Bath, 1821; December 7, 1820, married Eleanor McCormack.  
 Murphy, Jane, Sugar Creek, 1820.  
 Murphy, John C., Sugar Creek, 1826; from Kentucky; born in 1790, died December 11, 1871, aged seventy-seven, buried in Bellbrook.  
 Murphy, David, Caesar's Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; in 1850 removed to Indianapolis, Indiana.  
 Murphy, Wm., Caesar's Creek, 1828; February 7, 1820, married Jane Reed; February 5, 1827, married Lydia Turner.  
 Murphy, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1840; from Virginia; died December 4, 1892, aged eighty-three.  
 Murphy, John, Sugar Creek, 1810; January 22, 1818, married Ann Laurence.  
 Murphy, John, Xenia, 1810; soldier of 1812; August 7, 1842, married Mercey Sackett.  
 Murphy, John B., Xenia, 1811; died in Xenia, in 1870, buried in Woodland.  
 Murphy, Horatio, Xenia, 1811.  
 Murphy, William H., Beaver Creek, 1840; January 7, 1838, married Mary Sipe.  
 Murphy, Daniel, Xenia, 1819.  
 Murphy, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1840; married Phebe Faulkner.  
 Murphy, Abraham C., Caesar's Creek, 1840; May 23, 1839, married Abigail M. Davis.  
 Murphy, Andrew, Miami, 1803; died in Miami township in 1863.  
 Murphy, John, Miami, 1803.  
 Murphy, James S., Miami, 1840; December 12, 1837, married Mary Walker.  
 Murry, Thomas, Xenia, 1810.  
 Murphy, Joseph T., Miami, 1840; November 19, 1837, married Lydia Bayliff.  
 Murphy, Henry, Miami, 1840.  
 Murry, William, Xenia, 1818; February 13, 1819, married Elizabeth Stewart.  
 Murry, James, Beaver Creek, 1819.  
 Murry, John, Xenia, 1820.  
 Murry, Samuel, Xenia, 1830; September 8, 1831, married Sarah Whiteman.  
 Munger, Reuben, Beaver Creek, 1840; from Connecticut; died March 26, 1890, aged ninety-five; father of Judge E. H. Munger, Xenia.  
 Musetter, Christopher, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died in 1846, aged forty; buried in Eleazer churchyard; married Mary Smith.  
 Musetter, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died September 27, 1847, aged seventy-eight; buried in Eleazer churchyard.  
 Musgrove, Rev. Anthony, Xenia, 1840; the blind preacher; died April 19, 1870; buried in Woodland.  
 Musgrove, John, Xenia, 1820; soldier of the Revolution; buried in Woodland.  
 Munfort, Peter, Miami, 1813; first pastor of Presbyterian church, Clifton, Ohio, in 1812.  
 Munthaw, Ephraim, Ross, 1815; a traveling tailor of the early days; German descent.  
 Mulnick, Mary, Silver Creek, 1813.  
 Myers, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1813; died in 1854; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Myers, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1829.  
 Myers, George, Esq., Beaver Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812; March 28, 1823, married Malinda Davis.  
 Myers, James, Beaver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.  
 Myers, Michael, Beaver Creek, 1830; father-in-law of Joseph Hawkins; removed to Peoria, Illinois.  
 Myers, M. F., Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Myers, Jacob F., Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Myers, Jonas, F., Beaver Creek, 1840; June 7, 1838, married Elizabeth Dice.  
 Meyers, David, Bath, 1840.  
 Myers, William, Bath, 1807.  
 Myers, John, Bath, 1820; June 3, 1840, married Nancy Neal.  
 Myers, George, Bath, 1811; March 7, 1835, married Mary Kelby.  
 Myers, William, Miami, 1808; died July 4, 1872, aged seventy-five.  
 Myers, Noah, Miami, 1826.  
 Myers, Thomas, Miami, 1840; December 24, 1835, married Catharine Confer.  
 Myers, John, Ross, 1813; from Pennsylvania; married Lucy Plummer; died in 1868, aged fifty-five.  
 Myers, Peter, Ross, 1840; March 8, 1840, married Argyle McPhael.  
 Myers, Adam, Ross, 1840.  
 Myers, Francis, Silver Creek, 1840; January 23, 1840, married Maria Browder.  
 Myers, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1825; died September 12, 1875, aged seventy-five.  
 Myers, Israel, Ross, 1840; died in 1869; buried in Green Plains, Clark county, Ohio.  
 Music, Samuel, Xenia, 1808.  
 Musser, H. R., Bath, 1828; died June 1, 1873, aged seventy; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.  
 McAllen, Gen. James, Silver Creek, 1822; died at Monmouth, Illinois, September 12, 1846, aged forty-three.  
 McAllen, James, Xenia, 1827.  
 McAfee, Henry, Silver Creek, 1821; died in 1828.  
 McBride, William, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812.

- McBride, James, Esq., Sugar Creek, 1808; lieutenant in War of 1812; Spring Valley's Justice of the Peace; married Rachel Van Eaton.
- McBride, John M., Caesar's Creek, 1840; January 19, 1840, married Eliza Jane Syphers.
- McBride, Henry, Xenia, 1813.
- McBride, Harvey, Xenia, 1818; son-in-law of James Todd; married Betsey.
- McBride, William, Xenia, 1828.
- McBride, John, Xenia, 1816; died October 29, 1860, at Cincinnati; buried at Jamestown, Ohio; May 1, 1834, married Sarah Long.
- McBeth, Jeremiah, Xenia, 1813; died in 1868.
- McBeth, Samuel, Xenia, 1813.
- McBeth, Alexander, Xenia, 1840; died February 11, 1880, aged eighty; buried in Woodland; married Sarah Dement, March 3, 1831.
- McCann, Wilson B., Xenia, 1833; from Virginia; born October 11, 1811; married in Xenia in 1835.
- McCampbell, Joseph, Xenia, 1840; born January 6, 1818; died January 9, 1888, aged seventy; buried in Woodland.
- McCanlass, William, Xenia, 1828; died in 1835.
- McCabe, Oakley, Bath, 1828; soldier of 1812.
- McCabe, Armstrong, Sugar Creek, 1805; soldier of 1812; married a daughter of James Barrett; removed to Vigo county, Indiana.
- McCabe, James, Sugar Creek, 1810; died in 1830 in Vigo county, Indiana.
- McCabe, John, Sugar Creek, 1818; removed to Indiana.
- McCabe, T. B., Caesar's Creek, 1819.
- McClure, Gilbert, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- McClure, Andrew, Sugar Creek, 1812; died July, 1867, aged sixty-four; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; August 7, 1826, married Jane Hutchison.
- McClure, James, Sugar Creek, 1813; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.
- McClure, Andrew S., Sugar Creek, 1829; died in 1837; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- McClure, Nathaniel L., Sugar Creek, 1830; died October 6, 1877, aged sixty-nine; October 28, 1830, married Elizabeth Russel.
- McClure, Levi, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- McClure, John, Sugar Creek, 1809; from Virginia; died March 5, 1886, aged seventy-six; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio; married Elvira Young.
- McClure, William, Beaver Creek, 1803; December 20, 1810, married Margaret Mitchell.
- McClure, Harvey, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- McClure, William, Bath, 1807.
- McClure, Nathan, Bath, 1807.
- McClure, William, Jr., Bath, 1810.
- McClure, Joseph, Xenia, 1840; a miller; born in Augusta county, Virginia, in 1819; removed to Danville, Illinois, in 1857.
- McClure, John, Xenia, 1807.
- McClure, Robert, Miami, 1813.
- McClure, Alexander, Silver Creek, 1828; December 22, 1829, married Margaret Neeley.
- McClure, Moses, Miami, 1826.
- McClure, Thomas B., Miami, 1829; June 13, 1832, married Anice Tasa Linkhart.
- McConnell, Adam, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1806.
- McConnell, William, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- McConnell, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1808; died June 28, 1822; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- McConnell, James, Sugar Creek, 1811; brother of Samuel; died in 1829; grandfather of Mrs. John R. Horn.
- McConnell, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1816; died April 23, 1841, aged eighty-one; buried in Xenia.
- McConnell, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1826; born June 4, 1800; died October, 1858, aged fifty-eight; buried one mile north of Paintersville on the Jamestown pike.
- McConnell, James, Caesar's Creek, 1807; died September 2, 1829, aged sixty-four.
- McConnell, John, Caesar's Creek, 1826; August 18, 1829, married Eliza Barber.
- McConnell, Alexander, Caesar's Creek, 1827; son of Samuel; never married; buried in Woodland.
- McConnell, William, Xenia, 1806.
- McConnell, Samuel, Sr., Xenia, 1806; soldier of 1812; died December 31, 1845, aged seventy; father of Mrs. Dr. George Watt; buried in Woodland.
- McConnell, Adam, Xenia, 1806; son of Samuel; died April 23, 1841, aged eighty-eight; buried at Sydney, Ohio; March 6, 1823, married Jane McCracken.
- McConnell, William, Jr., Xenia, 1827; son of Samuel; born April 1, 1819; died November 9, 1858; buried in Woodland.
- McConnell, James L., Xenia, 1827; April 4, 1839, married Nancy Marshall; buried in Bellbrook.
- McConnell, Isaiah, Xenia, 1828; son of Samuel; removed to Kenton, Ohio; son-in-law of James Bain, Sr.; married Ann Bain January 1, 1828.
- McConnell, Robert, Jr., Xenia, 1829; removed to Hardin county, Ohio; May 29, 1834, married Eliza Jane Beamer.
- McConnell, David, Xenia, 1840; August 12, 1838, married Margaret Fields; removed to Iowa.
- McConnell, James, Beaver Creek, 1816.
- McConnell, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1830.
- McConnell, John, Ross, 1828; September 17, 1835, married Julia Ann Brackney.
- McConnell, William, Ross, 1828.
- McConnell, Jane, Ross, 1830.
- McConnell, J. M., Ross, 1840.
- McConnell, Zacharias, Ross, 1840; December 12, 1837, married Jane D. Wright.
- McConnell, David, Ross, 1840; August 12, 1838, married Margaret Fields.
- McCool, Thomas P., Sugar Creek, 1826; the old school teacher; buried in Zoar churchyard, Caesar's Creek township.
- McCracken, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- McCracken, Henry, Xenia, 1818; cabinet-maker; built the house in 1836 where Farrell's grocery now is.
- McCracken, Arthur, Xenia, 1826; February 1, 1825, married Mary Black.
- McCracken, Rev. John S., Beaver Creek, 1827; from Pennsylvania; married November 11, 1839, to the widow of Rev. Johnson Welch; born April 6, 1804; died April 1, 1863, aged fifty-nine.
- McCracken, John, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1829; died in 1828.



- McCracken, James, Beaver Creek, 1829.
- McCracken, James B., Beaver Creek, 1830; June 22, 1837, married Hannah Stewart.
- McCracken, William, Miami, 1840.
- McCurdy, William, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- McChristy, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1828.
- McClung, John S., Esq., Beaver Creek, 1840; born in Rockbridge, Virginia, September 5, 1803; died September, 1866, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland.
- McClung, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- McClung, Chas., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- McClung, James B., Beaver Creek, 1840; buried in Woodland.
- McCandlas, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1828.
- McCandlas, William, Sugar Creek, 1817; died in 1835, aged forty-seven; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- McCoy, Robert, Xenia, 1805; born January 4, 1787; removed to Columbus, Ohio; died January 16, 1856; brother of Alexander.
- McCoy, Alexander, Sr., Xenia, 1803; from Kentucky; in 1802 settled on Clark's Run; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Morrow; will recorded in 1824; Sarah was his wife; buried in Massie's Creek.
- McCoy, Alexander, Jr., Xenia, 1803; son of Alexander, Sr.; removed to Warren county, Ohio; February 28, 1826, married Jane Ward.
- McCoy, John, Xenia, 1803; son of Alexander, Sr.; born September 4, 1781; died September 11, 1839, aged fifty-eight; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- McCoy, David, Xenia, 1803; son of Alexander, Sr.; removed to Warren county, Illinois; died in Henderson county, Illinois.
- McCoy, Francis S., Xenia, 1806; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Herrod; was drowned in the Mississippi river.
- McCoy, Robert, Xenia, 1806; son of Alexander, Sr.; removed to Kentucky; died in 1860, at Brookville, Bracken county, Kentucky.
- McCoy, James, Xenia, 1803; soldier of 1812; died April 2, 1863, aged eighty-six; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- McCoy, William, Xenia, 1816; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Morrow; son of Alexander, Sr.; removed to Warren county, Ohio.
- McCoy, Lewis, Xenia, 1828.
- McCoy, Joseph, Ross, 1818; removed to Monmouth, Illinois.
- McCoy, James, Jr., Ross, 1826; August 21, 1827, married Betsey W. Millan.
- McCoy, James, Ross, 1840.
- McCoy, John, Ross, 1840; removed to Kansas; son of James; June 15, 1837, married Dorcas Burnside.
- McClain, Alexander, Ross, 1840; died February 2, 1868, aged seventy-two; buried in Bethel churchyard, near Grape Grove, Ohio.
- McClain, James, Beaver Creek, 1840; January 16, 1840, married Isabella Warner.
- McClain, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- McClain, Philip, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died October 30, 1874, aged seventy-seven; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- McClain, Nathaniel, Caesar's Creek, 1826; soldier of 1812; his sawmill was one mile west of Xenia on Shawnee Creek.
- McClain, J. S., Caesar's Creek, 1828; March 20, 1830, married Mahala Mars.
- McClain, Israel D., Xenia, 1828.
- McCallaster, William, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- McCallaster, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; December 27, 1839, married Mary Shook.
- McCallaster, Joseph, Xenia, 1812; November 9, 1817, married Elizabeth Goodnight.
- McCallaster, Benjamin, Xenia, 1819; January 18, 1821, married Rachel Edmondson.
- McComos, Daniel, Xenia, 1828.
- McComos, David, Xenia, 1828.
- McComos, Moses S., Xenia, 1828; July 20, 1829, married Barbary Stephens.
- McCullough, John, Xenia, 1807; died September 9, 1817, aged twenty-three; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- McCullough, William, Xenia, 1810; died September, 1823, aged thirty-four; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's); soldier of 1812.
- McCullough, Solomon, Xenia, 1810; settled on the Owen Swadner farm; died January 10, 1834, aged seventy-five.
- McCullough, James, Xenia, 1811; son of Solomon.
- McCullough, William, Xenia, 1812; son of Solomon.
- McCullough, David M., Xenia, 1840; son of Solomon.
- McCullough, Greene, Xenia, 1829.
- McCullough, Hugh, Xenia, 1840; son of Solomon; September 20, 1838, married Jane McWilliams.
- McCullough, Alexander, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- McCullough, James, Beaver Creek, 1829; soldier of 1812.
- McCullough, Nicholas, Beaver Creek, 1806.
- McCullough, Solomon, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- McCullough, John, Miami, 1808; captain in War of 1812; October 5, 1813, married Harriet Doyle.
- McCullough, Samuel, Miami, 1840; died at his home in Yellow Springs April 24, 1900; buried in Glen Forest cemetery.
- McCrosson, John, Bath, 1840.
- McCormack, Thomas, Xenia, 1820.
- McCormack, James, Xenia, 1827.
- McCormack, John, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- McCormack, William, Bath, 1810; soldier of 1812.
- McCormack, James, Bath, 1810; soldier of 1812; died in 1828.
- McCormack, James, Jr., Bath, 1811.
- McCormack, Philip, Bath, 1816.
- McCormack, Samuel, Bath, 1826; son of James.
- McCann, Wilson B., Xenia, 1833; born October 4, 1811, in Virginia; August 13, 1834, married Catharine Williams; father of James B. McCann.
- McCarty, James, Xenia, 1832; born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1808; died February 6, 1901; November 7, 1833, married Margaret Williams.
- McCarty, Andrew, Xenia, 1845; from Virginia; born March 12, 1817; came to Xenia October 11, 1845; died June 16, 1900.
- McCarty, Lewis W., Bath, 1840.
- McCarty, William, Bath, 1838; March 19, 1839, married Dicey Price.

- McCroskey, Joseph, Sr., Miami, 1830; died in 1837.
- McCroskey, Hugh G., Ross, 1840; son of Joseph; died at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 17, 1857, aged fifty-five; buried in Woodland.
- McCroskey, David, Ross, 1840; son of Joseph.
- McCullumn, James, Xenia, 1840; born in 1800; died in 1875, aged seventy-six; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- McCullumn, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1807.
- McCullumn, James S., Xenia, 1840; died November 19, 1884, aged eighty-two; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard, Cedarville, Ohio.
- McClurg, Samuel, Miami, 1840.
- McCord, Joseph, Bath, 1805; November 10, 1803, married Mary Hall.
- McCord, James, Ross, 1840; a blacksmith; shop was on the farm of Lyman Ballard.
- McCune, George, Miami, 1808.
- McCune, Joseph, Bath, 1807.
- McCune, J. W., Xenia, 1840.
- McCune, Lawrence, Xenia, 1840; died July, 1849, aged forty; buried in Woodland.
- McCune, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- McCreary, Edward, Xenia, 1840; died September 15, 1852, aged forty-five; buried in Woodland.
- McCreary, Lewis, Xenia, 1840.
- McCray, Elizabeth, Bath, 1830; died in 1840; buried in Mitman graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.
- McCloud, William, Bath, 1803; moved to Hardin county, Ohio.
- McCashen, John, Bath, 1810; buried at Knob Prairie, two miles north of Enon, Ohio.
- McCashen, James, Bath, 1814; soldier of 1812; removed to Shelby county, Ohio.
- McCashen, William, Bath, 1820; removed to Shelby county, Ohio; June 18, 1822, married Elizabeth Winget.
- McCashen, Jacob, Bath, 1828; removed to Shelby county, Ohio.
- McCashen, Daniel, Bath, 1830; removed to Shelby county, Ohio.
- McCashen, James, Jr., Bath, 1823; December 7, 1821, married Sarah Winget.
- McClellan, William, Xenia, 1804; Clark's Run; died April 8, 1817, aged fifty-six; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- McClellan, Capt. Robert, Sugar Creek, 1806; a native of Forks of Yah, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; captain in war of 1812; died April 13, 1846, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- McClellan, Robert, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1827; died October 11, 1876, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- McClellan, Isaiah, Sugar Creek, 1828; born November 1, 1805; died February 22, 1882, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland.
- McClellan, James, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- McClellan, John, Caesar's Creek, 1831; brother of Robert, Sr.; died June 21, 1866, aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland.
- McClellan, William, Xenia, 1806; from Kentucky, in 1802; died December 13, 1863, aged ninety; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Cedarville, Ohio.
- McClellan, William, Jr., Xenia, 1826.
- McClellan, James, Xenia, 1826; August 13, 1856, married Harriett Beamer.
- McClellan, Benjamin, Xenia, 1828; son of William; died November 4, 1851, aged forty-four; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Cedarville.
- McClellan, Joseph, Xenia, 1828; brother of Robert, Sr.; removed to Princeton, Indiana; January 11, 1814, married Nancy McConnell.
- McClellan, John, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died in 1813.
- McClellan, John, Jr., Xenia, 1812; a blacksmith; son of Robert, Sr.; born in Pennsylvania in 1800; died June 8, 1880; buried in Woodland.
- McClellan, James, Xenia, 1840; born in 1815; died in 1876; buried in Woodland.
- McClellan, William S., Xenia, 1840; son of John and Nancy; born March 20, 1825; died December 26, 1892; buried in Woodland.
- McClellan, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; father of Fielding McClellan (cooper); buried in Woodland.
- McClellan, Robert, Jr., Xenia, 1840; son of John.
- McClellan, William, Beaver Creek, 1813; died April 8, 1817, aged fifty-six; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- McClellan, John, Miami, 1808; John had two sisters, Peggy, wife of John Sterritt, and Polly, and one brother, Abraham.
- McClellan, James, Miami, 1818.
- McClellan, Benjamin, Miami, 1828.
- McClellan, William, Miami, 1828.
- McClellan, John, Miami, 1820; March 25, 1830, married Matilda Myers.
- McClellan, Samuel, Miami, 1820; June 7, 1832, married Francis Hamaker.
- McClellan, Benjamin, Ross, 1827; December 11, 1826, married Sarah Barr.
- McClellan, James, Silver Creek, 1817.
- McClellan, Fielding, Xenia, 1840; son of Thomas and father of George B.; died July 15, 1877; buried in Woodland.
- McClellan, David, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Capt. Robert.
- McClellan, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Capt. Robert; born January 3, 1825.
- McClellan, C. R., Xenia, 1840; removed to Oskaloosa, Kansas; buried at Cedarville, Ohio.
- McCashen, James, Jr., Bath, 1828; December 27, 1821, married Sarah Winget.
- McCray, Chappel, Bath, 1810.
- McDonald, Isaiah, Xenia, 1800; from North Carolina; soldier of the Revolution, under General Gates; wife, Edith; died March 26, 1823, aged seventy-eight; buried in McDonald graveyard, southeast of Xenia.
- McDonald, Dempsey, Xenia, 1800; died September 30, 1827, aged forty-four; buried in McDonald graveyard; son of Isaiah; soldier of 1812.
- McDonald, Levet, Xenia, 1800; son of Isaiah; died October 17, 1884, aged seventy-two; buried in McDonald graveyard.
- McDonald, John N., Xenia, 1809; son of Levet; died August 29, 1831, aged eighty-five; buried in A. R. churchyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- McDonald, Rev. Geo. Wilson, Xenia, 1807; son of Levet; died February 7, 1851, aged sixty-five; buried in McDonald graveyard.
- McDonald, Andrew W., Xenia, 1811; son of Levet.
- McDonald, Isaiah, Jr., Xenia, 1821; son of Dempsey, Sr.; March 13, 1821, married Mary Hare.



- McDonald, Wilford, Xenia, 1820; son of Isaiah; born in Tennessee, March 9, 1798; died April 27, 1884, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.
- McDonald, Samuel, Xenia, 1840.
- McDonald, Alfred, Xenia, 1840; son of Wilson; died April 16, 1897, aged eighty; buried in Woodland; November 21, 1839, married Christana Bone.
- McDonald, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; son of Levct; died July 25, 1839, aged twenty-five; buried in McDonald graveyard.
- McDonald, John, Xenia, 1840; son of Dempsey; died September 10, 1815, aged twenty-four; buried in McDonald graveyard.
- McDonald, W. F., Xenia, 1840; November 23, married Harriet Smith.
- McDonald, John, Beaver Creek, 1807; died in Xenia township in 1834.
- McDonald, Reuben, Beaver Creek, 1808; in 1809 appointed by Bishop Asbury deacon in the M. E. church, and was by virtue of that office entitled to solemnize marriage.
- McDonald, Daniel, Bath, 1827.
- McDonald, John, Sugar Creek, 1828; brother-in-law to Hugh Hamill; removed to Hamilton; November, 1831, married Mary Gibson.
- McDonald, John P., Sugar Creek, 1828.
- McDonald, Nimrod, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Jarrod; May 14, 1839, married Mary Ann McKnight.
- McDonald, William, Xenia, 1840; third son of Dempsey; died at the home of Bud Robinson in 1852; buried in Woodland; was the first to discover the Puterbaugh fire in 1845; forced the door open and brought out the body of James Kenney.
- McDorman, Michael, Ross, 1806; removed to Clark county, Ohio.
- McDorman, James, Ross, 1826; from Virginia; buried at Charleston, Ohio, in 1894; aged ninety-four.
- McDougle, Robert, Caesar's Creek, 1815.
- McDowell, Austin, Xenia, 1837; from Allegheny, Pennsylvania; was a soldier of the Civil war; captain in Co. D, Seventy-fourth O. V. I. and Co. I, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth; died May 31, 1892, aged seventy-seven; buried in Woodland.
- McDowell, John, Xenia, 1820.
- McDowell, Nelson, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- McDowell, William G., Silver Creek, 1830; died at Jamestown in 1874, aged eighty-four; buried at Jamestown, Ohio; April 6, 1837, married Rebecca Paris.
- McDill, John, Xenia, 1826.
- McDill, John, Jr., Xenia, 1840.
- McDermot, Edward, Bath, 1805; soldier of 1812.
- McDermot, James, Bath, 1807.
- McDermot, Michael, Bath, 1816.
- McDermot, John, Bath, 1840; died in 1853.
- McDonough, Edward, Miami, 1819.
- McDermot, William, Bath, 1840.
- McElwain, Andrew, Xenia, 1844; from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania; born March 22, 1821; died in Xenia.
- McElroy, Daniel, Ross, 1830.
- McElhaney, Julius J., Bath, 1840.
- McGuire, Dr. Wesley B., Xenia, 1840; died April 16, 1853, aged forty-three; buried in Woodland; born March 4, 1810.
- McFarland, John, Sugar Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812.
- McFarland, William W., Xenia, 1836; September 25, 1818, married Maria Bishop.
- McFarland, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1818; died July 31, 1860, aged sixty-four buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- McFarland, William, Xenia, 1803; from Kentucky; died September 1, 1816, aged fifty-three; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- McFarland, John, Xenia, 1806; born in 1784 in East Tennessee; April 16, 1816, married Mary Climer.
- McFarland, John, Jr., Xenia, 1806.
- McFarland, Robert W., Xenia, 1806; son of Joseph; was a lieutenant in War of 1812; died August 23, 1869, aged eighty-five; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville.
- McFarland, Arthur, Xenia, 1810; soldier of 1812; died November 27, 1834, aged forty-six; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville; August 12, 1813, married Jane Junkin.
- McFarland, Joseph, Ross, 1811; from Kentucky; died November 29, 1839, aged seventy-two; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville.
- McFarland, John W., Xenia, 1812; son of Joseph; born April 3, 1788.
- McFarland, Thomas, Xenia, 1818.
- McFarland, Isaac, Xenia, 1819; died in 1824, October 25, aged twenty-eight; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- McFarland, Rebecca, Xenia, 1820.
- McFarland, Jacob, Xenia, 1827; July 15, 1834, married Margary McGrew.
- McFarland, Enoch, Xenia, 1827.
- McFarland, Lewis, Xenia, 1827; December 13, 1832, married Jane A. Dunlop.
- McFarland, Archibald, Xenia, 1828.
- McFarland, Arthur, Jr., Ross, 1826.
- McFarland, Clark, Ross, 1840; February 9, 1837, married Jane Bozarth.
- McFarland, James, Ross, 1824 son of Joseph died April 3, 1829, aged twenty-seven; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville.
- McFarland, Nathan, Ross, 1840; son of Arthur.
- McFarland, Greene C., Ross, 1840; son of Arthur; died at Cedarville, March 16, 1862, aged fifty-four; buried in Baptist graveyard.
- McFarland, Hugh, Ross, 1840; December 30, 1838, married Evaline Hacks.
- McFarland, David, Ross, 1840.
- McFarland, John, Ross, 1840.
- McFarland, Jesse M., Ross, 1840; son of Arthur; born November 10, 1819; died December 10, 1880; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville; September 7, 1842, married Manerva Campbell.
- McFarland, Benjamin, 1811; son of Joseph, Sr.; born August 20, 1795.
- McFarland, Joseph, Jr., 1811; born September 3, 1790; son of Joseph, Sr.
- McGrew, James L., Bath, 1829.
- McGrew, William, Bath, 1835; November 3, 1836, married Martha Galloway.



- McGuire, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807; in 1825 taught school at New Jasper, Ohio.
- McGuire, Adsit, Xenia, 1807.
- McGuire, Wesley, Bath, 1817; born March 26, 1812; died April 16, 1853; buried in Woodland.
- McGuire, Chas., Sr., Bath, 1810.
- McGarey, John, Xenia, 1840; from Scotland; died February 2, 1873, aged eighty-three; buried in Woodland.
- McGarey, Henry, Bath, 1840.
- McGercey, James, Xenia, 1832; came to Ohio from Pennsylvania; died in Xenia April 12, 1894, aged eighty-five; buried in Woodland; a saddler; married Caroline Brown August 3, 1834.
- McGee, John, Xenia, 1840.
- McGee, James, Xenia, 1840.
- McGathe, Donnie, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- McGinness, John, Bath, 1826; died in 1836.
- McGinness, Joseph, Xenia, 1840; born January 15, 1786; died January 10, 1871, aged eighty-four; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- McGinness, Abraham, Ross, 1826.
- McGaw, James F., Ross, 1826; from Chester, South Carolina; died July 30, 1871, aged eighty-eight; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville, Ohio.
- McGaw, William, Bath, 1826.
- McHugh, Alexander, Bath, 1807.
- McHugh, John, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- McHatten, Alexander, Miami, 1820; from Kentucky; a lieutenant colonel in war of Revolution; died April 23, 1837, aged ninety-three; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- McHatten, John, Miami, 1840; born September, 1820; died January 22, 1876, aged fifty-six; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- McHatten Samuel, Miami, 1820; son of Alexander, died August 9, 1860, aged seventy-seven, buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- McHatten, Joseph, Miami, 1840.
- McIntosh, John, Beaver Creek, 1808.
- McIntosh, William, Beaver Creek, 1820; from Boone county, Kentucky; died June 1, 1870, aged seventy-one; buried in Beaver Creek cemetery; soldier of 1812; in 1834 was keeper of the infirmary.
- McIntosh, Rhue, Beaver Creek, 1826; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard; February 14, 1828, married Mary Morningstar.
- McIlheney, Dr., Xenia, 1835; born in 1808; died August 26, 1849; buried in Woodland.
- McIlhaney, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; died February 26, 1893, aged eighty.
- McIntire, John, Miami, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- McIntire, James, Miami, 1814.
- McIntire, Joseph, Miami, 1814; July 4, 1816, married Caroline Boyd.
- McIntire, Andrew, Xenia, 1835; born March 9, 1817; died September 14, 1885; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- McKnight, John, Esq., Sugar Creek, 1803; first Justice of Peace in Sugar Creek township; died in 1812.
- McKnight, William, Sugar Creek, 1807; from Rockbridge county, Virginia; soldier of 1812; died July 16, 1853, aged seventy-six; buried in McKnight graveyard.
- McKnight, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1807 died in 1853 at his home in Spring Valley; buried in McKnight graveyard.
- McKnight, David, Sugar Creek, 1840; died January 17, 1883, aged seventy-four; buried in McKnight graveyard, near Spring Valley.
- McKnight, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; born August 7, 1779; died February 22, 1856, aged seventy-six; buried in McKnight graveyard.
- McKnight, John, Sugar Creek, 1812; born April 17, 1811; died April, 1900; son of William; buried in Woodland.
- McKnight, David, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1807; died March 17, 1825, aged sixty-four; buried in McKnight graveyard.
- McKnight, James, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Robert; died July 8, 1844; buried in McKnight graveyard.
- McKnight, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of William; born September 10, 1816; died December 14, 1898, aged eighty-two; buried in McKnight graveyard.
- McKnight, Josiah, Xenia, 1840; soldier of 1812; from Virginia; buried in Woodland.
- McKey, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- McKey, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- McKey, James, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- McKey, William, Miami, 1827.
- McKay, Geo. W., Caesar's Creek, 1840; kept store at New Burlington, Ohio, in 1840; died in 1862, aged fifty-nine; buried at Maple Corners.
- McKay, Samuel F., Caesar's Creek, 1840; father of George A., the surveyor; killed by the falling of a tree.
- McKay, Thomas, Xenia, 1811.
- McKay, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1812.
- McKay, Moses, Caesar's Creek, 1819; from Frederick county, Virginia; born September 17, 1766; died January 28, 1828; buried at Mt. Holly.
- McKelvey, John P., Xenia, 1811.
- McKaig, John, Bath, 1803.
- McKaig, William, Bath, 1840; July 10, 1819, married Malinda Climer.
- McKaig, James, Bath, 1811.
- McKaig, Silas, Bath, 1826.
- McKevern, Joseph, Xenia, 1840; died October 21, 1864, aged forty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- McKenzie, William, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812.
- McKenzie, John, Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland.
- McKenstry, Joseph, Bath, 1821.
- McKenney, William, Caesar's Creek, 1809.
- McKenney, Hiram, Bath, 1820; May 14, 1822, married Margaret Havens.
- McKenney, Samuel, Captain, Bath, 1807; soldier in War of 1812; died in Clark county; music teacher.
- McKenney, Joseph, Bath, 1817.
- McKenney, James, Bath, 1817.
- McKenney, Robert, Bath, 1817; June 14, 1838, married ———— Olentine.
- McKenney, Anthoncy, Bath, 1817.
- McKnabb, Milton, Bath, 1840; killed December 16, 1879, by falling down court house stairs.
- McKnabb, William, Bath, 1811; from Kentucky; died in 1853; brother-in-law of Andrew Reid.

- McKnabb, Abner, Bath, 1826.
- McKnabb, Abner W., Bath, 1826; April 16, 1829, married Sarah Dunn.
- McKnabb, Wilson, Bath, 1829.
- McKnabb, Lewis C., Bath, 1840; born August 27, 1807; died December 16, 1869; buried at Fairfield, Ohio; married Rebecca Maxon.
- McLaughlin, William, Miami, 1827; February 13, 1823, married Anna Boggess.
- McLaughlin, John, Xenia, 1830; February 27, 1823, married Sarah Baldwin.
- McLaughlin, James, Xenia, 1811; in 1871 removed to Virginia, where he died; father of Mrs. Geo. Watts.
- McLaughlin, Thomas, Xenia, 1819.
- McLaughlin, Sarah, Xenia, 1819.
- McLaughlin, James, Xenia, 1838.
- McLeod, Dr. Alexander, Xenia, 1830; native of the Isle of Mull, North Britain; died in 1833; buried in Woodland.
- McLinn, Isaac, Xenia, 1812.
- McLane, John, Sugar Creek, 1893; from Lexington, Kentucky; died October 1, 1848, aged eighty-four; buried on the William Huston farm, Bellbrook, Ohio; never married.
- McMillan, Daniel, Xenia, 1803; kept tavern in Xenia in 1806.
- McMillan, Daniel, Xenia, 1831; a farmer; native of Ireland; born in 1776; came to Chester county, South Carolina in 1787, and to Ohio in 1831; died May 19, 1863, aged eighty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville, Ohio.
- McMillan, Rev. Hugh, Xenia, 1828; born in 1794, October 17; died October 9, 1860, aged seventy-six; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville, Ohio.
- McMillan, Rev. Gavin, Xenia, 1828; located in Preble county, Ohio, where he died and is buried.
- McMillan, James C., Xenia, 1831; son of Daniel, Sr.; born in 1810; died February 12, 1894, aged eighty-four; buried in Woodland.
- McMillan, James, Xenia, 1840; born December, 1801; died April 13, 1863; buried in Woodland; married Malinda Hagler.
- McMillan, Rev. John, Xenia, 1840; son of Daniel, Sr.; chaplain of the One Hundred and Ninth Pennsylvania during Civil War; died in Pennsylvania May, 1874; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- McMillan, James, Miami, 1830; died August 11, 1847, aged fifty-five; brother of Daniel, Sr.
- McMillan, David, Ross, 1840; died April 27, 1856, aged sixty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; brother of Daniel, Sr.
- McMillan, Hugh, Xenia, 1840; died February, 1894, aged sixty-nine; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; son of James.
- McMillan, Robert, Miami, 1835; died February 13, 1881, aged eighty-three; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- McMinn, John H., Miami, 1827; November 2, 1837, married Ann Palmer.
- McMillan, Newton, Xenia, 1835; April 7, 1836, married Rachel Brown.
- McNecley, William, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- McNett, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- McNair, Ward, Caesar's Creek, 1830; born in 1803; died in 1880, aged seventy-seven; buried in Woodland.
- McNulty, James, Xenia, 1820.
- McNulty, William, Bath, 1830; soldier of 1812; buried in Casad graveyard, east of Fairfield, married Thursa McFarland.
- McNeal, Thomas H., Beaver Creek, 1840; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- McNary, William, Bath, 1807; died October 23, 1842, aged sixty-one; buried in Bath churchyard.
- McNary, Alexander, Bath, 1807.
- McNary, Edward, Bath, 1808.
- McNary, Bryant, Bath, 1809.
- McNary, John, Bath, 1809; died in 1846, aged forty-nine; buried in Bath churchyard; December 17, 1829, married Nancy Steelman.
- McNary, Andrew, Bath, 1811.
- McPherson, Adam, Mad River, 1803; married January 7, 1819, Mr. Adam McPherson to Miss Phebe Steele; (records of Clark county); from Kentucky with the Galloways.
- McPherson, James, Mad River, 1803; an Indian agent and early "note keeper" in Mad River township, Greene county.
- McPherson, John, Mad River, 1803.
- McPherson, John G., Xenia, 1840; son of John H.; died March 6, 1896, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland; in Co. H, O. V. I.
- McPherson, John H., Xenia, 1816; born June 10, 1796; died January 15, 1844, aged forty-eight; buried in Woodland; recorder of Greene county from 1830 to 1841.
- McPherson, George, Xenia, 1819.
- McPherson, William, Xenia, 1840; son of John H.; in 1901 yet living.
- McPherson, Moses, Xenia, 1840; son of John H.; removed to Cambridge, Indiana.
- McPherson, A. Y., Caesar's Creek, 1834.
- McPhial, Cornelius, Ross, 1830.
- McQuiston, William, Xenia, 1835; died September 17, 1894, aged eighty-one; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; married Margaret McDill.
- McQuiston, Hugh, Xenia, 1835; died October 2, 1836; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- McRunnels, John, Ross, 1829; born September 2, 1804; died January 13, 1864; buried in Enon cemetery, Clark county.
- McSherry, John, Bath, 1827.
- McSherry, Elias, Bath, 1830; October 16, 1834, married Jane Anderson.
- McSherry, Reuben, Bath, 1830.
- McTume, Dr., Cedarville, 1833; one of the first physicians of Cedarville, Ohio.
- McWilliams, David, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died May 1, 1832, aged seventy; buried in Zoar churchyard, Caesar's Creek township.
- McWilliams, Robert, Xenia, 1840.
- McWhater, John, Miami, 1830; November 12, 1832, married Ann Smith.
- McQuirk, Alexander, Xenia, 1840; from Scotland; died March 26, 1880, aged ninety-two; buried in Woodland.
- Nailor, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1829; died April 15, 1869; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Nailor, Samuel, Bath, 1820; died April, 1869, aged

- eighty-one; buried at Fairfield, Ohio; native of New Jersey.
- Nagle, Dr. Borton, Xenia, 1840; from Hinkleton, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; died April 29, 1842, aged twenty-nine.
- Northout, Willis, Sugar Creek, 1803.
- Nichols, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840; died March 25, 1855, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- Nelson, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1819; August 11, 1820, married Elizabeth Medsker.
- Nelson, Jonas, Sugar Creek, 1830; September 10, 1828, married Lucretia Lewis.
- Nelson, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1840; January 24, 1837, married Elizabeth Hardman.
- Nelson, Alexander, Xenia, 1840.
- Nelson, John, Bath, 1803; soldier of 1812.
- Nelson, James, Bath, 1827.
- Nelson, Jacob, Bath, 1840; died March 5, 1870, aged sixty-three; buried in Bath township.
- Nelson Nathaniel, Miami, 1840.
- Nelson, Horatio, 1826; February 5, 1827, married Mary Allen.
- Nelson, A., Ross, 1840.
- Nannet, Jacobus, Bath, 1820.
- Nash, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; removed to Logan county, Ohio.
- Nash, Nathan, Xenia, 1820; killed by lightning while at work as a plasterer August 17, 1843, at the house of Joshua Wright, East Second street, Xenia.
- Nash, William, Xenia, 1826; removed to Warren county, Illinois.
- Nash, Hugh, Xenia, 1826; born March 13, 1805; died February 14, 1869, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland; married Rebecca Graham.
- Nash, James, Xenia, 1826; January 17, 1826; married Margaret Brown.
- Nash, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; March 5, 1835, married Isabelle Booth.
- Nagley, Henry, Miami, 1812; soldier of 1812.
- Nichols, James, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Nichols, John, Caesar's Creek, 1813; died July 31, 1877; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Nichols, John D., Xenia, 1840.
- Nichols, Erastus S., Xenia, 1840; from New York; died November 15, 1896, aged seventy-nine; buried in Woodland; March 22, 1842, married Mary Ann Crumbaugh.
- Nichols, John, Bath, 1840.
- Nichols, Joseph, Miami, 1830.
- Nichols, William, Sr., Miami, 1840.
- Nichols, William, Miami, 1840; March 11, 1841, married Margaret McCoy.
- Nichols, Thornton, Silver Creek, 1840; died in 1840.
- Nave, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; from Maryland; born in 1802; died September 28, 1883; buried in Mt. Zion; aged eighty-two.
- Nave, Leonard, Beaver Creek, 1807; died in 1809.
- Nave, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; removed to Clark county, Ohio; August 23, 1808, married Catharine Garlough.
- Nichols, Luther, Xenia, 1840; died April 1, 1857, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- Newkirk, Benjamin, Xenia, 1812; from New Jersey; born September 21, 1791; died August 6, 1877, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.
- Nichols, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; died December 24, 1862, aged fifty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Nisbet, John C., Xenia, 1830; from Chester county, South Carolina; born in 1808; died in 1888, aged eighty; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville, Ohio; married Mary McMillan.
- Nisbet, Samuel, Xenia, 1830; from Chester county, South Carolina; died June 6, 1885, aged seventy-four; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; soldier in Civil War, Co. D, Twelfth Infantry.
- Nisbet, Hugh M., Xenia, 1830; died March 28, 1868, aged forty-five; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Nesbitt, Jonathan, Xenia, 1817; from Clear Springs, Washington county, Maryland; died May 3, 1856, aged eighty-six.
- Nesbitt, Robert, Xenia, 1817; from Indiana county, Pennsylvania; from Ireland; married Nancy Townsley; born December 27, 1790; died June 26, 1876; buried in Woodland; a carpenter.
- Nesbitt, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; son of Robert; born November 28, 1822; died in Cincinnati in 1900.
- Nesbitt, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1816; settled on the farm of David Gray in 1781; born in Washington county, Maryland; father of Benoni, the lawyer; died in Hardin county July 16, 1856, aged eighty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Nesbitt, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1826.
- Nesbitt, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; died September 24, 1843.
- Nesbitt, Benoni, Xenia, 1832; a lawyer; born October 14, 1814; died April 11, 1897, aged eighty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Nesbitt, Nathan, Xenia, 1830; a potter; from Clear Spring, Maryland; died November 10, 1879, aged 70; buried in Woodland.
- North, Lyman, Xenia, 1816; native of Connecticut; died in Champaign county, December 21, 1860, aged sixty-eight; he and Orin were brothers.
- North, Orin, Xenia, 1817; died December 8, 1877, aged eighty-three; buried in Woodland; June 3, 1828, married Martha Kenton.
- Nevious, Samuel, Xenia, 1817.
- Nevious, David, Bath, 1827.
- Nevious, John H., Miami, 1821; April 26, 1832, married Catharine E. Brown.
- Nevious, David, Miami, 1821; December, 1823, married Elizabeth Griner.
- Nevious, William J., Miami, 1826; son-in-law of James Curry, Sr.; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).
- Nevious, John W., Miami, 1826.
- Nevious, J. F., Miami, 1840.
- Nevious, Luke, Miami, 1840; born July 10, 1782; died September 24, 1863; buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Nevious, Henry F., Miami, 1840; son of John; born August 25, 1813; died March 6, 1825; buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Newland, Mark, Xenia, 1816; soldier of 1812.
- Newland, Thomas, Xenia, 1830.
- Newender, Jesse, Miami, 1840.
- Newcomb, Samuel, Xenia, 1826; died in 1869; buried in Woodland; was for years treasurer of Greene county.
- Newcomb, Samuel R., Jr., Xenia, 1840; son of



- Samuel; died September 23, 1841, aged twenty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Newcomb, Isaac, Xenia, 1840; November 16, 1842, married Jane Carpenter.
- Newsom, Israel, Xenia, 1840.
- Norris, George, Xenia, 1821.
- Norris, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1818.
- Norris, John, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Norris, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Norris, William, Xenia, 1840; a carpenter; died in 1888, aged seventy-three; buried in Woodland.
- Noland, Obed C., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Noland, Lazarus, Caesar's Creek, 1827; son of William; born June 13, 1788; died April 9, 1843; buried in Zoar churchyard.
- Noland, Dr. Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1829; born December 23, 1800; died December 9, 1835, aged thirty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Noland, William, Xenia, 1840; died March 18, 1851, aged seventy-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Noland, Job, Xenia, 1840; son of William.
- Noland, James, Xenia, 1840; son of Lazarus.
- Nordyke, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Nordyke, Hiram, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Norwick, Daniel, Bath, 1811; died in 1815; Thomas Jones was appointed administrator of the estate.
- Norwick, W., Bath, 1811.
- Norwick, Margaret, Bath, 1811.
- Norwick, Jacob, Bath, 1811.
- Nott, William, Xenia, 1807.
- Norfolk, Benjamin, Xenia, 1840; died in Xenia October 24, 1854, aged sixty-five; buried in Woodland; March 19, 1837, married Nancy Forbes.
- Norfolk, Ira, Xenia, 1840.
- Nortes, Nicholas, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Noble, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1813.
- Noble, Joshua, Beaver Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812.
- Noble, George, Beaver Creek, 1840; March 29, 1841, married Jane Gowerspray.
- Nolard, P. M. D., Xenia, 1828.
- Nolder, William, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Nisonger, Jacob, Xenia, 1806; from Virginia; born March 5, 1776; died May 5, 1835, aged fifty-nine; buried in Woodland; married Rebecca Reed.
- Nisonger, Robert, Xenia, 1809; son of Jacob and Rebecca; September 10, 1842, married Ann Wilson.
- Nisonger, John, Xenia, 1823; son of Jacob and Rebecca.
- Nisonger, Samuel, Xenia, 1827; son of David and Rebecca; May 3, 1842, married Nancy Scarff.
- Nisonger, Robert, H., Xenia, 1840; removed to Cincinnati.
- Nisonger, William, Xenia, 1825; January 11, 1827, married Julia Ann Snyder.
- Nisonger, Joseph, Xenia, 1840; son of Jacob; born June 23, 1820; died March 8, 1892, aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland.
- Nisonger, Perry, Xenia, 1840; son of Jacob; died in Logan county, Ohio; buried in Woodland.
- Nimerick, Zimri G., Xenia, 1810; born November 18, 1820; died November 15, 1845, aged twenty-five; buried in Morgan graveyard, near Oldtown, Ohio.
- Nimerick, John, Xenia, 1812; buried in Morgan graveyard; December 13, 1842, married Parthenia Beall.
- Nimerick, Peter, Xenia, 1827; buried near Oldtown, Ohio.
- Nimerick, William, Beaver Creek, 1830.
- Nicholson, Valentine, Xenia, 1840.
- Nickey, Christian, Xenia, 1840.
- Neigh, James, Xenia, 1840; removed to Springfield, Illinois.
- Newton, John, Beaver Creek, 1827.
- Newton, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1817.
- Next, John, Bath, 1818.
- Neild, Jason, Sugar Creek, 1840; died June 6, 1867, aged forty-five; buried in Woodland; born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1818.
- Neil, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Neil, Ann, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Neil, Richard, Sugar Creek, 1810.
- Neil, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1828.
- Neil, Lewis, Xenia, 1830.
- Neil, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1817; son of Abraham Neil.
- Neil, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1818; father-in-law of Thomas Given, who married Rachel; died in 1827; H. Hamill, executor; November 28, 1826, married Sarah Silvers.
- Neil, William, Bath, 1818.
- Neil, John, Bath, 1819.
- Neil, Thomas, Bath, 1840; died in 1869.
- Neil, Edmund, Silver Creek, 1807; died February 10, 1865, aged eighty-eight; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Neil, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Neil, Timothy, Silver Creek, 1840; born July, 1809; died October, 1891; buried in Woodland; March 9, 1837, married Hulda Paullin.
- Neil, Lewis, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Nevill, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1804.
- Nevill, Henry, Xenia, 1832; from Virginia; died January 28, 1877, aged sixty; buried in Woodland.
- Nebigger, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Nebigger, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1820; November 14, 1822, married Susanna Porter.
- Neeley, James, Caesar's Creek, 1815; died in Sugar Creek township in 1829; buried on his old farm.
- Neeley, William, Caesar's Creek, 1830; son of James; removed to Allen county, Ohio; July 6, 1826, married Ruth Paullin.
- Neeley, Elizabeth, Caesar's Creek, 1830; daughter of James.
- Neeley, James, Sr., Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812; died in Sugar Creek township in 1826.
- Neeley, James, Jr., Xenia, 1807; March 26, 1840, married Cynthia Beason.
- Neeley, Nathaniel, Xenia, 1840; son of James; removed to Allen county, Ohio.
- Neeley, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; removed to Allen county, Ohio; September 12, 1832, married Mary Canada.
- Neisley, Nathaniel, Bath, 1830.
- Neisley, Samuel, Bath, 1840.
- Neisley, Richard, Bath, 1820.
- Neisley, George, Bath, 1826.
- Nunamaker, Michael, Xenia, 1816; from Maryland; died February 27, 1866, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland; October 28, 1821, married Mary Hivling.
- Nugart, John, Bath, 1820.

- Newport, Thomas, Xenia, 1813.  
 Newport, William, Xenia, 1813; soldier of 1812; December 28, 1815, married Margaret McFarland.  
 Newport, William A., Xenia, 1816.  
 Newport, Jesse, Xenia, 1813; the founder of Cedarville, Ohio, in 1816; built the first saw-mill there.  
 Newport, Daniel, Xenia, 1819.  
 Napp, Joseph, Miami, 1808.  
 Napp, Moses, Miami, 1810; soldier of 1812.  
 Naughton, Erastus, Bath, 1818.  
 Negley, Henry, Vance, 1812; April 15, 1813, married Phebe Berge.  
 Nagley, John, Vance, 1812; soldier of 1812.  
 Nagley, George, Vance, 1812; soldier of 1812.  
 Nutt, Irvin, Xenia, 1832; February 5, 1834, married Barbary Persinger.  
 Nutt, Joshua, Sugar Creek, 1814; was auctioneer when the lots for the town of Bellbrook were sold in the fall of 1815; died May 22, 1826; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; aged forty-one.  
 Nutt, Richard, Xenia, 1835; September 3, 1836, married Mary Exson.  
 Nine, Samuel, Bath, 1840.  
 Null, Christian, Caesar's Creek, 1830; son-in-law of Valentine Bone.  
 Oates, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1828; died May 15, 1864, aged seventy-two; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.  
 Oakes, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Ohlinger, Christian, 1829; January 4, 1831, married Mary Horn.  
 Odell, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Ogan, Peter, Silver Creek, 1816.  
 Ogan, William, Silver Creek, 1828.  
 Ogan, Marshall, Silver Creek, 1840; died December 24, 1874; buried at Jamestown; August 21, 1834, married Mahala Jones.  
 Ogden, John C., Beaver Creek, 1830; removed to Indiana.  
 Ogden, William, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Ogden, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Ogg, Isaac, Bath, 1826.  
 Ogg, Reuben, Bath, 1827.  
 Ogg, Thomas, Bath, 1827.  
 Oglesbee, Aaron, Sugar Creek, 1813; died February 7, 1824, aged sixty-one buried in Mercer graveyard; his wife, Susan, died in 1850, aged eighty-three; buried by his side.  
 Oglesbee, Asa, Sugar Creek, 1813; son of Aaron and Susan; March 28, 1815, married Phebe Mock.  
 Oglesbee, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1828; son of Aaron and Susan.  
 Oglesbee, Susanna, Sugar Creek, 1830.  
 Oglesbee, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1830; from Virginia; died December 26, 1884, aged seventy-one.  
 Oglesbee, Isaiah, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died August 17, 1858, aged sixty-three; buried in New Hope churchyard, near Paintersville.  
 Oglesbee, David, Caesar's Creek, 1830.  
 Oglesbee, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1830.  
 Oglesbee, Eli, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died February 28, 1871, aged sixty-four; buried in New Hope churchyard; married Rebecca Mann.  
 Oglesbee, Elias, Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Oglesbee, James, Caesar's Creek, 1840; August 29, 1840, married Catharine Curl.  
 Oglesbee, Jonathan, Caesar's Creek, 1825; August 16, 1832, married Hannah Parrott.  
 Oglesbee, John, Caesar's Creek, 1826.  
 Oglesbee, Josiah, Caesar's Creek, 1830.  
 Oliver, Allen, Silver Creek, 1816; soldier of 1812.  
 Ohlwine, Chas., Miami, 1820.  
 Ohlwine, David, Miami, 1820; December 17, 1836, married Charles Taylor.  
 Oliver, John, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.  
 Olentine, Richard, Miami, 1817; died; in 1849, aged seventy-two; buried at Middle Run, Clark county, Ohio; in 1817 married Ann Newkirk.  
 Orr, Joseph, Xenia, 1836; March 17, 1836, married Mary Hopping.  
 Ordway, Joseph, Ross, 1820; died in 1826.  
 Orr, James, 1836; January 11, 1838, married Juliana Hopping.  
 Orr, William, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1803; accused of horse stealing by Robert Frakes in 1806; not guilty; in 1808 he was killed by Robert Frakes.  
 Orr, William, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1803.  
 Orr, Samuel, Xenia, 1836; September 28, 1837, married Jane E. Moore.  
 Orr, John, Jr., Xenia, 1832; born April 6, 1795; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Chestnut, of South Carolina; from Ireland in 1783; son of John and Rosanna Orr; died January 9, 1882, aged eighty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's).  
 Orr, John, Jr., Xenia, 1831; was clerk of courts of Greene county from 1864 to 1880; died December 30, 1883, aged sixty-three; buried in Woodland; son of John, Sr.  
 Orcutt, Barrough, Ross, 1826; died May 27, 1871, aged seventy-four; buried in graveyard east of Grape Grove.  
 Oleary, Jerry, Ross, 1815; from Ireland; the old pioneer school teacher of Ross township; house stood at Paddy's Crossing; a preacher, also.  
 Ohagen, William, Xenia, 1827.  
 Oren, J., Caesar's Creek, 1819.  
 Oren, George T., Beaver Creek, 1826; died May 21, 1873, aged seventy-six; at the time a resident of Miami township.  
 Oren, Jesse, Ross, 1840; April 25, 1824, married Margaret Keiffer; May 3, 1827, married Elizabeth Fream.  
 Onea, Francis, Caesar's Creek, 1805.  
 Oneal, William, Beaver Creek, 1803.  
 Oneal, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1826.  
 Oneal, Thomas, Jr., Bath, 1840; December 13, 1835, married Christiana Wolf.  
 Oneal, Henry, Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland.  
 Oshall, John, Sugar Creek, 1811; July 28, 1813, married Mary Marshall; May 7, 1822, married Margaret Sterritt.  
 Opedyke, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1821 was born in New Jersey; a drummer boy in War of 1812; died at St. Louis, Missouri.  
 Opedyke, Peter, Sugar Creek, 1820; born in 1777; died in 1844.  
 Opedyke, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1814; born in New Jersey November 16, 1774; killed by accident

- while digging a well on the Steele farm January 23, 1825.
- Opedyke, George, Sugar Creek, 1819; died in 1837.
- Osburn, Rev. John, Sugar Creek, 1819; September 28, 1820, married Margaret Skeene.
- Osburn, David, Silver Creek, 1833; born in Clermont county, Ohio; removed to Fayette county, Ohio, in 1862.
- Osburn, H. M. C., Silver Creek, 1830.
- Osburn, Hiram, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Osburn, David M., Silver Creek, 1840; February 22, 1838, married Cynthia Jackson.
- Ovan, William, Miami, 1840.
- Owens, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1808; May 22, 1806, married Lucy Marshall; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Maltbie; died June 9, 1853, aged seventy; buried in Woodland.
- Owens, Rev. George, Sugar Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; died December 26, 1866, aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland.
- Owens, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1813; brother of Rev. George; married a daughter of William Maxwell, Sr.
- Owens, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1813; married Jane Marshall April 18, 1815; a brother of Rev. George.
- Owens, James, Caesar's Creek, 1805; soldier of 1812; married Deborah Marshall August 5, 1805.
- Owens, Samuel T., Caesar's Creek, 1811; from Brunswick county, Virginia; died January 1, 1867, aged fifty-nine; buried in Woodland; auditor of Greene county from 1857 to 1861; captain of Co. G, Seventy-fourth O. V. I.
- Owens, William, Sr., Xenia, 1811; from Virginia; was brother-in-law of Samuel Wright, who was the father of Coke Wright; died March 11, 1827; buried in Davis's orchard, near Union church; aged eighty-six.
- Owens, William, Jr., Xenia, 1811; from Brunswick county, Virginia; born March 9, 1779; died December 26, 1862; buried in Woodland; aged eighty-four.
- Owens, Johns, Xenia, 1840; died August 30, 1872, aged sixty; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Owens, Henry, Xenia, 1840; died one and one-half miles south of Cedarville, February 10, 1900, aged eighty-six.
- Owens, Peter, Spring Valley, 1840; from Ireland; died January 6, 1892, aged seventy-five.
- Owens, Benjamin, Xenia, 1830.
- Owens, John S., Xenia, 1838; August 9, 1838, married Elizabeth J. Butler.
- Owens, George B., Xenia, 1841; died in the Union settlement November 25, 1862; born July 14, 1808; buried in Woodland; aged fifty-five.
- Owens, Uriah, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Owens, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Owens, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Owens, Elias, Beaver Creek, 1830.
- Oxley, John, Silver Creek, 1830; died March 18, 1837, aged sixty-three; buried in Baptist graveyard, west of Bowersville.
- Oxley, William T., Silver Creek, 1840; son of John.
- Oxley, Jesse, Silver Creek, 1840; son of John.
- Oxley, Enos, Silver Creek, 1840; son of John.
- Oxley, Elisha F., Silver Creek, 1840; died February 9, 1898, aged seventy-two, buried in Bowersville, Ohio.
- Palmer, Martin, Sugar Creek, 1801; born in 1790; removed to St. Charles, Missouri; was sheriff of St. Charles in 1880.
- Palmer, Wm. H., Sugar Creek, 1806; died September 30, 1876, aged eighty-one, buried in Fayette county, Ohio.
- Palmer, James, Sugar Creek, 1806; removed to Clinton county, Missouri.
- Palmer, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Joseph; removed to Clarksville, Iowa; May 11, 1841, married Flora R. Lyle.
- Palmer, George, Xenia, 1840; July 22, 1838, married Ann Allen.
- Palmer, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Palmer, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1805; from Pennsylvania; soldier of 1812; died December 14, 1864, aged seventy-four, buried in Woodland; March 3, 1814, married Julia A. Butler.
- Palmer, Nathan, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Palmer, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; removed to Indiana.
- Palmer, Israel, Miami, 1840; removed to Springfield, Ohio.
- Palmer, Perry, Xenia, 1840; removed to Missouri.
- Parker, Peter, Sugar Creek, 1812.
- Parker, Reuben, Bath, 1816.
- Parker, John R., Silver Creek, 1809; (Daddy); kept hotel in Jamestown, Ohio, for thirty years; died in 1882, aged eighty-one.
- Patterson, David, Miami, 1840; died July 7, 1876, aged seventy-four, buried at Clifton, Ohio.
- Patterson, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Patterson, Robert E., Sugar Creek, 1840; died at Bellbrook, Ohio, April 19, 1883, aged seventy-eight, buried at Bellbrook; married Mary Landes.
- Patterson, James, Sugar Creek, 1840; from West Virginia; died December 24, 1891, aged eighty-four, buried in Woodland; from Warren county; father of T. C. Patterson.
- Patterson, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died April 16, 1850, buried in Woodland, aged seventy-five.
- Patterson, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1840; April 17, 1834, married Mary Shoemaker.
- Patterson, Thomas, Bath, 1828; died in 1850, buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad river.
- Patterson, Thomas L., Bath, 1830; died in Xenia, September 25, 1895; July 7, 1836, married Rebecca Hummer.
- Patterson, James, Bath, 1840; born in 1782, died February 13, 1841; brother of Aunt Harriet Patterson.
- Patterson, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1828; died in 1883, aged seventy-eight, buried at Bellbrook.
- Patterson, Capt. John C., Caesar's Creek, 1828; born in Greene county, Pennsylvania; died July 26, 1896, aged seventy-five.
- Patterson, Thomas, Xenia; died in 1835.
- Patterson, John C., Silver Creek, 1828; born in



- Warren county, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1818; died April 16, 1850, aged seventy-five; July 21, 1842, married Roxanna Bargdoll.
- Patterson, Francis, Miami, 1814; kept tavern in Clifton in 1818.
- Patterson, Jefferson, Miami, 1820.
- Patterson, Henry, Ross, 1830.
- Patterson, Wm., Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; a millwright; died November 22, 1889, buried in Woodland; soldier in Civil war, Company E, First Ohio.
- Parks, Richard, Xenia, 1819; died September 30, 1841, at Milford, Ohio.
- Parks, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1830; died October 5, 1823, aged fifty-three.
- Parks, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1840; March 22, 1838, married Mary Hanes.
- Parks, Wm., Sugar Creek, 1840; died April, 1882; brother of Mrs. James H. Dickey; for some time resided in Franklin county.
- Parks, John, Bath, 1820.
- Parks, James, Xenia, 1810; soldier of 1812.
- Pratt, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Pratt, Wm., Xenia, 1840.
- Pratt, Gilbert, Ross, 1826.
- Pratt, Wm., Ross, 1830.
- Pratt, Joseph, Ross, 1840; November 28, 1839, married Upphias Ballard.
- Payne, John, Miami, 1812; March 25, 1813, married Latitia Whitcman.
- Painter, David, Caesar's Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; died in 1840, buried in New Hope churchyard.
- Painter, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1807; son of David; soldier of 1812; died in 1867.
- Painter, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1817; son of David.
- Painter, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1820; son of David.
- Painter, Joshua, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Painter, David C., Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Painter, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1827; August 16, 1842, married Lucinda Faulkner.
- Painter, David, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1840; died December 6, 1863, aged forty-five, buried in New Hope churchyard, Paintersville, Ohio.
- Parlott, Joshua, Caesar's Creek, 1827.
- Padgett, Wm. C., Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Paullin, Uriah, Ross, 1808; died March 14, 1812, of "Cold Plague."
- Paullin, Jacob, Ross, 1810; died February 12, 1861, aged seventy-three, buried in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Paullin, Wm., Miami, 1812; died at his home near Yellow Springs, aged seventy-two, February 12, 1861.
- Paullin, Rebecca, Ross, 1813.
- Paullin, Joseph, Ross, 1816; died June 12, 1875, aged eighty, buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Paullin, Enos, Ross, 1818; November 18, 1817, married Polly Mcurey.
- Paullin, David, Ross, 1827; died August 29, 1874, aged sixty-nine, buried in Jamestown cemetery; December 6, 1827, married Susan Smith.
- Paullin, Joseph, Jr., Ross, 1830; April 3, 1823, married Jane January.
- Paullin, J. B., Ross, 1840.
- Paullin, Newcomb T., Ross, 1811; born June 18, 1811; died July, 1880, Clark county.
- Paris, Thomas, Xenia, 1811; died October 6, 1823, aged fifty-three, buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Paris, John, Xenia, 1826; from Kentucky; first postmaster of Cedarville, Ohio; died July 22, 1853, aged fifty, buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Paris, Robert, Xenia, 1830.
- Paris, George, Xenia, 1840; July, 1841, married Rebecca Jamison.
- Paris, Alexander, Xenia, 1840; died November 10, 1840 by strangulation; was mentally unbalanced.
- Pavey, Samuel, Xenia, 1816.
- Paul, Reuben B., Sugar Creek, 1840; died June 14, 1853, aged forty, buried in Woodland.
- Paul, Col. John B., Beaver Creek, 1803; the first clerk of the courts of Greene county; died in 1830, buried in Madison, Indiana.
- Paul, Jonathan, Beaver Creek, 1807; brother of Col. John; first located on what is known as the John B. Lucas farm; removed to Greengburg, Indiana, where he died.
- Paxson, Wm., Xenia, 1816; died February, 1841.
- Paxson, Aaron, Beaver Creek, 1820; died April 26, 1890, aged seventy, buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio; married Lucy Swadencer.
- Paxson, Cynthia, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Paxson, Amos, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Paxson, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Aaron; removed to Clark county, Ohio, to Columbus, Ohio; died June 5, 1881, buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Paxson, Aaron, Beaver Creek, 1818; born May 27, 1797, died December 11, 1884, aged eighty-seven, buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Parkinson, Willis, Xenia, 1820; died in 1826; merchant of Xenia, firm of Dodd & Parkinson.
- Passals, Clement, Miami, 1803; died October 23, 1883, aged eighty-one, buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Patton, Wm., Bath, 1830; buried in Rockafeld graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio; married Sarah Koogler.
- Patton, David, Ross, 1835; died in 1884, aged seventy-four, buried near Grape Grove.
- Patton, J. H., Ross, 1830; died June 2, 1846, aged seventy-seven, buried east of Grape Grove, Ohio.
- Patton, John M., Ross, 1840; from Virginia; died March 28, 1881, aged sixty-two, buried east of Grape Grove.
- Patton, John F., Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died July 8, 1886, aged seventy-four, buried in Woodland.
- Parnell, George, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Parlott, David, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Parish, Joseph, Ross, 1813.
- Parsons, John, Jr., Bath, 1832; died March 5, 1865, aged fifty-five, buried in Mitman graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.
- Parsons, David, Bath, 1840; born October 8, 1791, died August 25, 1880, buried in Union churchyard, Byron, Ohio.

- Parsons, John, Sr., Bath, 1829; a soldier of the Revolution; buried in Union churchyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Packer, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1816.
- Pearson, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Pearson, Peter, Caesar's Creek, 1816; died in 1840; son of William; January 4, 1831, married Mary Evans.
- Pearson, Peter P., Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Pearson, Lewis, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died December 9, 1896, aged eighty-six; son of William.
- Pearson, Lovell, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Pearson, James, Miami, 1840.
- Pearson, John, Silver Creek, 1813.
- Pearson, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1830; November 20, 1833, married Mary Adset.
- Pearson, Wm., Silver Creek, 1819; died in 1849.
- Pearson, Mark, Silver Creek, 1827; from Virginia; son of William; born February 24, 1807; removed to Fayette county in 1836.
- Pearson, Isaac, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Peter, of Caesar's Creek; November 3, 1833, married Susan Haughey.
- Pearson, Edward W., Silver Creek, 1840; son of Peter, of Caesar's Creek; July 17, 1823, married Violet Hanley.
- Pearson, Jonathan, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Pearson, Jesse A., Silver Creek, 1840; from Virginia; died July 27, 1893, aged seventy-eight, buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Parry, Ebenezer, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; died June 4, 1855, aged seventy-five, buried two and a half miles east of Paintersville, Ohio.
- Parry, Allen, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; Capt. McClellan.
- Parry, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1811; wife's name, Ruth; died in 1819.
- Parry, John, Caesar's Creek, 1820; March 11, 1830, married Rue Horney.
- Parry, Ruth, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Parry, Richard, Xenia, 1840.
- Parry, Peter, Bath, 1840; November 20, 1834, married Presella White.
- Parry, Chas., Silver Creek, 1830.
- Parry, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1840; December 5, 1823, married Mary Frazier.
- Parry, Wyatt, Silver Creek, 1840; May 27, 1841, married Nancy Lee.
- Parry, Walter, Xenia, 1830; son-in-law of Daniel Dean, Sr.; died in 1878, buried in Monmouth, Illinois.
- Pennywit, John, Sugar Creek, 1813; from Virginia; born in 1812; died in 1891, aged seventy-nine, buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Pennewit, Mark, Sugar Creek, 1820; died in 1862, buried in Bellbrook cemetery; December 1, 1836, married Nancy Smith.
- Pennewit, Philip, Sugar Creek, 1819.
- Pennewit, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1829; born September, 1763, died July 27, 1851, buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Pennewit, Harrison, Sugar Creek, 1840; died April 4, 1889, aged seventy-six, buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Pegg, Valentine, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Pegg, James, Sugar Creek, 1840; July 15, 1841, married Rebecca Bozarth.
- Pedrick, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1813; died in 1848.
- Pedrick, Wm., Sugar Creek, 1830; soldier of 1812; died in 1833.
- Pendry, Eli, Caesar's Creek, 1804, came to what is now Jasper township in 1803; lost his land, and Galloway gave him 100 acres.
- Pendry, James, Caesar's Creek, 1819.
- Pendry, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1819; February 6, 1817, married Margaret Boots.
- Pendry, Wm. E., Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Pewsey, Joel, 1816, Caesar's Creek.
- Peck, John, Bath, 1840; died in 1845; October 30, 1832, married Ruth Martin.
- Peck, Joseph, Xenia, 1840.
- Peterson, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Jonas; died November, 1881.
- Peterson, Samuel, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1817; died June 12, 1882, aged eighty-six, buried in Woodland.
- Peterson, Felix, Caesar's Creek, 1830; son of Jacob; born May 18, 1809, in Hardy county, Virginia; died April 9, 1874, aged sixty-five, buried in Woodland.
- Peterson, William, Caesar's Creek, 1832; January 3, 1834, married Matilda Boblett.
- Peterson, Philip, Caesar's Creek, 1815; died in 1851, aged eighty-two, buried in Maple Corner's churchyard.
- Peterson, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1815; from Virginia; died May, 1832, aged thirty-seven, buried in Zoar churchyard; son of Philip.
- Peterson, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died in 1857.
- Peterson, Moses, Caesar's Creek, 1830; third son of Jacob; died April 18, 1868, aged sixty-seven, buried in Woodland, Xenia, Ohio.
- Peterson, Jacob, Xenia, 1819; son of Samuel; died January 3, 1867, aged eighty-two, buried in Maple Corner's churchyard.
- Peterson, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1840; December 26, 1838, married Eleanor Weaver.
- Peterson, Jacob P., Xenia, 1840; son of Philip; died March 16, 1876, aged sixty-two.
- Peterson, Michael, Xenia, 1807.
- Peterson, John, Xenia, 1819; from Hardy county, Virginia; removed to the west; died in Illinois in 1839; brother of Jacob.
- Peterson, Saul, Xenia, 1820.
- Peterson, Solomon, Xenia, 1821; wife, Magdalene; died October 17, 1827, aged thirty, buried in Mercer graveyard, south of Xenia.
- Peterson, Jonas, Xenia, 1817; from Hardy county, Virginia; of Swiss descent; born September 8, 1800, died June 16, 1882, aged eighty-two.
- Peterson, Joel, Xenia, 1828; son of Jacob; died January, 1866, aged sixty-five, buried in Maple Corner's churchyard.
- Peterson, Jacob, Xenia, 1830; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1863; November 4, 1834, married Ann Biblett.
- Peterson, Felix, Xenia, 1840; son of Jacob; December 10, 1833, married Mary S. Weaver.
- Peterson, Adam, Miami, 1810.

- Peterson, Abel, Caesar's Creek, 1832; son of little Jacob; in 1899, still living; born in Hardy county, Virginia, October 18, 1811.
- Pelham, Samuel, Xenia, 1808; editor of "The Vehicle," published in Xenia in 1810; died in 1824.
- Pelham, Peter, Xenia, 1808; from Boston, Massachusetts; first auditor of Greene county; born in 1747, died in 1822, aged seventy-five; was commissioner in 1812; wife, Parthena.
- Pelham, Jesse, Xenia, 1810.
- Pelham, Jesse D., Xenia 1810; son of Peter; died in 1823; Chapel H. Bonner, administrator of the estate; farm adjoined Oldtown, Ohio.
- Pelham, Henry, Ross, 1811; brother of Peter.
- Pelham, Wm. F., Xenia, 1840; born in 1818, died in 1883, aged sixty-five, buried in Woodland; son of Samuel.
- Persinger, Jacob, Xenia, 1816, removed to Sidney, Ohio; died 1851.
- Persinger, Smith, Xenia, 1826; born May 9, 1804, died January 22, 1843, aged thirty-eight, buried in Woodland; married Catherine Nesbitt.
- Persinger, Madison, Xenia, 1826.
- Persinger, John Milton, 1826; died in Chicago, Illinois, 1898, aged ninety.
- Persinger, Wm., Xenia, 1826; died May 25, 1855, aged seventy, buried in Woodland; October 6, 1825, married Precella Beatty.
- Persinger, Christopher, Xenia, 1829; born in 1808, died in 1841, aged thirty-three, buried in Woodland; married Constance Crumwell in 1838.
- Petro, Philip, Bath, 1803; son of Nicholas.
- Petro, Nicholas, Bath, 1803; son of Nicholas, Sr.
- Petro, Jonas, Bath, 1803; son of Nicholas.
- Petro, Paul, Sr., Bath, 1803; died February 28, 1812, aged thirty-five, buried in Petro graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.
- Petro, Margaret, Bath, 1830; wife of Paul; died in 1851, aged seventy-one, buried in Petro graveyard.
- Petro, Paul, Jr., Bath, 1833; born in 1812, died in 1887, aged seventy-five, buried in Fairfield; February 9, 1837, married Catherine Warner.
- Petro, Asa, Bath, 1830; February 17, 1835, married Roxy Ann Shingledecker.
- Petro, Paul, Jr., Bath, 1833; born in 1812, died in 1887, aged seventy-five, buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Petro, Seth, Bath, 1832; died May 15, 1835, aged twenty-four, buried in Petro graveyard.
- Pendlum, James, Silver Creek, 1828.
- Pendlum, John D., Silver Creek, 1828.
- Pendlum, Alfred, Silver Creek, 1840; grandfather of Charles; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Peacock, Elijah, Ross, 1830; October 5, 1826, married Emily Dolby.
- Peerman, Wm., Ross, 1840; died October 18, 1841, aged forty-one, buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Pennell, Daniel, Miami, 1826; died in 1868, buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Pepper, Alfred, Miami, 1840; died October 5, 1871, aged fifty-two, buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Pepper, Corban, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Perkey, Major Henry C., Miami, 1834; died January 22, 1852, buried at Clifton, Ohio; a native of Buckingham county, Virginia.
- Pedigrew, Wm., Bath, 1840; July 7, 1829, married Elizabeth Jones.
- Peoples, Wm., Bath, 1816.
- Peoples, Francis, Bath, 1840.
- Peterman, Jacob, Bath, 1840.
- Pippen, Charles, 1836; November 29, 1838, married Linah Brown (colored).
- Picklesimer, Samuel, Xenia, 1807.
- Pilcher, Enoch, Sugar Creek, 1820; died September 22, 1857, aged fifty-one, buried at Mt. Holly; November 10, 1818, married Susannah Grant.
- Pilcher, Enoch, Sugar Creek, 1830; son of Enoch; died in 1851.
- Pilcher, Amaziah, Xenia, 1830; January 3, 1832, married Jane Gowdy.
- Piper, Philip, Xenia, 1840; died November 25, 1879, aged seventy-three, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Perkins, Robert G., Sugar Creek, 1826; died near Bellbrook, April, 1836, buried there; December 24, 1825, married Elizabeth Robinson.
- Perking John, Caesar's Creek, 1826; son-in-law of John Downey.
- Perkins, Dr. Thomas, Xenia, 1806; soldier of 1812; born April 17, 1787, died in 1841, aged fifty-six, buried in Woodland.
- Perkins, Baker, Xenia, 1811; died in 1846; father of Thomas B., John S., and Stith G. Perkins; buried on the farm south of Xenia.
- Perkins, Wm. W., Xenia, 1826; son of Thomas and Elizabeth; born July 5, 1803, died September 20, 1830, aged twenty-seven, buried in Woodland.
- Perkins, Thomas B., Xenia, 1826; son of Baker.
- Perkins, Dr. Isaac S., Xenia, 1826; died October 11, 1843, aged forty-seven, buried in Woodland.
- Perkins, Henry W., Xenia, 1828, died August 24, 1832, aged twenty-six, buried in Woodland.
- Perkins, Joseph, Xenia, 1828.
- Perkins, Thomas S., Xenia, 1830; died May 10, 1886, aged eighty-six, buried in Woodland.
- Perkins, Thomas M., Xenia, 1840; died in Nebraska City, Nebraska, April 23, 1860, aged fifty; married Mary Jane Parkison.
- Perkins, John, Xenia, 1821; died October 6, 1871, aged sixty-eight, buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Perkins, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Perkins, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1811; died April 5, 1836, aged sixty-four, buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Perkins, Valentine, Bath, 1840.
- Pierce, Michael, Xenia, 1826; died at Cedarville June 10, 1872, aged eighty-two, buried at Cedarville.
- Pierce, John, Xenia, 1830; from Virginia; died February 6, 1881, aged eighty-two, buried in Woodland.
- Pierce, Thomas, Xenia, 1840.
- Pierce, Wm. G., Xenia, 1825; April 21, 1825, married Margaret Davidson.
- Pierce, Robert, Xenia, 1807.
- Pierce, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1830; April 8, 1838, married Unity Gordon.
- Pierce, David, Sugar Creek, 1826; from New Hampshire; born in 1810, died in 1892, aged eighty-two, buried in Middle Run churchyard.



- Phenix, Henry, Xenia, 1806; son-in-law of James Todd; owned the Brice Kn6x site.
- Porter, James, Sugar Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812; on back of his discharge it is written, "seven months' pay due him;" died in Sugar Creek in 1814.
- Porter, James M., Sugar Creek, 1810; January 3, 1839, married Delila Creamer.
- Porter, Susanna, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Porter, Jane, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Porter, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1820; December 28, 1824, married Ruth Heaton.
- Porter Andrew, Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Porter, Nathan, Caesar's Creek, 1803.
- Porter, James, Caesar's Creek, 1803; died in 1814.
- Porter, Nathaniel, Caesar's Creek, 1805.
- Porter, John N., Xenia, 1806; October 28, 1840, married Eliza Ann Collins.
- Porter, Nathaniel, Xenia, 1806.
- Porter, James, Xenia, 1806.
- Porter, Joseph, Xenia, 1807.
- Poague, Wm., Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; died October 25, 1842, buried in Woodland.
- Poague, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; died in 1816; removed from Mercer graveyard to Woodland.
- Poague, Robert Davis, Sugar Creek, 1833; son of Thomas; born in Greene county, January 2, 1813, died August 10, 1859, buried in Woodland.
- Poague, James, Sugar Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; died in 1825; Wm. Poague and John Bell, administrators.
- Poague, Wm. Jr., Sugar Creek, 1819; son of James; November 19, 1826, married Julia Ann Crumley.
- Poague, John, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Poague, David, Xenia, 1827.
- Poague, Washington, Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Poague, Preston, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Poague, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; died March 20, 1873, aged sixty-two, buried in Woodland; married Elizabeth Voss.
- Poague, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1811; April 21, 1825, married Susanna Vanghn.
- Poague, Wm. T., Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Poague, Rev. Andrew W., Xenia, 1820; died April 20, 1840, aged forty-nine, buried at Clifton, Ohio.
- Powers, Edward, Caesar's Creek, 1826; born May 27, 1773, died February 16, 1843, buried in New Hope churchyard, Paintersville; October 5, 1809, married Elizabeth Luce.
- Powers, George, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Powers, Alfred, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died March 1, 1884, aged sixty-nine, buried in Woodland; son of Edward; married Susanna Burrell.
- Powers, Wm. D., Beaver Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; son of William and Rhoda; born in Columbia county, New Jersey, in 1779, died August 27, 1857, aged seventy-eight; buried in Union graveyard.
- Powers, Daniel, Bath, 1810; bounty jumper in War of 1812; (see History of Greene County, Bath township).
- Powers, Daniel C., Bath, 1818.
- Powers, Snowden, Silver Creek, 1830; December 29, 1819, married Rebecca Wikel.
- Powers, John, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Powers, Edward, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; December 26, 1826, married Elizabeth Caldwell.
- Powers, Michael, Xenia, 1840; from Waterford, Ireland; died June 30, 1880, aged eighty-five, buried in Woodland; father of William, and step-father of G. F. Robinson, compiler of this work.
- Pompey, Clayborn, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Pollock, John, Jr., Xenia, 1811; February 10, 1825, married Mary Caldwell.
- Pollock, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1824; May 27, 1824, married Elizabeth McClure.
- Pollock, John, Sr., Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; buried in Massie's Creek, churchyard (Steven-son's).
- Pollock, Samuel, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; September 1, 1820, married Martha Neley.
- Pollock, Isaac, Xenia, 1816.
- Pollock, George, Xenia, 1827.
- Pollock, William, Xenia, 1830; died in 1862, August 8, aged eighty-four, buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- Pollock, Uriah, Bath, 1817.
- Pollock, Israel, Ross, 1819.
- Popenoe, Willis P., Ross, 1819; son of James, Sr., in 1859, still living in Topeka, Kansas, aged seventy-three.
- Popenoe, James, Beaver Creek, 1803; ex-representative and ex-sheriff of Greene county; built the R. F. Howard residence on E. Main St.; died in 1848 at Centerville, Ohio.
- Popenoe, James, Jr., Centerville, Ohio, 1820.
- Popenoe, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1803; brother of James, Sr.; murdered by Indians in Kentucky in 1807.
- Popenoe, Peter, Jr., 1820; removed to Kansas; son of James, Sr.
- Powell, Wm., Xenia, 1829.
- Powell, David, Beaver Creek, 1812.
- Poland, Robert R., Beaver Creek, 1828; father of Samuel, of Xenia; prosecuting attorney of Greene county from 1838 to 1841; died in California; married Eleanor McConnell.
- Poland, Wm., Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Poland, John, Beaver Creek, 1810.
- Poland, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1810.
- Poland, Aaron, Beaver Creek, 1810.
- Pool, Bushrod, Xenia, 1840.
- Pool, Madison, Xenia, 1840.
- Popjoy, Nathaniel, Bath, 1804.
- Poi, John, Bath, 1807.
- Ports, John, Bath, 1827.
- Potter, Nathan, Miami, 1840; died April 19, 1852, aged seventy-seven, buried in Glenn Forest, Yellow Springs.
- Potter, Levi, Miami, 1840.
- Potter, David, Miami, 1840; 1837, helped organize M. E. church at Yellow Springs; October 22, 1840, married Sarah Graham.
- Post, Joseph, Miami, 1829.
- Pruett, Elisha, Sugar Creek, 1804; died in 1811; had two sons, and two daughters.
- Pruett, Hester, Sugar Creek, 1821; widow of Elisha.
- Pruett, David, Silver Creek, 1830; June 17, 1830, married Latitia Jones.
- Price, William, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Price, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812.

- Preece, Wm., Sugar Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812; September 3, 1835, married Sarah Pearson.
- Preece, David, Sr., Xenia, 1803; wife, Susanna; he died in Caesar's Creek township in 1807.
- Preece, David, Jr., Xenia, 1803; son of David and Susanna.
- Preece, Frederick, Xenia, 1803; from Virginia; in 1830, sold his farm to Stephen Bone and removed to Indiana.
- Preece, Peter, Silver Creek, 1803; son of David, Capt. in War of 1812; one of the first justices of the peace in Caesar's Creek township.
- Preece, Joseph, Xenia, 1804; son of David and Susanna.
- Preece, Geo., Silver Creek, 1807; June 10, 1813, married Jane Hussey.
- Preece, Napoleon, Xenia, 1840; June 30, 1835, married Elizabeth Pearson.
- Preece, John, Xenia, 1819; soldier of 1812; son of David and Susanna; July 2, 1804, married Hannah Davis.
- Preece, Silas, Xenia, 1827.
- Preece, Geo. H., Xenia, 1827.
- Preece, Augustus, Xenia, 1827.
- Preece, Absalom, Xenia, 1840; died March 10, 1877, buried in Woodland; April 23, 1842, married Mary Bowers.
- Prather, Eli, Beaver Creek, 1830; died in 1833.
- Prugh, George, Xenia, 1808.
- Prugh, Elias, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Prill, Henry, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1803.
- Prill, Henry, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1803.
- Prevost, Samuel, Miami, 1811; from New Jersey; soldier of 1812; died December 6, 1881, aged eighty-one, buried in Clifton.
- Prevost, Joseph, Sr., Miami, 1812; soldier of 1812; buried in Woodland.
- Prevost, Joseph, Jr., Miami, 1819; buried in Clifton, Ohio.
- Prior, Jesse, Xenia, 1840.
- Prior, John, Xenia, 1840.
- Preseott, John S., Xenia, 1840; Massachusetts; attorney at law; October 4, 1834, married Naney Ann Townsley.
- Preseott, Dr. John H., Xenia, 1840; died in Xenia, November 16, 1872, aged sixty-five, buried in Woodland.
- Protsman, John, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Proctor, John, Bath, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Prethro, David, Silver Creek, 1821.
- Pruden, Benjamin, Miami, 1820.
- Pruden, Daniel, Miami, 1826.
- Pringle, Robert, Miami, 1810; soldier of 1812; September 21, 1815, married Elizabeth Smith.
- Pringle, Rev. Francis, Xenia, 1811; first pastor of what is now the Second U. P. church, Xenia; died in 1819.
- Puterbaugh, David, Beaver Creek, 1807; died in 1808; special court held to appoint administrator; 1829, married Catharine Snyder.
- Puterbaugh, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; buried at Mt. Zion, Beaver Creek.
- Puterbaugh, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1812; March 26, 1816, married Hannah Hittle.
- Puterbaugh, Henry M., Caesar's Creek, 1812.
- Puterbaugh, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1812; September 2, 1819, married Anna Glatfelter.
- Puterbaugh, Adam, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Puterbaugh, Samuel, Xenia, 1827; died September 30, 1879, aged seventy-nine, buried in Woodland; father of Mrs. George Moore, Xenia.
- Puterbaugh, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Purdy, John F., Sugar Creek, 1828; editor of "Xenia Free Press" in 1840.
- Purdy, A. W., Xenia, 1840.
- Pugh, Hughlet, Ross, 1840; died in 1866.
- Pugh, Wm., Miami, 1819; January 27, 1835, married Elizabeth Shoemaker.
- Pugh, T. C., Miami, 1840.
- Phillips, Eli, Xenia, 1806; buried near Zoar churchyard, Caesar's Creek township.
- Phillips, Chas., Xenia, 1806; son-in-law of James Todd.
- Phillips, David, Xenia, 1816.
- Phillips, Benjamin, Xenia, 1819.
- Phillips, John, Xenia, 1819.
- Phillips, Jonathan, Xenia, 1820.
- Phillips, James, Xenia, 1828.
- Phillips, Ira, Miami, 1808.
- Phillips, Wm., Miami, 1840.
- Phillips, Isaac, Miami, 1840.
- Phillips, Henry, Ross, 1840.
- Phillips, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Phillips, M., Silver Creek, 1812; born in 1791, died in 1873, buried in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Pharis, Robert, Ross, 1819; justice of peace of Ross township in 1818.
- Pharis, Samuel, Ross, 1824; February 20, 1828, married Sarah Marshall.
- Pharis, Isaac, Ross, 1834; June 4, 1835, married Catharine Haddex.
- Pitman, John, Xenia, 1826.
- Plank, Jacob, Xenia, 1826; December 23, 1823, married Barbary Martin.
- Plewett, John M., Bath, 1821.
- Pike, John, Bath, 1820.
- Piles, William, Ross, 1819; July 6, 1820, married Naney Bishop.
- Plowman, Nathan, Miami, 1840; buried in Clifton cemetery; December 12, 1837, married Lucinda Fallis.
- Peel, John, Caesar's Creek, 1801; lived on Christopher Hussey's farm; soldier of 1812.
- Quinn, Harvey, 1820; son of Matthew.
- Quinn, Elias, 1822; son of Matthew.
- Quinn, Nicholas, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1803; a native of Dublin, Ireland.
- Quinn, Nicholas, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1803; was twenty-three year old when he left Ireland; was to have been a preacher; never married; died in 1808; property willed to Matthew.
- Quinn, Matthew, Beaver Creek, 1803; brother of Nicholas; father of Amos, who was the father of Elias; died in 1831; buried on what is known as the Rontzong farm.
- Quinn, Amos, Beaver Creek, 1816; son of Matthew; father of Elias Quinn and Mrs. J. B. Lucas; one of the early school teachers in Beaver Creek township; sheriff of Greene county from 1830

- to 1837; died in 1837; buried in Associate churchyard, West Market street, Xenia.
- Quinn, John, Beaver Creek, 1828; died June 24, 1874, aged sixty-eight; buried in Jamestown, Ohio; son of Matthew.
- Quinn, John L., Caesar's Creek, 1828; June 17, 1828, married Hannah Feisthorn.
- Quinn, James, Xenia, 1840; October 13, 1813, married Sarah Andrews.
- Quinn, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1820; son of Matthew; September, 1826, married Sarah Hop-ping.
- Quick, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1828; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Quick, Oakley, Sugar Creek, 1840; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook.
- Quick, Moses, Caesar's Creek, 1826; January 6, 1826, married Sarah Van Imo.
- Quinn, Garrett, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Mat-thew; Matthew Quinn's daughters, Anna, Nancy, Hefley and Rosanna.
- Ramsey, James, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1804; died in 1806; James Cunningham, John Vance and Will-iam Tanner, appraisers of his estate.
- Ralston, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Ramsey, Archibald, Sugar Creek, 1818; died in 1825; buried in Sugar Creek township; Jonathan Campbell, administrator of his estate.
- Ramsey, Mary, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Ramsey, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1818.
- Ramsey, William R., Sugar Creek, 1827; removed to California; died in 1861; October 19, 1823, married Isabella Stewart.
- Ramsey, Bloomfield, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Ramsey, Samson, Xenia, 1819; editor of "The Spark," a Democratic paper published in Xenia in 1837.
- Ramsey, Simon, Xenia, 1818.
- Ramsey, Chas., Xenia, 1840.
- Ramsey, Thomas L., Xenia, 1840; died September 20, 1881, aged sixty-nine; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Rains, Simon, Beaver Creek, 1811; from Kentucky; soldier of 1812; died November 21, 1855, aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland.
- Rains, Jonathan, Beaver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Rains, William, Miami, 1840; from Kentucky; sol-dier of 1812; died May 25, 1875, aged ninety-four.
- Ragan, Abraham G., Bath, 1828; June 18, 1829, married Elizabeth Casad.
- Ragan, Jesse L., Bath, 1833; June 5, 1828, married Mary Casad.
- Ragan, Reason, Silver Creek, 1824; soldier of 1812; his daughter, Rachel, married Moses Walton, Sr.
- Ragan, Marian, Silver Creek, 1830; died near In-dianapolis January 5, 1864.
- Randall, Israel, Sr., Xenia, 1840; died June, 1830; had gone fishing: found dead next morning.
- Randall, David H., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Randall, Levi, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Randall, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Randall, John, Xenia, 1840.
- Randall, Israel, Jr., Xenia, 1840; born November 11, 1818; died November 22, 1896, aged seventy-four; buried at Cedarville, Ohio.
- Rambaugh, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1813; son of Will-iam and Jane.
- Rambaugh, George, Silver Creek, 1813.
- Rambaugh, David, Silver Creek, 1818.
- Rambaugh, William, Sr., Silver Creek, 1820; his wife, Jane; he died in 1827.
- Rambaugh, Philip, Silver Creek, 1826.
- Rambaugh, John W., Silver Creek, 1830; son of William and Jane; died in 1827.
- Rambaugh, Nicholas, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Rambaugh, George, Jr., Silver Creek, 1820; died in 1837; buried near Maple Corners.
- Rorebaugh, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1840; born May 5, 1816; buried in Maple Corners churchyard.
- Rorebaugh, Fredrick, Caesar's Creek, 1819; died in 1833.
- Rorebaugh, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Rorebaugh, Solomon, Caesar's Creek, 1828; died September 9, 1841, aged thirty; buried in Maple Corners churchyard.
- Rorebaugh, Elijah, Caesar's Creek, 1829.
- Ramah, Joshua, Ross, 1840.
- Raper, Rev. William, 1820; a Methodist preacher.
- Ramah, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Ramah, John, Ross, 1840.
- Rainey, William, Xenia, 1826; removed to Van Buren county, Iowa.
- Rainey, John, Xenia, 1830; removed to Van Buren county, Iowa.
- Rainey, James, Xenia, 1830; died in Miami town-ship; buried in Clifton, Ohio.
- Rakestraw, Allen, Ross, 1826.
- Rakestraw, James M., Caesar's Creek, 1827.
- Rakestraw, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1840; February 28, 1839, married Mary Ann Nelson.
- Rakestraw, Job, Silver Creek, 1826; January 12, 1829, married Ann Borton.
- Rader, Adam, Sr., Xenia, 1821; from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania; died October 30, 1869; buried in Woodland; aged eighty-two.
- Rader, Adam, Jr., Xenia, 1840.
- Rader, William, Xenia, 1840; from Pennsylvania; died August 10, 1887; buried in Woodland.
- Rader, John M., Xenia, 1840; died November 27, 1891, aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland; April 16, 1839, married Maria Gray.
- Rader, David, Xenia, 1840; died February 12, 1885, aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland; Feb-ruary 4, 1836, married Elizabeth Mallow.
- Rader, Andrew, Xenia, 1840; died October 23, 1868, aged forty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Rayburn, William, Xenia, 1840; removed to Spring-field, Illinois.
- Rayburn, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; removed to Spring-field, Illinois.
- Rayburn, James, Xenia, 1840; removed to Spring-field, Illinois.
- Rayburn, John S., Xenia, 1826; October 19, 1827, married Jemima Read.
- Rady, Daniel W., Silver Creek, 1827.
- Ratchford, John, Silver Creek, 1830; April 14, 1840, married Obedia Sheffield.
- Randolph, Richard, Miami, 1840; born in Prince



- Edward county, Virginia, in 1795; died January 30, 1859; buried in Clifton.
- Ranch, Joseph, Miami, 1813.
- Rapp, Joseph, Miami, 1840; March 5, 1840, married Sarah Philips.
- Ray, John, Miami, 1809.
- Ray, William M., Beaver Creek, 1816; soldier of 1812; January 7, 1817, married Nancy Reel.
- Radcliff, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1805.
- Radcliff, Simon, Beaver Creek, 1808; August 28, 1839, married Charlotte Smith.
- Radeliff, Jesse, Bath, 1830; January 17, 1831, married Rosannah Casad.
- Read, William, Xenia, 1840; born in Adams county in 1807; died August 12, 1870; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Reid, John M., M. D., A. M., Xenia, 1830; from Edinburgh, Scotland; died July 12, 1840, aged sixty; buried in Woodland.
- Rarrnar, Barnett, Bath, 1817.
- Rarrnar, Daniel, Bath, 1817.
- Reid, Enoch S., Xenia, 1840; from Bourbon county, Kentucky; died at New Paris, Preble county, Ohio, June 20, 1885; born April 7, 1802.
- Reid, Alexander, M. D., A. M., Xenia, 1840; from Scotland; died May 16, 1854, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland.
- Read, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1805.
- Read, James, Sugar Creek, 1820; died in 1841.
- Read, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Read, Riley W., Sugar Creek, 1820; removed to Shelbyville, Indiana; died September 9, 1874.
- Reid, James, Xenia, 1809; from Ireland; died April 13, 1822, aged seventy-five; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery (Stevenson's); wife, Anna; grandfather of Whitelaw Reid.
- Reid, E. Y., Xenia, 1840; born May 23, 1819; died January 22, 1885; buried in Woodland.
- Reid, John, Xenia, 1812; brother of James; died October 28, 1871, aged eighty-one; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Reid, Abner, Xenia, 1816; died December 7, 1858, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland.
- Reid, Ezra, Xenia, 1816; brother of Abner; died in Champaign county December 26, 1860; buried in Woodland.
- Reid, Amassa, Xenia, 1818; removed to Champaign county.
- Reid, Robert Charlton, Xenia, 1809; born near Lexington, Kentucky, May 31, 1795; died October 17, 1865, aged seventy; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Reid, Joseph C., Xenia, 1818; died in 1855.
- Reid, Thomas, Xenia, 1827; born July 8, 1799; died October 9, 1880, aged eighty-one; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Reid, Thomas A., Xenia, 1828; April 25, 1826, married Ruth Nisonger.
- Reed, Johnson, Xenia, 1828; born May 1, 1803; died October 3, 1829, aged twenty-six; buried in McDonald graveyard.
- Reed, Allen, Xenia, 1830; January 9, 1826, married Margaret Miller.
- Reed, James, Xenia, 1830.
- Reed, Thomas, Jr., Xenia, 1830.
- Read, Andrew, Bath, 1803; from New Jersey; one of Greene county's associate judges; also served as Justice of the Peace in Bath township.
- Read, David, Bath, 1807.
- Read, William, Bath, 1814; son of Andrew; soldier of 1812; born January 21, 1793; died December 25, 1862; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Read, John, Bath, 1817; died in 1840.
- Read, Elephalet, Bath, 1820.
- Read, James, Bath, 1827; October 20, 1829, married Matilda Guthridge.
- Read, John W., Beaver Creek, 1840; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Read, Thomas, Miami, 1840; died February 22, 1888, aged eighty-seven.
- Reeder, Elijah, Sugar Creek, 1831; died July 28, 1888, aged seventy-eight; buried one mile south of Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Reeder, James, Sugar Creek, 1809.
- Reeder, Jacob Gano, Bath, 1818; June 8, 1819, married Mary Davis.
- Reeder, Stephen, Xenia, 1826; removed near Cincinnati; son-in-law of Abraham Larue.
- Reeder, John, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Reeder, Benjamin, Bath, 1817.
- Reeder, Abijah, Bath, 1828.
- Reeder, Abijah S., Bath, 1829; June 11, 1829, married Lucinda Smith.
- Reeder, Stephen W., Bath, 1829; married Catherine Small November 16, 1809.
- Reif, John, Xenia, 1830; died March 8, 1876, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.
- Redding, Ezekiel, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Reele, Ransome, Xenia, 1825; an old time school teacher at Oldtown, Greene county in 1825.
- Reel, Joseph, Xenia, 1827; died in 1820.
- Reele, Alex., Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Reele, David, Sugar Creek, 1830; buried in Beavertown cemetery; June 24, 1824, married Elizabeth Hufford.
- Reele, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1820; died in 1867; buried near Beavertown, Montgomery county, Ohio.
- Reaves, Nathaniel, Caesar's Creek, 1813.
- Reid, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Reaves, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Reaves, Asher, Silver Creek, 1813; from Virginia; soldier of the Revolution; died July 31, 1845, aged eighty-seven; buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Reaves, Rev. George, Silver Creek, 1816; pastor of Caesar's Creek Baptist church; died in 1854, aged fifty-nine; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Reaves, Obadiah, Silver Creek, 1821; brother of George; removed to South Bend, Indiana; died in 1860; married Charlott Moorman.
- Reaves, Rev. Elias M., Silver Creek, 1840; son of George; died February, 1896, aged seventy-eight; buried in Highland county, Ohio; married Elizabeth McConnell.
- Reese, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1840; died October 6, 1880, aged sixty-one; buried in Hawker's churchyard; married Catharine Bovey, December 8, 1842.
- Reese, William R., Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Reese, Daniel, Xenia, 1816; soldier of 1812.
- Reese, Joseph, Xenia, 1821; soldier of 1812; born

- in 1794; died March 30, 1866; buried in Petro graveyard.
- Reese, Abraham, Bath, 1840; from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; died November 12, 1844, aged twenty-nine; buried in Petro graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.
- Renwick, Andrew, Xenia, 1820.
- Renolds, James, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; merchant in Xenia in 1813.
- Renolds, Hugh, Bath, 1840.
- Renolds, Elijah, Xenia, 1823; August 7, 1823, married Ann Barkshire.
- Renolds, Robert S., Xenia, 1840; attorney at law in Xenia in 1840.
- Reynolds, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; died June 28, 1860, aged seventy-six; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Ream, Andrew, Xenia, 1829; father-in-law of Wash. Taylor; killed in a boiler explosion at Marysville, Ohio, May, 1860; buried in Woodland.
- Ream, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; brother of Andrew; removed to Bellefontaine, Ohio.
- Ream, Leonard, Xenia, 1840; died July 26, 1843; buried in old M. E. graveyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Renton, John N., Ross, 1826.
- Redish, Nathan, Miami, 1810; soldier of 1812.
- Retter, Jacob, Miami, 1807; soldier of 1812.
- Retter, Tobias, Beaver Creek, 1807; died June 24, 1824, aged sixty-three; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard, Alpha, Ohio.
- Retter, John, Beaver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Retter, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1818; died February 4, 1840, aged forty-six; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Retter, Emanuel, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1826; January 26, 1827, married Catharine Hawker.
- Retter, J. J., Bath, 1840.
- Reprogel, Adam, Bath, 1818; June 11, 1822, married Eve Miller.
- Reprogel, George, Bath, 1818.
- Reprogel, Jacob, Bath, 1830.
- Reprogel, John, Bath, 1820; June 21, 1821, married Mary Ann Young.
- Reprogel, Emmanuel, Bath, 1826; died March 22, 1880, aged seventy-three.
- Reprogel, C., Bath, 1840.
- Repples, Francis, Bath, 1840.
- Rich, Jacob, Jr., Xenia, 1840; native of Virginia; son of Jacob; buried on old home place, three miles south of Xenia.
- Rich, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1808; son of Jacob, Sr.
- Rich, Joseph, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1811; son of Jacob, Sr.
- Rich, James, Sugar Creek, 1816; son of Jacob, Sr.
- Rich, Jacob, Sr., Xenia, 1801; native of Virginia; moved to South Carolina when eleven years old; came to Ohio when twenty-two; died May 3, 1860; buried on the old home place, three miles south of Xenia; father-in-law of Clark Williamson.
- Rich, George, H., Xenia, 1820.
- Rich, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; son of Jacob; died December 6, 1842, aged twenty-three; buried on the Rich farm.
- Rike, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1816; buried in Ewry graveyard, Beavertown.
- Rike, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1830; died June 8, 1831, aged seventy-six; buried in Ewry graveyard, Beavertown.
- Rike, Greenburry, Sugar Creek, 1840; February 1, 1835, married Rebecca A. Walker.
- Riddell, Silas, Sugar Creek, 1840; from Maryland; died December 6, 1871, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Richardson, Evan D., Sugar Creek, 1829.
- Richardson, Amos, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Richardson, James, Xenia, 1819.
- Richardson, James H., Xenia, 1820; August 13, 1822, married Kiturah Whitely.
- Richardson, William, Xenia, 1826; son-in-law of Valentine Bohe, of Caesar's Creek township; died in 1870.
- Richardson, Joshua, Xenia, 1827.
- Richardson, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1813; August 5, 1829, married Tena Alt.
- Richardson, Daniel, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Rice, William, Bath, 1820; July 19, 1821, married Ruth Laicher.
- Rice, John, Sugar Creek, 1807; brother of Jacob; February 3, 1838, married Ruth Turner.
- Rice, Roley, Sugar Creek, 1831.
- Rice, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1826; removed to Hag-creek, Allen county, Ohio; November 6, 1828, married Hannah Neal.
- Rice, Russel, Xenia, 1817; son of Harvey; a blacksmith; a drummer in War of 1812; died December 4, 1879, aged ninety-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Rice, Silas, Xenia, 1818; son of Harvey; brother of Russel; a fifer in War of 1812; he and his brother belonged to Capt. Montjoy's company; buried at Hamilton, Ohio.
- Rice, Lucy, Xenia, 1820; mother of Russel and Silas; buried in Woodland.
- Rickman, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1809.
- Rickman, James, Xenia, 1827.
- Rickman, William, Xenia, 1826; May 10, 1827, married Mary Miller.
- Risk, James, Caesar's Creek, 1815.
- Richards, Littleton, Xenia, 1825; January 17, 1827, married Margaret Harvey.
- Richards, Conrad, Xenia, 1807.
- Richards, Arnold, Xenia, 1807; removed to Chicago; May 30, 1816, married Mary Mayberry.
- Richards, William, Xenia, 1813; ex-recorder of Greene county; soldier of 1812; removed to Chicago, Illinois.
- Richards, George, Xenia, 1826.
- Richards, Manley, Xenia, 1828; December 20, 1821, married Catharine Hardman.
- Richards, Ananias, Xenia, 1828; April 8, 1826, married Mary Driscall.
- Richards, Daniel, Xenia, 1829; son of William, Sr.
- Richards, Augustus, Xenia, 1840; son of William, Sr.
- Riggans, Jephtha, Xenia, 1825; editor of "Clintonian and Xenia Register," published in Xenia in 1825.
- Rightsel, John, Ross, 1840.
- Richmond, John A., Ross, 1840.
- Richey, John, Silver Creek, 1816.
- Ritenhouse, John, Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812.
- Ritenhouse, Garrett, Beaver Creek, 1803.

- Ritenhouse, Jackson, Beaver Creek, 1804.  
 Ritenhouse, William, Beaver Creek, 1808.  
 Ritenhouse, Obadiah, Beaver Creek, 1808.  
 Riley, John, Miami, 1809; soldier of 1812.  
 Riley, Christian, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Ricketts, Daniel D., Jasper, 1820; died in 1864.  
 Ricketts, Chas., Bath, 1820.  
 Ridenour, David, Xenia, 1840; December 26, 1841, married Elizabeth Swisher.  
 Ridenour, Samuel, 1840; June 5, 1842, married Jane Gattrell.  
 Ridenour, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1840; died February 17, 1877, aged sixty-three; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.  
 Ridenour, Maj. Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840; died in Union county, Indiana, July 30, 1848; soldier in Wayne's army.  
 Ridenour, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1832; born in 1807; died December 8, 1884, aged seventy-seven; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.  
 Ridenour, Richard, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Ridenour, Daniel, Ross, 1830; died February 26, 1874, aged seventy-six; buried in Grape Grove.  
 Ridenour, Michael, Ross, 1840; died September 8, 1886, aged sixty-four; buried in Grape Grove, Ohio.  
 Ripley, William, Bath, 1840; August 2, 1836, married Manerva Johnson.  
 Rippes, William, Bath, 1840.  
 Rhodes, William, Xenia, 1820; from New Jersey; a wagon maker; died April 10, 1888, aged seventy-seven; buried in Woodland.  
 Rhoades, Sanford, Miami, 1811.  
 Rhoades, Walter, Miami, 1821; October 6, 1826, married Ann Rhinehine.  
 Rhoades, Matthias, Miami, 1821.  
 Rhoades, Nicholis, Miami, 1820; died in 1830; soldier of the Revolution, in "Lee's Legion," January 24, 1830.  
 Rhoades, John, Miami, 1821; February 4, 1836, married Mary Ann Shaffer.  
 Rhinehart, Nicholas, Miami, 1840.  
 Rhinehart, Isaac, Miami, 1820; September 16, 1830, married Francis Gibson.  
 Rhinehart, Matthias, Miami, 1828.  
 Rodgers, James, Xenia, 1840; died November 1, 1854, aged fifty-seven.  
 Rodgers, William, Sugar Creek, 1808; from Rockbridge county, Virginia; son of John; soldier of 1812; father of Aniel and Lewis; born September 7, 1784; died December 3, 1815; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook; built the Rodgers mill.  
 Rodgers, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1805; married Susanna Hurley, August 15, 1805.  
 Rodgers, Andrew, Xenia, 1820.  
 Rodgers, James, Xenia, 1840; died November 1, 1854, aged fifty-seven.  
 Rodgers, Richard, Xenia, 1829.  
 Rodgers, Lewis, Xenia, 1830; son of William died June 17, 1857, aged forty-five; buried in Woodland; married Eliza Gowdy.  
 Rodgers, Aniel, Xenia, 1830; son of William; born July 18, 1814; died January 4, 1892, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland.  
 Rodgers, Luke, Xenia, 1840.  
 Rodgers, Amos, Xenia, 1837; died January 28, 1868, aged fifty-seven; buried in Woodland.  
 Roe, Daniel, Xenia, 1826; Manufacturer of paint at Yellow Springs in 1826; removed to Cincinnati.  
 Robinson, Joseph, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; died March 6, 1806, aged seventy-two; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.  
 Robinson, Joseph, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; died in 1820; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook; son of Joseph, Sr.  
 Robinson, Edward, Sugar Creek, 1803; son of Joseph, Sr.; soldier of 1812; died October 17, 1845, aged seventy-three; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook.  
 Robinson, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1804; March 27, 1804, married Sarah Blair Carman.  
 Robinson, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1804; August 15, 1805, married Lydia Horner.  
 Robinson, George, Sugar Creek, 1820; May 18, 1823, married Ann Kiler.  
 Robinson, James, Caesar's Creek, 1807; January 17, 1841, married Ann White.  
 Robinson, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1807; November 18, 1831, married Cynthia Hanes.  
 Robinson, William, Caesar's Creek, 1807; grandfather of James, of Jamestown; removed to Fayette county, Ohio.  
 Robinson, Singleton, Caesar's Creek, 1828; son of William; father of James; born in 1811.  
 Robinson, Spencer, Caesar's Creek, 1828.  
 Robinson, Braxton, Caesar's Creek, 1830.  
 Robinson, Mitchell, Caesar's Creek, 1830.  
 Robinson, William, Sr., Bath, 1809; died in 1822.  
 Robinson, William Carman, Xenia, 1829; grandfather of Edith, ex-deputy clerk of courts; buried in Woodland.  
 Robinson, William Coburn, Xenia, 1828; ex-sheriff of Greene county from 1839 to 1842; died April 4, 1842, aged thirty-six; buried in Woodland; father of George F. Robinson; son of Henson, Sr.  
 Robinson, Samuel, Xenia, 1829; son of Henson, Sr.; removed to Miami county; buried in Piqua.  
 Robinson, Henson, Jr., Xenia, 1829; son of Henson, Sr.; removed to Winfield, Kansas, where he died and is buried.  
 Robinson, John, Xenia, 1829; father of Henson, of Springfield, Illinois; died March 31, 1842, aged twenty-eight; buried in Woodland.  
 Robinson, Stafford, Xenia, 1840.  
 Robinson, Samuel D., Ross, 1840; September 24, 1840, married Ann J. Pollock.  
 Robinson, Thomas R., Ross, 1840.  
 Robinson, Joseph, Silver Creek, 1816; died March 9, 1891; buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio; aged eighty-one.  
 Robinson, Absalom, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Ross, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840; from Greene county, Pennsylvania; son of Robert; died August 12, 1822, aged twenty-four; buried at Mt. Zion.  
 Ross, Alexander E., Sugar Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812.  
 Ross, John, Sugar Creek, 1817; soldier of 1812; died in 1823.



- Ross, Rachel, Sugar Creek, 1820.  
 Ross, Robert, Caesar's Creek, 1804; died July 10, 1877, aged eighty-three; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Ross, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807; died November 1, 1866, aged sixty; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.  
 Ross, Alexander, Xenia, 1807.  
 Ross, John, Xenia, 1817.  
 Ross, George, Beaver Creek, 1818.  
 Ross, Thomas D., Miami, 1840; died January 29, 1835, aged seventy-five; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Ross, Alexander, Miami, 1811.  
 Ross, Isin, Silver Creek, 1840; died November 1, 1866, aged sixty; buried at Bowersville.  
 Ross, James, Ross, 1813; removed to Missouri.  
 Ross, Enos, Ross, 1832; died August 13, 1887, aged seventy-seven; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Rose, James, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Rose, Simon, Xenia, 1840.  
 Rose, James I., Xenia, 1840; removed to Knox county, Illinois.  
 Rose, William, Silver Creek, 1813.  
 Rose, James, Beaver Creek, 1820.  
 Robins, William, Beaver Creek, 1803.  
 Routier, John, Caesar's Creek, 1817.  
 Romain, Christopher, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812.  
 Romaine, Peter, Bath, 1813.  
 Romaine, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1828.  
 Roley, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1830; January 5, 1832, married Emily Stull.  
 Roley, Elijah, Caesar's Creek, 1828; May 1, 1828, married Martha Cornwell.  
 Roley, Elisha, Caesar's Creek, 1828; December 29, 1836, married Eleanor Williams.  
 Roley, Elias, Silver Creek, 1840; October 26, 1829, married Sarah Mullen.  
 Rockhill, Edward, Xenia, 1840; died June 8, 1863, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland.  
 Rowe, Bernard, Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Rollings, John R., Caesar's Creek, 1806.  
 Rough, Alex., Sr., Xenia, 1803; died in 1805; the first buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).  
 Rough, Alex., Jr., Xenia, 1828; died October 21, 1851, aged forty-five; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.  
 Rough, Margaret, Xenia, 1807; widow of Alex., Sr.; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).  
 Rough, Thomas, Xenia, 1826; the heir of Thomas Simpson; removed to Hardin county, Ohio; February 8, 1827, married Grace Collins.  
 Rout, William, Xenia, 1808.  
 Rowen, Alexander, Ross, 1813; soldier of 1812.  
 Rowen, Edward, Ross, 1812; soldier of 1812.  
 Rosegrant, Alex, Bath, 1807.  
 Rosegrant, John, Miami, 1810; died in 1814.  
 Rosegrant, George, Miami, 1810.  
 Rodecker, George, Miami, 1820; store keeper in Ludlow, Greene county, Ohio, in 1819; June 14, 1840, married Christiana Haverstick.  
 Roadhamel, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1819.  
 Robertson, Samuel, Xenia, 1840.  
 Romsper, John W., Beaver Creek, 1840; died June 13, 1881, aged sixty-seven; buried in Hawker's churchyard.  
 Romsper, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840; from Maryland.  
 Rockafeld, Martin, Bath, 1807; wife, Mary; born September 14, 1761; died March 9, 1836, aged ninety-four; buried in Rockafeld churchyard.  
 Rockafeld, Aaron, Beaver Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; son of Martin, Sr.; died in 1836.  
 Rockafeld, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1826; son of Aaron; December 6, 1827, married Elizabeth Casad.  
 Rockafeld, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1829.  
 Rockafeld, John, Bath, 1827; son of Martin, Sr.; died July 16, 1859, aged fifty-eight; buried in Rockafeld graveyard; October 1, 1826, married Elizabeth Cost.  
 Rockafeld, George, Bath, 1828; son of Aaron, Sr.  
 Rockafeld, Jacob, Bath, 1830.  
 Rockafeld, Isaac, Bath, 1840; son of Martin, Sr.; June 30, 1833, married Mary Wolf.  
 Rockafeld, Abraham, Bath, 1840; died March 3, 1829, aged twenty-two; buried in Rockafeld graveyard.  
 Routzong, Nathaniel, Beaver Creek, 1819.  
 Routzong, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1840; September 7, 1837, married Sarah Koogler.  
 Routzong, Adam, Bath, 1828; from Maryland; died June 16, 1887, aged eighty; buried in Union graveyard; born in 1806.  
 Routzong, Henry, Sr., Bath, 1828; from Maryland; died July 20, 1849, aged eighty-one; buried near Byron, Ohio.  
 Routzong, Henry, Jr., Bath, 1829; died January 25, 1892, aged eighty-seven; buried at Byron, Ohio.  
 Routzong, John, Bath, 1840; died January 22, 1896, aged eighty-six; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Routzong, Elias, Bath, 1840; November 12, 1836, married Anna Sipe.  
 Roberts, Wesley, Xenia, 1825; colored; from Brunswick county, Virginia; came to Xenia in 1825; a good citizen; barber by trade; died April 7, 1862, aged forty-seven.  
 Roberts, John, Sugar Creek, 1827; from Virginia; died December 12, 1898, aged ninety-six; April 20, 1837, married Cynthia Kenady.  
 Roberts, Abraham, Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Roberts, Samuel B., Caesar's Creek, 1840; February 25, 1819, married Rebecca Beall.  
 Roberts, Silas, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; died July 16, 1860, aged seventy-four; buried in Woodland.  
 Roberts, Orlistus, Xenia, 1819; a charter member of first Masonic lodge organized in Xenia.  
 Roberts, John, Xenia, 1830; son of Silas; died September 20, 1872, aged fifty-two; buried in Woodland.  
 Roberts, Benjamin, Xenia, 1830; January 9, 1826, married Nancy Rivers.  
 Roberts, Lewis, Xenia, 1830.  
 Roberts, George, Bath, 1817; July 9, 1818, married Sarah Beall.  
 Roberts, Conrad, Bath, 1820; father of Daniel, Robert, Jacob, Adam and Noah; died in 1832; buried in Folck graveyard.  
 Roberts, Jesse, Miami, 1840; September 7, 1837, married Mary Ann Cooper.  
 Roberts, William, Ross, 1818; son of Conrad; November 20, 1839, married Eliza Ann Dawson.

- Roberts, William J., Ross, 1818.  
 Rockett, Nathaniel, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Rockwell, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1840; died September 12, 1877, aged sixty-seven; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.  
 Ruth, George, Sugar Creek, 1808.  
 Ruth, William, Caesar's Creek, 1804.  
 Ruth, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1804; buried at Jamestown, Ohio; May 10, 1804, married Jane Wilson.  
 Ruth, John, Caesar's Creek, 1805.  
 Ruth, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1820; February 7, 1827, married Eleanor Hite; buried in Jamestown cemetery.  
 Ruth, M. W., Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Rusher, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1830; died November 8, 1871, aged seventy-five; buried in Hawker churchyard.  
 Russell, Joshua, Sugar Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812; died October 17, 1879; buried in Woodland.  
 Russell, Moses, Sugar Creek, 1813; died March 13, 1851, aged seventy-five; buried at Sidney, Ohio.  
 Russell, William, Beaver Creek, 1828; January 14, 1830, married Nancy Lamme.  
 Russell, Adam, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1813; died February 10, 1857, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.  
 Russell, Joshua, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1826; died October 17, 1879, aged eighty; buried in Woodland; October 9, 1835, married Martha McClure.  
 Russell, William R., Beaver Creek, 1827.  
 Russell, John, Beaver Creek, 1827.  
 Russell, Rev. Moses, Miami, 1840; died March 22, 1864, aged fifty-two; buried in Clifton cemetery; December 6, 1842, married Nancy Jacoby.  
 Russell, Alexander, Miami, 1809.  
 Russell, Adam, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; from Virginia; died May 4, 1891, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.  
 Rubert, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1803.  
 Rubert, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1808.  
 Rubert, Enos, Beaver Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; died May 11, 1828, aged fifty-six; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.  
 Rubert, John, Beaver Creek, 1830.  
 Rubert, Moses, Beaver Creek, 1811.  
 Rumbaugh, James, Silver Creek, 1828; February 11, 1830, married Julia Aldridge.  
 Rue, John, Beaver Creek, 1803; born in Maryland; removed to Clark county, Ohio.  
 Rue, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1803.  
 Rue, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1805; soldier of 1812.  
 Rue, Margaret, Beaver Creek, 1813.  
 Rue, Abraham, Xenia, 1830; colored; worked for years for James Galloway, Jr.  
 Rudduck, David, Caesar's Creek, 1828; died June 18, 1867; buried in Zoar churchyard; aged fifty-nine.  
 Rudduck, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1828; died June 13, 1858, aged eighty-one; buried in Zoar churchyard.  
 Runyan, Abraham, Miami, 1807.  
 Runyan, John, Miami, 1807.  
 Rush, Jesse, Bath, 1807; buried in Folck graveyard; father-in-law of Nathan Frakes.  
 Rush, Jacob, Bath, 1810.  
 Rush, Zebedee, Bath, 1816.  
 Rush, Jesse, Jr., Bath, 1818; January 31, 1820, married Jane Martin.  
 Rush, Alva, Bath, 1840; January 9, 1842, married Mary Roberts.  
 Rush, John, Bath, 1826; August 19, 1819, married Elizabeth Tatman.  
 Rush, Dr. Leonard, Bath, 1826; March 10, 1829, married Eleanor, daughter of Elisha Searl.  
 Ruffan, William, Bath, 1826.  
 Ryan, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1806; March 18, 1804, married Hannah Bush.  
 Ryan, William, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Ryer, Joseph, Bath, 1826; January 13, 1827, married Lois Petro.  
 Routledge, George, Xenia, 1835.  
 Sackett, Cyrus, Sugar Creek, 1803; died July 13, 1846, aged eighty-three; buried in Baptist graveyard, one mile south of Bellbrook, Ohio; wife, Nancy.  
 Sackett, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1816; son of Cyrus and Nancy; May 28, 1816, married Anna Vandolah.  
 Sackett, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1821; son of Cyrus and Nancy.  
 Sackett, Cyrus, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1826; son of Cyrus and Nancy.  
 Sackett, Alexander, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Cyrus; born April 23, 1808; died April 10, 1893; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook.  
 Sackett, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; died March 5, 1891, aged sixty-five; buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.  
 Sanders, Jesse, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1806; wife, Sarah; daughters, Jemimah, Jane, Susanna; sons, Fores, John and Jesse.  
 Sanders, John, Sugar Creek, 1806; from North Carolina; father of Jesse; soldier of the Revolution; buried at Mt. Holly on the borders of Greene county; died in 1812.  
 Sanders, Forris, Sugar Creek, 1808; son of Jesse; from North Carolina; grandfather of John C. Sanders, of Xenia; removed to Indiana; soldier of 1812.  
 Sanders, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1808; from North Carolina; soldier of 1812; son of Jesse; father of Rebecca and Susan; died May 21, 1880, aged eighty-eight; buried in Woodland; November 5, 1840, married Elizabeth Simerson.  
 Sanders, Hezekiah, Sugar Creek, 1809; from Virginia; soldier of 1812; long a resident of Xenia; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Sanders, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1813; from Virginia; soldier of 1812; August 19, 1830, married Casander Bell.  
 Sanders, John F., Sugar Creek, 1827; January 15, 1808, married Christiana Cane.  
 Sanders, Branson, Sugar Creek, 1828.  
 Sanders, Jesse, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Forris; died May 19, 1882, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland; father of John C., of Xenia.  
 Sanders, James, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Forris; removed to Indiana.  
 Sanders, James, Caesar's Creek, 1804.



- Sanders, William, Caesar's Creek, 1808; from North Carolina; died July 2, 1862, aged eighty-four; buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Sanders, Aaron, Caesar's Creek, 1840; from Loudoun county, Virginia; died in 1865.
- Sanders, Aaron, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1807; from Loudoun county, Virginia; buried near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Sanders, Hezekiah, Xenia, 1807.
- Sanders, Isaac, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812; died August 4, 1883, aged eighty-four; buried in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Sanders, Mahlon, Xenia, 1827.
- Sanders, Samuel, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812.
- Sanders, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Sanders, Levi, Silver Creek, 1840; son of William; removed to Clark county, Ohio; August 11, 1820' married Polly Sanders.
- Sanders, William, Silver Creek, 1812; son of Moses, Sr.; from Loudoun county, Virginia; died in 1861; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Sanders, Lawrence, Silver Creek, 1822; born June 2, 1801; died May 30, 1836, aged thirty-four; buried at Jamestown, Ohio; married Nancy Spahr.
- Sanders, Benjamin, Silver Creek, 1828.
- Sanders, James, Silver Creek, 1830; died March 28, 1894, aged eighty-seven; buried near Jamestown, Ohio; married Kesiah Farmer.
- Sanders, William, Jr., Silver Creek, 1830; died October 5, 1830, aged twenty-two; buried in Baptist graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Sanders, John, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Sanders, Moses, Silver Creek, 1820; son of William; in 1899 yet living; April 16, 1820, married Anna Farmer.
- Sanders, William S., Silver Creek, 1830; March 9, 1849, married Milly Boulden.
- Sanders, James D., Silver Creek, 1840; son of William; died in 1890; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Saulsberry, Jeffrey S., Sugar Creek, 1806; September 8, 1806, married Jemimah Sanders.
- Saulsberry, James, Sugar Creek, 1827; died in 1861; buried in Mercer graveyard, south of Xenia.
- Saulsberry, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1840; soldier in Civil War, Co. G, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth; August 20, 1819, married Deborah Horney.
- Saterfield, John, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Clark.
- Sayers, Calvin, Xenia, 1807; married Nancy, daughter of William Maxwell.
- Sayers, John, Beaver Creek, 1821; had a carding mill at Bellbrook, Ohio; firm name, John Bell & John Sayers, in 1826.
- Sayers, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1821.
- Saum, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1811; born January 2, 1777; died September 5, 1858, aged eighty-one; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard; soldier of 1812.
- Saum, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Saum, Jacob D., Beaver Creek, 1826.
- Saum, Jacob, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1826.
- Saum, Nicholas, Beaver Creek 1827.
- Sale, Francis A., Xenia, 1826; brother of Richard; died at Marion, Indiana, February 12, 1879, aged sixty-two; son of Rev. John and Nancy Sale.
- Sale, Rev. John, Xenia, 1807; born April 24, 1769; died January 27, 1827, at Troy, Ohio, aged sixty; buried in Bonner graveyard, south of Xenia.
- Sale, Richard W., Xenia, 1826; died at the home of his brother in Indiana, November 19, 1881; buried in Woodland.
- Sale, John F., Xenia, 1827; son of Rev. John and Nancy; December 18, 1832, married Jane Sanford.
- Sale, Thomas W., Xenia, 1828; son of Rev. John and Nancy; removed to Indiana.
- Sale, Fredrick B., Xenia, 1830; son of Rev. John and Nancy.
- Santmyer, David, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Sailor, George, Xenia, 1819.
- Savill, Samuel, Xenia, 1827; from Rockbridge county, Virginia; born November 29, 1781; died March 22, 1851, aged fifty-nine; buried in Boots' graveyard, near Jasper, Ohio.
- Savill, Joseph, Xenia, 1827; son of Samuel; born February 15, 1817; died in 1894; buried in Woodland; aged seventy-seven.
- Savill, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Savill, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1840; removed to Washington, Iowa.
- Sanderson, John A., Xenia, 1840.
- Sample, John, Miami, 1840.
- Sample, James, Miami, 1830; March 4, 1834, married Ann Hartsook.
- Sadler, William, Beaver Creek, 1828; September 28, 1826, married Elizabeth Fields.
- Sawyer, Uriah, Bath, 1820.
- Service, Stephen, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Sellinger, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; died August 25, 1825, aged sixty-two; buried in New Burlington cemetery.
- Sellinger, George, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812; died September 26, 1813, aged twenty-one; buried at Burlington.
- Seaman, Lewis A., Xenia, 1828; a resident of Xenia from 1828 to 1836; died at Bellefontaine December 28, 1882.
- Seaman, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1813; soldier of the Revolution; from Virginia; died in 1838, aged eighty; buried in Middle Run churchyard, south of Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Seaman, David, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Seaman, Isaiah, Xenia, 1828; January 7, 1830, married Ruby Burr.
- Seaman, Peter, Xenia, 1812.
- Seaman, Jonathan, Xenia, 1826; son-in-law of Solomon Smith; September 17, 1822, married Sarah Smith.
- Seaman, George, Xenia, 1826; married a daughter of Moses Trader.
- Seaman, Philip, Xenia, 1829; died in Xenia August, 1831.
- Seaman, Benjamin, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Sensabaugh, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840; died June 27, 1891; buried in Pisgah churchyard, north of Shoup's Station.
- Selvey, James, Ross, 1818; April 24, 1825, married Mary Jackson.
- Sewell, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1803.



- Sexton, Charles, Xenia, 1840; son of Joseph, Sr.; removed to Cincinnati, Ohio; buried in Spring Grove.
- Sexton, Charles W., Sugar Creek, 1829.
- Sexton, Col. Joseph, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1826; from Frederick, Virginia; died in 1836, aged sixty-three; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Sexton, John, Xenia, 1821; died in 1841; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, south of New Burlington, Ohio.
- Sexton, James, Xenia, 1830; died May 11, 1877, aged fifty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Sexton, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; removed to New York; a successful M. D.
- Sellars, Jacob, Xenia, 1817; son of Henry, Sr.; August 26, 1817, married Nancy Beatty.
- Sellars, Pollsler, Ross, 1819; died February 27, 1857, aged sixty-nine; buried in Bloxson graveyard, near Selma.
- Sellars, James, Ross, 1829.
- Sellars, Albert, Ross, 1840; from Georgetown, Virginia; died March 5, 1894, aged eighty-two; buried near Selma.
- Sellars, John, Xenia, 1825; from Virginia; soldier of 1812; died December 17, 1874, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Sellars, Henry, Xenia, 1825; brother of John.
- Sellars, John M., Xenia, 1840; came to Xenia from Warren county in 1852.
- Seldomridge, Michael, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Seldomridge, David, Xenia, 1840; soldier in Civil War, Co. C, Seventy-four O. V. I.; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Seldomridge, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Seldomridge, James, Bath, 1840; December 31, 1835, married Malinda Littlejohn.
- Seldomridge, Samuel, Miami, 1840.
- Severs, George, Caesar's Creek, 1830; February 12, 1829, married Nancy Thompson.
- Searl, George, Bath, 1836; July 8, 1838, married Susan Lee.
- Searl, Elijah, Bath, 1813; one of the first tavern keepers in Fairfield, Ohio.
- Searl, Reuben, Bath, 1813.
- Searl, Reuben, Jr., Bath, 1813.
- Searl, Elisha, Bath, 1813; soldier of 1812; kept tavern in Fairfield, Ohio, in 1817.
- Searl, David A., Bath, 1816.
- Searl, John, Bath, 1816.
- Searl, Timothy, Bath, 1817; March 9, 1821, married Elizabeth Hosier.
- Searl, Sweetland, Bath, 1817.
- Searl, Brown, Bath, 1818; February 13, 1817, married Barbary Hosier.
- Searl, Reuben S., Bath, 1826.
- Searl, Isaac B., Bath, 1826.
- Searl, Job, Bath, 1826; August 26, 1829, married Elizabeth Maxon.
- Searl, John, Bath, 1827; May 8, 1830, married Elizabeth Merrill.
- Seff, John, Silver Creek, 1827; February 8, 1821, married Nancy Ary.
- Sensabaugh, Joel, Xenia, 1840.
- Seal, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; died October 11, 1863, aged eighty; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Seslar, Jonas, Silver Creek, 1827; died November 4, 1868, aged seventy-one; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Seslar, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1840; died September 24, 1879, aged eighty-four; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Seslar, Josephine, Silver Creek, 1840; widow of Thomas.
- Seslar, Joseph, Silver Creek, 1840; December 26, 1839, married Maria Chaney.
- Seslar, Martin, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Sewal, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Sears, Penlope, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Sechman, Casper, Miami, 1840.
- Seamore, Thomas, Bath, 1840.
- Schooley, Israel, Sugar Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812; July 16, 1820, married Deborah Fifer.
- Schooley, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Schooley, James, Xenia, 1840; died November 6, 1881; October 31, 1840, married Maria Buser.
- Schooley, William, Xenia, 1840; died May 16, 1871; buried in Woodland; soldier in Civil War, Seventy-fourth O. V. I.
- Seott, Rev. Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1808; he it was who married John Paul and Sally Griffen Grover.
- Scott, Stephen, Sugar Creek, 1815; from Virginia; son of John; a member of Caesar's Creek Baptist church in 1820; died February, 1884, aged ninety-eight; buried at Maple Corners.
- Scott, Moses, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Scott, James, Sugar Creek, 1803; had a history in the courts; born April 27, 1768; died March 5, 1816; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Scott, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1804; a son-in-law of John Gowdy, Sr., of Sugar Creek; born January 1, 1766; died July 20, 1833, aged sixty-seven; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Scott, William, Caesar's Creek, 1816; died May 11, 1857, aged fifty-six; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Scott, Andrew, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812; son of William and Jane.
- Scott, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1834; August 8, 1835, married Elizabeth Bates.
- Scott, Moses, Xenia, 1807.
- Scott, Margaret, Xenia, 1807.
- Scott, George, Xenia, 1827.
- Scott, John, Xenia, 1827; from Virginia; grandfather of the late D. B. Tiffany; soldier of the Revolution; died in 1840; buried in the M. E. graveyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Scott, James A., Xenia, 1816; from Northumberland county, Pennsylvania; died August 12, 1881, aged eighty-seven; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812; ex-sheriff and ex-representative of Greene county.
- Scott, John, Xenia, 1816; a millwright; brother of James A.; removed to Miami county; died near Troy, aged eighty-one.
- Scott, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Scott, Moses, Miami, 1810.
- Scott, John, Miami, 1812.
- Scott, William, Miami, 1817; soldier of 1812; died June 28, 1843, aged eighty; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery; wife's name, Jane.

- Scott, John, Ross, 1830; son of William; from Scotland; died February 9, 1885, aged eighty-five; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Scott, James, Ross, 1830; son of William and Jane.
- Scott, William, Ross, 1840; son of William and Jane.
- Scott, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1811; son of William and Jane.
- Sehnebly, James, Sugar Creek, 1819; from Fredrick county, Maryland; soldier of 1812; born September 18, 1782; died July 15, 1879, aged eighty-seven; buried in Woodland; built the mill in 1833.
- Schnebly, John, Sr., 1819; brother of James, Sr.; coroner of Greene county in 1835; saddler by trade; removed to Dayton; died in 1852.
- Schnebly, John L., Sugar Creek, 1840; died January 5, 1879, aged sixty-two; buried in Woodland.
- Scarf, John, Xenia, 1818; died December 10, 1847, aged sixty-six; buried in Woodland.
- Scarf, Nicholas, Xenia, 1818; from Winchester, Virginia; died September 20, 1841, aged seventy-seven; buried in Woodland; wife's name, Providence.
- Searf, Benjamin, Xenia, 1818.
- Scarf, John, Xenia, 1826; died December 10, 1847; buried in Woodland.
- Searf, William, Xenia, 1840; died September 26, 1838, aged forty-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Scarf, James, Xenia, 1840; son of William; born in 1818; died July 18, 1889; buried in Woodland.
- Scarf, John, Jr., Xenia, 1840; removed to Burlington, Iowa.
- Scarf, James R., Xenia, 1840; son of Nicholas and Providence.
- Searff, William, Xenia, 1840; removed to Bellefontaine, Ohio.
- Scarf, Milton, Xenia, 1840; son of William; died May, 1900; buried in Woodland.
- Scroggy, John, Sugar Creek, 1820; died January 21, 1891, aged seventy-three; buried in New Burlington cemetery.
- Seroggy, Wilson, Sugar Creek, 1840; May 20, 1830, married Armelia Young.
- Schroder, Philip, Bath, 1840.
- Sehrack, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1826; died November 16, 1864, aged seventy; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Schrack, John, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Schrack, William, Caesar's Creek, 1828; September 26, 1829, married Mhrgaret Risk.
- Scroggs, Thomas F., Xenia, 1830; died March 3, 1833; buried in Greenfield, Highland county, Ohio.
- Scroggs, Allen, Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland.
- Scroggs, Alexander, Caesar's Creek, 1827; buried in McDonald graveyard, southeast of Xenia.
- Seroggs, Mary Lyon, Caesar's Creek, 1840; wife of Alexander; died August 23, 1849, aged forty-six; buried in McDonald graveyard.
- Schnect, John, Silver Creek, 1828.
- Schanep, Jacob, Bath, 1840; born in 1807; buried in Fairfield cemetery.
- Scudder, William, Beaver Creek, 1840; January 2, 1840, married Elizabeth Minton.
- Schuer, Samuel, Bath, 1816; from Pennsylvania; born in 1789; came to Ohio in 1816; died October 10, 1875, aged eighty-six; buried at Union.
- Schuer, George, Bath, 1840; died in 1889.
- Scudder, Obediah, Beaver Creek, 1840; March 25, 1831, married Fanny Minton.
- Schreaves, James, Bath, 1820.
- Schofield A. D., Xenia; October 14, 1842, married Cynthia Griffin.
- Sehroyer, Jacob, Miami, 1819; killed while digging a well in Clark county, in 1870.
- Shigley, Simon, Bath, 1840.
- Shigley, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of John; removed to White county, Indiana; born January 9, 1799; died in 1879; married Nancy Flood.
- Shigley, Adam, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Shigley, Fredrick, Bath, 1803; removed to Indiana; related to the Fulcks, of Bath township; married Tamor Bailey.
- Shigley, John, Bath, 1803; soldier of 1812; from Virginia; removed to Battleground, Indiana.
- Shigley, Adam, Xenia, 1807; soldier of 1812.
- Shigley, Clement, Xenia, 1812.
- Shigley, Peter, Silver Creek, 1830; born September 12, 1806; died May 30, 1873, aged sixty-seven; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Shigley, John, Ross, 1808; from Virginia; removed to Indiana in 1828.
- Shigley, George, Ross, 1812; from Pennsylvania; died May 14, 1867, aged seventy-seven; buried in Jamestown; soldier of 1812.
- Shigley, John, Ross, 1820.
- Shigley, William, Ross, 1829; March 6, 1826, married Cynthia A. Simpson.
- Shigley, Joseph, Ross, 1827; died November 15, 1890, aged seventy-six; January 15, 1822, married Polly Mahan.
- Shigley, B., Ross, 1840.
- Shigley, John W., Ross, 1840.
- Shields, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1819; son of William and Elizabeth; born September 19, 1821; in 1844 married Anna Prugh.
- Shields, William, Sugar Creek, 1819; son of James; died on the farm in 1823; wife, Elizabeth; will recorded.
- Shields, Preston, Sugar Creek, 1819; son of William and Elizabeth.
- Shields, James, Xenia, 1811; from Ireland to Virginia in 1805; then to Ohio; died June 13, 1839, aged fifty-eight; buried in Woodland; brother of John W.
- Shields, John, Xenia, 1830.
- Shields, Harvey, Xenia, 1840; son of James; died at Garnett, Kansas, April 13, 1877; buried in Woodland.
- Shields, Robert, Xenia, 1833; son of Robert; born in Greene county in 1812; died in 1879, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Shields, Rev. John W., Xenia, 1840; born November 10, 1817; died March 13, 1886; buried in McKnight graveyard; became totally blind in later years.
- Shank, George H., 1840; removed to Paris, Illinois, in 1886; died November 16, 1894.
- Shank, D. H., 1840; removed to Paris, Illinois.
- Shank, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Samuel Herrod.
- Shank, Solomon, Sugar Creek, 1827; died Febru-

- ary 16, 1866, aged sixty-two buried in Mt. Zion churchyard; married Susanna Glotfelter.
- Shank, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; February 14, 1839, married Elizabeth Puterbaugh.
- Shank, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1815; a native of Frederick county, Maryland; died September 5, 1865; aged eighty-three; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Shank, Absalom, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Henry; died December, 1881, aged fifty-nine; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Shank, John, Bath, 1829; died in 1844; July 21, 1836, married Armintha Chalmers.
- Shank, Jeremiah, Bath, 1840; December 31, 1840, married Catharine Miers.
- Shank, Isaac, Bath, 1829; August 19, 1830, married Ann Smith.
- Shank, John M., Bath, 1840; died at Alpha, March 20, 1891, aged sixty-seven; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Shank, Jacob, Bath, 1840.
- Shackle, Levi, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Shane, Ervin, Sugar Creek, 1830; December 25, 1833, married Sarah Gibson.
- Shedd, John, Bath, 1840.
- Shane, John, Bath, 1838; May 16, 1839, married Margaret Long.
- Shoemaker, David, Caesar's Creek, 1828; August 6, 1835, married Louisa A. Shoemaker.
- Shoemaker, William, Caesar's Creek, 1840; May 17, 1831, married Pamela Bell.
- Shoemaker, Fredrick, Caesar's Creek, 1820; removed to Indiana; died in 1856.
- Shoemaker, Isaac, 1830; July 23, 1829, married Lucinda Hite.
- Shoemaker, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1826; brother of Fredrick; buried in Dearduff graveyard.
- Shoemaker, George, Caesar's Creek, 1826; son of Fredrick; died in 1829.
- Shoemaker, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1826; father of David; son of Fredrick; died March, 1857; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Shoemaker, Thomas, Xenia, 1840.
- Shoemaker, Jonas, Silver Creek, 1840; removed to Clinton county.
- Shoemaker, Elie, Caesar's Creek, 1840; brother of Mrs. Linsey Marshall; removed to Indiana.
- Shaver, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1829.
- Shaw, Amos C., Sugar Creek, 1830; a shoemaker; grandson of William Bull, Sr.; removed to Centerville, Michigan.
- Shaw, Alexander, Xenia, 1816; brother of Capt. Samuel.
- Shaw, Capt. Samuel, Xenia, 1816; soldier of 1812.
- Shaw, David, Xenia, 1819; son-in-law of Alex. McClintock, of Bourbon county, Kentucky; died in 1836.
- Shaw, Hezekiah, Xenia, 1808; was appointed a deacon in the M. E. church by Bishop McKendree in 1803.
- Shaw, Ervin, Xenia, 1840.
- Shaw, Andrew, Ross, 1840; April 1, 1841, married Mary Ary.
- Shaw, James, Bath, 1820.
- Shaw, Samuel, Bath, 1840.
- Shaw, Robert, Miami, 1817; born November 29, 1804; died February 9, 1886; buried at Clifton, Ohio.
- Shaw, George, Miami, 1807; administrator of estate of Nicholas Rhodes; August 24, 1817, married Jane Rhodes.
- Shaw, Robert, Jr., Miami, 1826.
- Shaw, Isaac, Miami, 1828; from New Jersey; born October 10, 1806; died December 28, 1888, aged eighty-two; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Shaw, Reuben, Miami, 1840.
- Shaw, William, Ross, 1840.
- Shaw, Thomas W., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of John.
- Shaw, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; died near Spring Valley April 9, 1851, aged seventy-one.
- Shaw, Edward, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of John.
- Shingledecker, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1803; captain in War of 1812; died October 4, 1849, aged seventy-five; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Shingledecker, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1806; removed to Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Shingledecker, Jacob, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Shingledecker, John, Beaver Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Shingledecker, James, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Shingledecker, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Shingledecker, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Shingledecker, Hiram, Bath, 1826; August 12, 1827, married Martha Ankeney.
- Shingledecker, Henry, Bath, 1830.
- Sheley, Theodrack L., Silver Creek, 1840; born July 10, 1818; died April 11, 1895, aged seventy-six; buried in Sheley graveyard.
- Sheley, John, Bath, 1807; served all through the Revolutionary War; died in 1820, aged ninety-seven; buried in Sheley graveyard.
- Sheley, Michael, Silver Creek, 1807; son of John; died January 14, 1853, aged eighty; buried in Sheley graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Sheley, Samuel, Sr., Silver Creek, 1807; son of John and Margaret; May 17, 1807, married Laury Duffy.
- Sheley, David, Silver Creek, 1807; son of John, Sr., and Margaret.
- Sheley, Samuel, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; removed to Iowa; October 31, 1833, married Margaret Seslar.
- Sheley, John, Jr., Ross, 1813; son of John and Margaret; June 23, 1821, married Elizabeth Bailey.
- Sheley, Benjamin, Ross, 1813; son of John and Margaret.
- Sheley, M. W., Ross, 1828; May 23, 1839, married Elizabeth Sanders.
- Sheley, William, Ross, 1825; from Jefferson county, Virginia; son of John, Sr.; died September 23, 1863, aged ninety-seven; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Sheley, William B., Silver Creek, 1832; born October 24, 1811; died May 21, 1870, aged fifty-eight; buried in Bowersville, Ohio.
- Sheley, Ludlow, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Sheley, Noah, Silver Creek, 1830; grandson of John, Sr.; son of Benjamin; removed to Michigan; March 30, 1837, married Isabelle Bedinger.



- Sheley, William B., Silver Creek, 1840 March 27, 1834, married Edna Evans.
- Sheley, Darby, Xenia, 1840; son of Rodney; died January 29, 1865, aged forty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Sheley, William T., Silver Creek, 1840; October 12, 1837, married Leah Watson.
- Sheley, David, Silver Creek, 1803; son of Michael; born February 10, 1816; died July 28, 1890, aged seventy-four; buried on the old home place, near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Sheley, John W., Silver Creek, 1830; son of William; died November 12, 1868, aged sixty; buried at Jamestown, Ohio; January 24, 1838, married Ann Lambert.
- Sheley, Bushrod, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Michael; died in 1892; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Shook, David, Caesar's Creek, 1807; from Virginia; born May 1, 1779; died February, 1830; buried at Tabor, near Jasper, Ohio.
- Shook, Harman, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Shook, Abel, Caesar's Creek, 1840; born April 19, 1814; died March 4, 1838, aged twenty-three; buried in Tabor churchyard, Jasper, Ohio.
- Shook, Peter, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Shook, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Shook Madalene, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Shook, Elijah, Caesar's Creek, 1832; December 4, 1834, married Susanna Judy.
- Shook, Eli, Caesar's Creek, 1840; youngest brother of Abel; November 17, 1842, married Sarah McCalaster.
- Shook, John, Xenia, 1812; from Virginia; died April 4, 1850, aged eighty; buried in Shook graveyard, near New Jasper, Ohio.
- Shook, Aaron, Xenia, 1827; died August 10, 1873, aged seventy; buried in Shook graveyard; February 3, 1824, married Margaret Long.
- Shook, Adam, Xenia, 1840.
- Shook, Monus, Ross, 1813.
- Shaner, Adam, Caesar's Creek, 1809; died September 2, 1858, aged seventy-six; buried in Shaner graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio; soldier of 1812.
- Shaner, George, Caesar's Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812; buried in Shaner graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Shaner, Fredrick, Caesar's Creek, 1830; September 6, 1826, married Mary Shook.
- Shaner, Levi, Silver Creek, 1830; died September 2, 1858, aged seventy-six years, seven months; married Matilda Thorborough.
- Shaner, John, Silver Creek, 1827; February 5, 1829, married Nancy Stephens.
- Shaner, Henry, Silver Creek, 1827; died July 28, 1854; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Shaner, George, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; soldier in Civil War, Seventy-fourth O. V. I.; died May 5, 1868; buried in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Shaner, William, Silver Creek, 1840; died July 26, 1854, aged forty-one; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jamestown, Ohio; July 6, 1840, married Dianah Reaves.
- Shaner, John, Silver Creek, 1840; removed to Darke county in 1853.
- Shepard, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1830; died November 3, 1873, aged seventy; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Shephard, Mercer, Beaver Creek, 1813.
- Shephard, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1813; John Downey's wife, Celia, was his daughter.
- Shephard, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1816; soldier of 1812.
- Shephard, William, Xenia, 1840; from Scotland; died October 17, 1892, aged eighty-two; buried in Woodland.
- Shephard, John, Miami, 1820.
- Shephard, Jacob, Bath, 1820; died January 30, 1890, aged seventy-five; buried in Mitman graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Shirk, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1819; died January, 1864; buried in Tabor churchyard, New Jasper, Ohio.
- Shirk, Jonathan, Caesar's Creek, 1827.
- Shirk, Alfred, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Jacob; died March 29, 1886, aged seventy-two; buried near Jamestown, Ohio; married Sarah Blalock.
- Shirk, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1819; died May 31, 1860, aged seventy-four; buried at Cable, near New Jasper, Ohio.
- Short, Peyton, Silver Creek, 1826; March 11, 1824, married Rhoda Ryan.
- Short, William R., Silver Creek, 1826; March 22, 1825, married Wilmoth Browder.
- Short, Adam, Ross, 1840.
- Short, Kendall, Ross, 1840.
- Shambaugh, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1826; died November 29, 1845, aged fifty-six; buried in New Burlington cemetery.
- Shambaugh, Franklin, Caesar's Creek, 1829; died in 1847; sons, Isaac and Charles.
- Showdy, George W., Xenia, 1840; wagon maker; shop was on Cooper's—Mrs. Harvey—lot, West Third street, Xenia.
- Shoup, Martin, Xenia, 1800; from Frederick county, Maryland; of Swiss descent; father of George, Solomon and Samuel.
- Shoup, George, Beaver Creek, 1806; son of Martin; wife, Charlotte; died in 1812, aged fifty-nine; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Shoup, Solomon, Beaver Creek, 1808; son of Martin; died April 4, 1834, aged forty-five; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Shoup, Charlotte, Beaver Creek, 1813; wife of George; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Shoup, Rev. Moses, Beaver Creek, 1807; son of George, Sr.; soldier of 1812; died May 7, 1880, aged eighty-six; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Shoup, David, Beaver Creek, 1819; son of George.
- Shoup, Solomon, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1830; son of George.
- Shoup, Solomon, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1830; son of George.
- Shoup, Henry J., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Solomon; died at his home, west of Alpha, March 16, 1899, aged eighty-one; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard; September 16, 1841, married Elizabeth Coy.
- Shoup, Moses, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Solomon; died June 13, 1891, aged seventy-two; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.

- Shoup, Samuel, Bath, 1805; son of Martin, Sr.; died July 18, 1812, aged forty; buried in Cost graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.
- Shoup, Dorothy, Bath, 1813; wife of Samuel; died March 3, 1837, aged sixty-four; buried in Cost graveyard, Fairfield.
- Shoup, Daniel, Bath, 1817; son of Moses; born September, 1822.
- Shoup, Daniel L., Bath, 1819; November 12, 1833, married Catharine Holverstitt.
- Shoup, Emanuel K., Bath, 1816; December 30, 1824, married Mary Polsier.
- Shoup, Michael, Bath, 1840; December 1, 1841, married Ann Fogle.
- Shover, Simon, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812; died in 1813.
- Shover, Katrina, Bath, 1803.
- Shover, James, Bath, 1814.
- Shover, John A., Bath, 1827.
- Shope, Samuel, Bath, 1807.
- Shaul, George, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Shearer, Valentine, Xenia, 1811; from Franklin county, Pennsylvania, near Chambersburg.
- Shearer, John, Xenia, 1834; father of Judge C. C. Shearer; died May 23, 1899, aged eighty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Shivel, John, Xenia, 1840.
- Strickland, Garland, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Shadley, James, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Shadley, Archibald, Silver Creek, 1840; died August 4, 1888, aged seventy-one; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Shillinger, Adam, Caesar's Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; died August 25, 1825, aged sixty-two; buried at New Burlington, Ohio.
- Shillinger, George, Caesar's Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; died September 26, 1813, aged twenty-one, buried at New Burlington.
- Shillinger, Rebecca, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Sharp, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1840; died March 12, 1846, aged eighty-five; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Sharp, Robert, Xenia, 1830; a silversmith; died in Xenia November 5, 1833.
- Shaffer, Enoch, Silver Creek, 1819.
- Shaffer, Philip, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Shaffer, George, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Shaffer, Abraham, Bath, 1840.
- Shaffer, Daniel, Miami, 1840; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Shull, Daniel, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Shannon, George, Bath, 1807.
- Shannon, John, Beaver Creek, 1819; died at the house of his son-in-law, W. P. Smith, Oskaloosa, Iowa, July 25, 1853, aged sixty-four; September 3, 1821, married Margaret Ankeney.
- Shannon, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1830.
- Shew, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1805.
- Shew, Philip, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Shew, Robert, Miami, 1814.
- Shultz, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; January 1, 1840, married Eliza Barr.
- Shell, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Shaber, John, Beaver Creek, 1805.
- Shaber, Fredrick, Beaver Creek, 1817.
- Shellabarger, Jacob, Miami, 1813; son-in-law of Thomas Beard.
- Shellabarger, David, Bath, 1826.
- Shellabarger, John, Bath, 1826.
- Shellabarger, Abraham, Bath, 1840.
- Shiller, Adam, Bath, 1820; from Frederick county, Maryland; settled first at Fairfield, Ohio; removed later to Clark county, where he died, aged ninety-seven.
- Showers, Adam, Bath, 1813.
- Sherman, Oliver, Bath, 1817.
- Shackle, Levi, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Simmons, Rev. William, Xenia, 1840; died August 4, 1874, aged seventy-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Simmons, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Simons, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1811.
- Simons, David, Sugar Creek, 1826; October 22, 1833, married Eliza Jape Whicker.
- Simons, Jonathan, Xenia, 1821.
- Simmons, George, Xenia, 1840; August 25, 1825, married Nancy Trador.
- Simons, Samuel, Bath, 1821; July 29, 1821, married Hannah Miller.
- Silvers, Nathan, Sugar Creek, 1813; died in 1829; buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Silvers, Asa, Sugar Creek, 1827; August 25, 1825, married Catharine Hefferland.
- Silvers, David, Sugar Creek, 1829.
- Silvers, Lydia, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Silvers, James M., Sugar Creek, 1836; May 24, 1832, married Mary Ann Mann.
- Singleton, Alfred, Silver Creek, 1840; died February 28, 1875, aged sixty-five; buried in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Simpson, Thomas, Xenia, 1803; from Pennsylvania; died September 14, 1821, aged sixty-two; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Simpson, William Sr., Xenia, 1813; wife, Mary; died in 1827.
- Simpson, William, Jr., Xenia, 1816; son of William and Mary; died in Xenia in 1840.
- Simpson, Samuel, Xenia, 1816.
- Simpson, James, Xenia, 1827; from Pennsylvania; born March 9, 1808; died May 20, 1886; buried in Woodland; married Susanna Gowdy.
- Simpson, William, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Simpson, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of William and Mary; August 17, 1830, married Cynthia A. Wise.
- Simpson, Ephraim, Ross, 1815; February 14, 1842, married Ruth Files.
- Sirlott, Nicholas, Ross, 1816.
- Sirlott, Elizabeth, Ross, 1830.
- Sirlott, George, Ross, 1816; merchant in Ross township in 1816.
- Sirlott, Samuel, Ross, 1818; December 1, 1818, married Sarah Harper.
- Siglar, Jacob, Ross, 1818.
- Siglar, Mark, Ross, 1819.
- Silvey, James, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Simms, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Sidensticker, Henry, Bath, 1807; November 6, 1811, married Catharine Froat.
- Sidensticker, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1826; died in Beaver Creek in 1860.
- Sidensticker, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; December 8, 1834, married Sarah Ann Helmer.
- Sidensticker, Simon, Xenia, 1840; died February

- 26, 1885, aged seventy; August 18, 1836, married Julia Ann Oxley.
- Sisco, John, Silver Creek, 1820; died in Sugar Creek township December 7, 1877, aged seventy-one.
- Sisco, Henry, Silver Creek, 1826.
- Sidell, John, Xenia, 1840; removed to Vermilion county, Illinois; Sidell township in that county named for him.
- Siddal, Joseph B., Beaver Creek, 1840; died April 8, 1871, aged sixty-three; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Simmerman, George, Ross, 1840.
- Sinnard, Abraham, 1838; June 29, 1839, married Jane Holingshead.
- Sipe, William, Beaver Creek, 1812; soldier of 1812; June 6, 1813, married Elizabeth Morningstar.
- Sipe, Francis, Miami, 1808.
- Sipe, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; November 28, 1835, married Elizabeth Harshman.
- Sipe, Christian, Bath, 1810; died in 1855; buried in Folck graveyard; October 22, 1817, married Caroline Carpenter.
- Simonton, Samuel, Miami, 1817.
- Simonton, Benjamin, Miami, 1817; soldier of 1812.
- Simmerson, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; December 22, 1842, married Eliza Strain.
- Simison, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1804; died in 1841, aged seventy-five; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Simison, John, Sugar Creek, 1826; died February 2, 1851, aged fifty-four; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Simison, Robert, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Skates, William, Silver Creek, 1813.
- Skeel, Nathan, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Slater, William, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Slaughter, Ezekiel, Miami, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Slaughter, William, Sugar Creek, 1829.
- Siddal, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1840; died June 12, 1854, aged forty-one; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Slinger, Richard, Xenia, 1816.
- Slinger, Thomas, Xenia, 1817.
- Slagle, Joseph, Xenia, 1830; January 26, 1832, married Catharine Long.
- Slagle, George, Caesar's Creek, 1830; wife, Catharine; from Augusta county, Virginia; February 19, 1833, married Elizabeth Hagler.
- Slagle, George W., Caesar's Creek, 1840; from Virginia; son of George and Cathrine.
- Slagle, John, 1840; September 18, 1841, married Catharine Shoemaker.
- Slagle, Christian K., Caesar's Creek, 1840; from Virginia; son of George and Cathrine.
- Slagle, Charles, Bath, 1840.
- Slider, Elijah, Bath, 1818.
- Slow, Levi, Miami, 1840.
- Sleeth, John, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812.
- Sleeth, David, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812.
- Sleeth, Alexander, Bath, 1807.
- Sleeth, Thomas, Bath, 1807.
- Sleeth, Jonas, Bath, 1810.
- Sleeth, James, Bath, 1812.
- Sleeth, William, Bath, 1817.
- Sleeth, Thomas, J., Bath, 1830.
- Sleeth, Alvin, Bath, 1840.
- Slossom, James, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Sloan, James, Xenia, 1820.
- Sloan, George P., Ross, 1828.
- Smith, Walter, Beaver Creek, 1840; born in Montgomery county, Maryland, May 9, 1788; died at Alpha February 2, 1873, aged seventy-two; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Smith, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Smith, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1811; removed to the West; grandfather of Lewis Smith, commissioner in 1888; married a daughter of John James, Lydia.
- Smith, John, Sugar Creek, 1811; died in 1868, aged eighty-three; buried in Mt. Holly graveyard; died June 29.
- Smith, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1817; son of Jacob, Sr.; removed to Indiana.
- Smith, Josiah B., Sugar Creek, 1817.
- Smith, Jeremiah, Sugar Creek, 1817; soldier of 1812; died in 1848; November 18, 1813, married May Marshall.
- Smith, John, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1820; died in 1848, aged forty-one; buried in Mt. Holly graveyard.
- Smith, John L., Sugar Creek, 1820; May 31, 1832, married Elizabeth Wright.
- Smith, John, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Smith, Philip, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Smith, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1828; son of Jacob; removed to Indiana.
- Smith, John, Sugar Creek, 1838; born January 19, 1817; died in 1848, aged thirty-one.
- Smith, George C., Sugar Creek, 1840; April 11, 1839, married Jane Smith.
- Smith, John R., Sugar Creek, 1840; October 24, 1839, married Sarah Jane Micher.
- Smith, Jackson, Sugar Creek, 1840; married Catharine, daughter of John James, Sr.; died March 19, 1892, aged seventy-five.
- Smith, Jacob, Jasper, 1840; died in 1857; father of Nelson, of Co. C. Seventy-fourth O. V. I.
- Smith, Seth, Sr., 1811; died April 1, 1837, aged seventy-six; buried in Hicksite churchyard, Selma.
- Smith, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; died in 1848; father of J. W. Smith, of Spring Valley, Ohio.
- Smith, James, Sugar Creek, 1833; son of Jacob; born in 1812; died February 28, 1876, aged sixty-four; buried at New Burlington, Ohio.
- Smith, David, Caesar's Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Smith, Solomon, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died in 1837; buried on the St. John farm; March 12, 1829, married Nancy Jones.
- Smith, Charles, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died September 17, 1864, aged seventy-eight; buried in Shook graveyard; married Nancy Bishop.
- Smith, George W., Caesar's Creek, 1830; son of Solomon; died April 2, 1846, aged eighty-four; buried in Zoar churchyard.
- Smith, John A., Caesar's Creek, 1828; from Virginia; died in 1863, aged ninety-two.
- Smith, John C., Caesar's Creek, 1840; January 29, 1839, married Emeline Wittv; died July 1882.
- Smith, Benjamin G., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Bolen; from Pennsylvania; died June 8, 1887, aged seventy-two; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.



- Smith, Thomas B., Caesar's Creek, 1840; probated the will of John A. Smith; September 18, 1838, married Margaret Medsker.
- Smith, George, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1840; from Virginia; born in 1812; died in 1883, aged seventy-one; buried in Woodland.
- Smith, Jacob C., Caesar's Creek, 1840; born November 10, 1812; died May 23, 1879, aged sixty-six; buried in Woodland; married Dianah Long.
- Smith, John H., Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Smith, Rev. William G., Caesar's Creek, 1840; from Hardy county, Virginia; his parents settled in Jasper township in 1815; died near Bellbrook, Ohio, January, 1879, aged sixty-seven.
- Smith, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; from Virginia; died January 31, 1883, aged eighty-four; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jamestown; January 16, 1823, married Margaret Burrell.
- Smith, William M., Caesar's Creek, 1840; September 20, 1840, married Margaret Black.
- Smith, William P., Caesar's Creek, 1840; removed to Oskaloosa, Iowa; son-in-law of John Shannon, who was a brother of Mrs. J. A. Scott.
- Smith, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1835; son of Jacob; from Hardy county, Virginia; born in 1814; died in 1884, aged seventy; Lorenza St. John, his son-in-law.
- Smith, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; born July 8, 1810; died November 23, 1887; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Smith, William, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Smith, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1803; November 7, 1837, married Lucinda McFarland.
- Smith, Jacob, Sr., Beaver Creek, 1803; ex-commissioner, representative and senator for Greene county; died in 1819; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Smith, Col. John, Beaver Creek, 1803; son of Jacob; ex-sheriff of Greene county; died May 4, 1852, aged seventy-two; buried at Springfield, Ohio.
- Smith, Spencer, Miami, 1805.
- Smith, Josiah B., Beaver Creek, 1808; second son of Jacob; soldier of 1812; August 31, 1809, married Margaret Borders.
- Smith, Josiah C., Beaver Creek, 1808.
- Smith, Job, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Smith, Jacob, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1811; son of Jacob, Sr.; removed to Indiana; June 3, 1818, married Sarah Kirkendale.
- Smith, John S., Beaver Creek, 1815; December 3, 1840, married Elizabeth Jackson.
- Smith, Seth, Miami, 1811; son of Jacob, Sr.; born July 16, 1798; died in 1876; buried near Selma, Ohio; aged seventy-seven.
- Smith, Samuel S., Beaver Creek, 1830; May 22, 1832, married Mary Steele.
- Smith, John F., Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Smith, Hugh, Beaver Creek, 1840; died November 9, 1880, aged sixty-nine; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Smith, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Smith, Crawford, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Smith, William D., Bath, 1812; died in 1820; buried in Mitman's, near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Smith, Matthias, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812; father-in-law of William King; will recorded in 1823; died August 6, 1823; buried in Folck graveyard; aged fifty-three; his widow married A. Hivling, Sr.
- Smith, John, Bath, 1807.
- Smith, David, Bath, 1809.
- Smith, Caleb, Bath, 1810.
- Smith, William, Miami, 1810; died October 19, 1877, aged eighty.
- Smith, William W., Bath, 1813.
- Smith, John, Bath, 1817; February 25, 1836, married Lavina Kirkwood.
- Smith, Clayborn, Bath, 1821.
- Smith, Silas C., Bath, 1830.
- Smith, Robert, Bath, 1840; died at Bellbrook August 6, 1892, aged seventy-four.
- Smith, James, Bath, 1840.
- Smith, John B., Bath, 1840.
- Smith, Edward, Bath, 1840; February 20, 1834, married Mary Ann Landpher.
- Smith, Fredrick, Bath, 1840.
- Smith, Jane, Bath, 1830.
- Smith, Peter, Miami, 1807; died November 25, 1890, aged seventy-four.
- Smith, Vincent, Miami, 1830.
- Smith, William H., Miami, 1840; died August 29, 1866, aged fifty-two; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Smith, Tracey, Ross, 1830.
- Smith, Rev. Samuel, Silver Creek, 1838; minister in Baptist church; from Virginia; father of John W., of Xenia.
- Smith, Jonathan, Beaver Creek, 1840; died at the residence of Peter Benham, February, 1879; buried in Woodland.
- Smith, Jonathan G., Ross, 1840; died November 4, 1877, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Smith, Levi, Ross, 1840.
- Smith, Jeremiah, Ross, 1816; married Jane Thornburg, of Tennessee, in 1822; died in 1848, aged fifty-six; buried near Bowersville, Ohio.
- Smith, John, Ross, 1840; died June 31, 1883, aged eighty-four; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Smith, Barbary, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Smith, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1820; died February 3, 1889, aged sixty; buried in Hussey graveyard, Bowersville, Ohio.
- Smith, Joshua, Silver Creek, 1840; from Maryland; died February 28, 1892, aged seventy-two; buried near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Smith, George, Silver Creek, 1827; died November 5, 1827, aged twenty-seven; buried in Hussey graveyard, Bowersville, Ohio.
- Smith, Jonathan, Silver Creek, 1840; died February 2, 1847, aged seventy-three; buried near Selma, Ohio; May 14, 1840, married Malinda Ary.
- Smith, Andrew, Xenia, 1811.
- Smith, Enoch, Xenia, 1812.
- Smith, William, Xenia, 1813; died in 1821; March 11, 1819, married Vina Wilson.
- Smith, Edmond B., Xenia, 1813; an artist; painted the portrait of Major Galloway.
- Smith, George M., Xenia, 1816; from Rockbridge county, Virginia; father of Mrs. Winston Black, of Xenia; buried in old graveyard near the standpipe, Xenia.
- Smith, John, Xenia, 1816; soldier of 1812; "Meth-

- odist John"; died October 24, 1862, aged sixty-two; buried in Woodland; April 8, 1819, married Ruth Marshall.
- Smith, Samuel L., Xenia, 1817; October 19, 1841, married Nancy Sanders.
- Smith, Ezra, 1824; September 19, 1824, married Sarah Fisher.
- Smith, Solomon, Xenia, 1818.
- Smith, Matthew, 1840; July 2, 1840, married Elizabeth Ann Hagler.
- Smith, Bolen, Xenia, 1826; from Brunswick county, Virginia; died in 1837, aged sixty; buried in Woodland.
- Smith, Christopher, Xenia, 1840; died January, 1859, at Greenville, Darke county, Ohio; a former resident of Xenia.
- Smith, William, Xenia, 1840; February 16, 1837, married Jane T. Bryson.
- Smith, James, Jr., Xenia, 1840; April 28, 1842, married Dorcas Spahr.
- Smith, Goldberry, Xenia, 1840; September 13, 1840, married Louisa Teas.
- Smith, Adam L., Xenia, 1840; from Scotland; painter by trade; soldier in Civil War, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Infantry, Co. F; buried in Woodland.
- Smithgall, George, Bath, 1840.
- Smithgall, George, Jr., Bath, 1840; February 25, 1841, married Lydia Yoder.
- Small, James, Xenia, 1803; soldier of the Revolution; died April 23, 1842, aged eighty-four; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville.
- Small, Robert, Xenia, 1810.
- Small, David C., Xenia, 1827.
- Small, David M., Xenia, 1818; died June 15, 1873, aged sixty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Small, William, Xenia, 1828.
- Small, James, Jr., Xenia, 1840; removed to Monmouth, Illinois; soldier in Mexican War.
- Small, Culbertson, Xenia, 1840; died April 4, 1800, aged eighty-two; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Small, Jacob, Xenia, 1812.
- Small, Samuel, 1836; December 12, 1837, married Polly Wright.
- Smiley, William, Xenia, 1816; November 26, 1817, married Nancy Penningham.
- Smart, Rev. James P., Xenia, 1843; from Pennsylvania; pastor of the Associate church, Massie's Creek; died March 1, 1861, aged forty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Smeigh, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; from Maryland; an undertaker; firm of Shcarer & Smeigh; died April 8, 1876, aged sixty-nine; buried in Woodland; married Isabell Dodds.
- Smeltzier, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1807; born November 20, 1765; died May 1, 1838, aged seventy-two; buried in the old Coy graveyard.
- Smeltzier, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Snodgrass, William, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1805.
- Snodgrass, William, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; died in 1840.
- Snodgrass, James, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of the Revolution; refused to apply for pension; he was fighting for liberty, not for money.
- Snodgrass, James, Sugar Creek, 1803; son of James, Sr.; died in 1846; October 9, 1806, married Elizabeth Taylor.
- Snodgrass, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; died in 1815.
- Snodgrass, James, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Snodgrass, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812; died in 1823; November 21, 1822, married Rachel Snowden.
- Snodgrass, Robert, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1811; February 3, 1814, married Sarah Whicker.
- Snodgrass, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1816; from Virginia; died October 19, 1882, aged eighty; buried in Jamestown cemetery; married Nancy Kirkpatrick.
- Snodgrass, John, Sugar Creek, 1821; died in 1825.
- Snodgrass, James, Sugar Creek, 1817; died January 26, 1869, aged seventy-three; buried in Woodland.
- Snodgrass, William, Bath, 1817.
- Snodgrass, Thomas, Bath, 1819; from Virginia; died May 6, 1844, aged ninety.
- Snodgrass, Samuel, Ross, 1821; soldier of the Revolution; buried at Jamestown, Ohio; died May 6, 1844, aged ninety.
- Snodgrass, Samuel, Jr., Ross, 1821; died in 1844.
- Snodgrass, Robert, Ross, 1821; son of Samuel; died March 31, 1839, aged thirty-nine; buried in Bethel graveyard, near Grape Grove.
- Snodgrass, Joseph, Ross, 1826; son of Samuel.
- Snodgrass, Joseph, Jr., Ross, 1828.
- Snodgrass, John B., Ross, 1840; January 25, 1838, married Jane Ballard; died April 29, 1862, buried in Jamestown cemetery, aged forty-nine.
- Snodgrass, James, Silver Creek, 1826; born in 1795, in Virginia; soldier for five years during and after the War of 1812; September 1, 1825, married Abby Mendenhall.
- Snowden, James, Sugar Creek, 1803; from New Jersey; son of Jacob; one of the early associate judges of Greene county; removed to Indiana.
- Snowden, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1803; died in 1836, aged sixty-six; buried at Bellbrook.
- Snowden, Lewis, Sugar Creek, 1811; son of Jacob; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Snowden, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1811; son of James; removed to Indiana.
- Snowden, David, Sugar Creek, 1828; died July 24, 1871, aged sixty-six; buried in Bellbrook cemetery; son of Jacob.
- Snowden, Hezekiah, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of David; removed to Iowa.
- Snediker, Wm., Bath, 1840.
- Snediker, Thomas, Bath, 1840.
- Snediker, David, Bath, 1840.
- Snively, John, Xenia, 1806; from Maryland; Rachel, his wife; great-grandfather of H. H. Eavcy and C. F. Robinson; buried in Watts graveyard, near the standpipe, Xenia.
- Snively, Jacob, Xenia, 1806; son of John and Rachel.
- Snively, Henry, Xenia, 1819; son of John and Rachel.
- Snively, William, Xenia, 1819.
- Snively, Samuel, Xenia, 1829; son of John and Rachel; died in Virginia.



- Snider, Jacob, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Snyder, Simon, Xenia, 1826; son of Jonathan.
- Snyder, John, 1830; December 30, 1830, married Nancy A. Coy.
- Snyder, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Snyder, Jonathan, Beaver Creek, 1815; from Washington county, Maryland; born October 15, 1785; died Decembr 22, 1863, aged seventy-eight; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard; soldier of 1812.
- Snyder, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840; born in 1805; died in 1884; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard; married Sally Burrows.
- Snyder, William, Beaver Creek, 1840; from Pennsylvania; died December 22, 1886, aged sixty-eight.
- Snyder, Jonathan, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Jonathan; died in 1858; March 8, 1839, married Elizabeth Kershner.
- Snyder, George, Beaver Creek, 1840; died September 10, 1877, aged sixty-four; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Snyder, Martin, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Snyder, John, 1840; born in Beaver Creek township in 1822.
- Snyder, Henry, Bath, 1817; son of Jonathan; buried on Kemps farm, two miles east of Dayton, Ohio; November 25, 1813, married Sally Smith.
- Snyder, Fredrick, Bath, 1840; August 5, 1841, married Marcella Given.
- Snyder, Conrad, Miami, 1804.
- Snyder, Casper, Xenia, 1840; died April 5, 1877, aged sixty; buried in Woodland.
- Snipp, Jacob, Bath, 1827; soldier of 1812; died August 27, 1877, aged eighty-seven; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Snipp, Rhinehardt, Beaver Creek, 1807; born March 8, 1755; died November 20, 1840, aged eighty-six; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Snipp, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1819; born March 6, 1792; died February 21, 1875, aged eighty-two; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Snipp, John, Beaver Creek, 1821.
- Snipp, Solomon, Beaver Creek, 1828; June 28, 1824, married Mary Frost.
- Snipp, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1829; June 15, 1823, married Susanna Frost.
- Snipp, Jacob, Bath, 1820; December 5, 1816, married Mary Trubee.
- Snook, Joab, Miami, 1840; June 27, 1833, married Maria Scott.
- Snook, Freeman, Miami, 1840.
- Sowards, Reuben, Sugar Creek, 1804; from Pennsylvania; soldier of 1812; died Decembr 7, 1843, aged sixty-six; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Sowards, John, Sugar Creek, 1820; February 27, 1823, married Elizabeth Porter.
- Sowards, Elisha, Sugar Creek, 1840; died February 28, 1893, aged eighty; buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Sowards, Reuben, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1826; April 4, 1821, married Hannah Mills.
- Sowards, Hezekiah, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Sowards, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Sowards, Thomas J., Bath, 1840.
- Sowards, David T., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Sowards, Mahlon, Silver Creek, 1813; December 9, 1813, married Catharine Rumbaugh; December 20, 1821, married Margaret Beason.
- Sowards, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1816; December 24, 1836, married Unity Morris.
- Sowards, Edward, Silver Creek, 1811.
- Sollars, Isacher, Sugar Creek, 1830; died in 1833, aged fifty-one; buried in Baptist graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Sollars, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1840; September 25, 1837, married Sarah Poague.
- Sollars, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; removed to Kansas.
- Sollinger, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Sodders, Henry, Silver Creek, 1840; died September 14, 1870, aged eighty-nine; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Sodders, David, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Henry; buried in Clark county; August 21, 1839, married Ellen Shadley.
- Sodders, Wm., Silver Creek, 1840; son of Henry.
- Sodders, John, Silver Creek, 1835; September 11, 1836, married Phebe McCasle.
- Sonner, William, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Sparks, Leonard, Xenia, 1809; soldier of 1812.
- Sparks, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812; son of his buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Sparks, Simon, Bath, 1818; April 1, 1813, married Catharine Templeton.
- Sparks, Andrew, Bath, 1813.
- Sparks, Richard, Bath, 1826; died in 1829; March 13, 1828, married Lucy Devoer.
- Sparks, Matthew, Xenia, 1813; from Kentucky; died September 23, 1847; father-in-law of Silas Roberts.
- Sparks, Elias M., Silver Creek, 1840; died February, 1876, aged sixty-one; buried in Bowersville, Ohio.
- Sparks, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Sparks, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1827.
- Sparks, Andrew S., Bath, 1827.
- Sparks, Daniel, Bath, 1830.
- Sparks, John T., Bath, 1840; December 7, 1836, married Catharine Guthridge.
- Spellford, Noah, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Spencer, Michael, Ross, 1803.
- Spencer, Francis, Ross, 1812; soldier of 1812; son of Michael; June 23, 1818, married Margaret Fletcher.
- Spencer, Michael, Jr., Ross, 1807; soldier of 1812; died in 1828.
- Spencer, Thomas, Ross; son of Michael.
- Spencer, Frank, Cedarville; born in 1820.
- Spencer, Isaiah, Ross, 1809; died January 20, 1840, aged forty-nine; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, northwest of Jamestown, Ohio.
- Spencer, Joseph, Ross, 1807.
- Spencer, James, Ross, 1806; died May 28, 1882, aged eighty-three; buried in Cedarville cemetery; March 14, 1822, married Sarah White.
- Spencer, John, Xenia, 1806; captain in War of 1812.
- Spencer, Henry E., Xenia, 1828; editor of "The Western Coroner," published in Xenia in 1828.
- Spencer, Thomas, Xenia, 1829; from South Carolina; died May 18, 1871, aged eighty-one; bur-



- ied in Caesar's Creek churchyard; March 2, 1841, married Nancy Hamilton.
- Spencer, Charles, Xenia, 1840; August 7, 1839, married Jane Sulavan.
- Spencer, James, Caesar's Creek, 1829; from South Carolina; son of Thomas; born August 13, 1810; still living in Jamestown, Ohio, in 1900.
- Spray, John, Miami, 1826.
- Spray, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Spunkard, John, Caesar's Creek, 1827.
- Spain, Theodorick, Xenia, 1806; one of the pioneers of Old Union, south of Xenia, Ohio.
- Spain, James, Xenia, 1806.
- Spears, Robert, Xenia, 1830; died March 2, 1836; December 15, 1831, married Sarah Davis.
- Sprague, John, Bath, 1840; member of the Owenite Community, Yellow Springs, Ohio, in 1826.
- Sprague, Daniel, Bath, 1840; member of the Owenite Community, Yellow Springs, Ohio, in 1826.
- Spears, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1826; step-father of Robert Evans; son-in-law of William Stanfield; died October 1, 1856.
- Spears, Samuel, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Samuel; November 28, 1833, married Rachel Forman.
- Spears, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Samuel; Claysville laid out by him and Elias Adsit; married Nancy Stanfield.
- Spears, James, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Samuel; died in 1854; buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Spahr, Matthew, Xenia, 1819; from Virginia; father of Mrs. Daniel Spahr; August 8, 1818, married Susanna Hagler.
- Spahr, Edward, Xenia, 1820; from Hardy county, Virginia; born May 6, 1785; died May 26, 1864, aged eighty; buried in Shook graveyard.
- Spahr, Richard, Xenia, 1816; buried in Woodland in 1849; also his son, James.
- Spahr, Gideon, Xenia, 1816; son of John; of Swiss descent; born in Hardy county, Virginia, May 21, 1788; came to Ohio in 1816; died in Jamestown June, 1856; settled two miles east of Xenia, near Shawnee Creek.
- Spahr, Nancy, Xenia, 1830; wife of Gideon, Sr.
- Spahr, Gideon, Xenia, 1820; died in 1891, aged seventy-one; May 5, 1821, married Phebe Hagler.
- Spahr, Elijah, Xenia, 1840; died August 17, 1891, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.
- Spahr, John, Xenia, 1840; died August 9, 1881, aged fifty-seven, buried in Woodland.
- Spahr, Philip, Caesar's Creek, 1813; died December 18, 1854, aged seventy-seven; buried in Shook graveyard, near New Jasper, Ohio.
- Spahr, William, Caesar's Creek, 1827; born May 3, 1805; died October 1, 1891, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland; January 11, 1828, married Sarah Smith.
- Spahr, John, Caesar's Creek, 1828; brother of Edward; died in Jay county, Indiana, January 17, 1882; January 31, 1833, married Palma Judy.
- Spahr, David M., Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Philip; died September 14, 1844, aged thirty-one; buried in Shook graveyard; wife, Ann.
- Spikenard, Alexander, 1820; December 16, 1824, married Esther Deeds.
- Spikenard, John, Caesar's Creek, 1830; married Magdalena, daughter of George Deeds, April 5, 1821.
- Spearman, Charles, Xenia, 1840.
- Speelman, Jonathan, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Speelman, Christopher, Xenia, 1840.
- Spratt, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Shangler, Jacob, Bath, 1840; died in 1860.
- Srodes, David, Cedarville; died in 1860.
- Squires, John M., Xenia, 1840; died June 10, 1897, aged eighty-four; buried in Woodland.
- Squires, Josiah, Bath, 1828.
- Squires, Hanford, Sugar Creek, 1822; from Fauquier county, Virginia; born February, 1806; died July 15, 1869, aged sixty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Squires, John B., Xenia, 1840; died in 1897, aged seventy-four; buried in Woodland.
- Squires, Sidney, Xenia, 1840.
- Sroufe, Lewis, Miami, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Sroufe, Sebastian, Miami, 1805; soldier of 1812; removed to Indiana.
- Sroufe, Christopher, Miami, 1805; soldier of 1812.
- Sroufe, George, Miami, 1805.
- Sroufe, Sebastian, Jr., Miami, 1810; November 3, 1808, married Catharine Townsend.
- Sroufe, David, Miami, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Sroufe, Thomas, Miami, 1814.
- Sroufe, Andrew, Miami, 1829; died in 1829; October 6, 1817, married Mary Bachelor.
- Sroufe, Perry, Miami, 1840; son of Andrew; buried at Yellow Springs.
- Sroufe, Bernard, Miami, 1840; removed to Iowa.
- Standley, Abraham, 1805; October 3, 1805, married Mary Horner.
- Strade, John, Xenia, 1840; June 30, 1836, married Sarah Cline.
- Stevenson, Major John; a soldier of the Revolution is buried in Kentucky; father of Samuel Stevenson, father of James, William, John and Thomas. Pioneer Stevensons of Greene county, Ohio.
- Stevenson, James B., Sugar Creek, 1806; April 25, 1836, married Phebe Engle.
- Stevenson, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1826; April 28, 1824, married Elizabeth Ramsey.
- Stevenson, James, Xenia, 1803; April 3, 1805, married Anna Galloway; died March 31, 1864, aged ninety-four; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard; soldier of 1812.
- Stevenson, William, Xenia, 1803; cousin of James, John and Thomas; November 19, 1808, married Peggy Scott; died November 8, 1826, aged sixty-one; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- Stevenson, John, Xenia, 1803; soldier of 1812; died May 14, 1846, aged sixty-nine; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's); married Kitty Kirkpatrick.
- Stevenson, Thomas, Xenia, 1810; from Woodford county, Kentucky; died in 1857, aged seventy-two; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- Stevenson, Robert W., Xenia, 1817; soldier of 1812; married Abigail Gowdy September 23, 1818; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Stevenson, John B., Miami, 1840.

- Stevenson, Thomas G., Xenia, 1817; son of Thomas, Sr.; died April 10, 1868, aged seventy-eight.
- Stevenson, Charles, Xenia, 1818; married to Miss Cynthia Scott in 1819.
- Stevenson, Robert, Miami, 1818; February 3, 1814, married Sarah Cohagan.
- Stevenson, Charles W., Xenia, 1819; son of William, of Miami township; died in 1826.
- Stevenson, Thomas, Xenia, 1821.
- Stevenson, Samuel, Xenia, 1826; son of James.
- Stevenson, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; son of John; died March 9, 1870, aged eighty-nine; January 24, 1828, married Harriet Webb.
- Stevenson, William, Xenia, 1840; died December 17, 1875, aged sixty-seven; son of William, of Miami township.
- Stevenson, James, Xenia, 1836; son of Thomas; born May 27, 1815; died December, 1893, aged seventy-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Stephenson, William, Sr., Bath, 1803; from Kentucky; captain in War of 1812; died November 11, 1834; buried in Mitman graveyard, Osborn, Ohio.
- Stephenson, William, Jr., Bath, 1803; son of William, Sr., of Bath; January 25, 1812, married Eleanor Sutton.
- Stephenson, John, Bath, 1803; son of William, Sr., of Bath township.
- Stevenson, Wm., Miami, 1809; married Margaret Scott, a widow; died November 8, 1826, aged sixty-one; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- Stevenson, Robert, Miami, 1809; son of William and Margaret; died February 3, 1894, aged seventy-three.
- Stevenson, Charles W., Miami, 1821; son of William and Margaret; January 25, 1819, married Cynthia Scott.
- Stevenson, Samuel, Miami, 1826; son of William and Margaret.
- Stevenson, John, Miami, 1828; son of William and Margaret.
- Stevenson, Peter, Bath, 1811; son of William, of Bath.
- Stevenson, Thomas B., Xenia, 1840; died in Champagne county December 27, 1860, aged thirty-three.
- Stephenson, George H., Bath, 1808; died in 1814; Jonathan Clayton, administrator.
- Stepleton, John, Sugar Creek, 1808; July 23, 1807, married Sally Van Eaton.
- Stepleton, Jesse, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Stepleton, Solomon, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Stanberry, William, Xenia, 1840; September 23, 1819, married Edith Cooper.
- Stanley, William, Sugar Creek, 1808; died in 1829; buried on the Smith Stowe farm; October 1, 1822, married Sarah McGlaughlin.
- Stanley, Robert, Caesar's Creek, 1809.
- Stanley, Martin, Caesar's Creek, 1828; February 12, 1829, married Malinda Bartlet.
- Steele, Harvey, Xenia, 1840; from Maryland; born October 4, 1814; died February 24, 1883; buried in Woodland.
- Steele, Alexander, Xenia, 1835; died March 14, 1842.
- Steele, John, Xenia, 1835; brother of Thomas.
- Steele, William, Xenia, 1840; died July 15, 1894, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.
- Steele, John, Xenia, 1828; son of William; died June 6, 1829; buried in the A. R. graveyard, East Third street, Xenia.
- Steele, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1809; soldier of 1812.
- Steele, James, Sugar Creek, 1811; brother of Samuel; died October 16, 1836, aged forty-three; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Steele, Jacob, Xenia, 1816; died November 5, 1863, aged forty-seven; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard; married Elizabeth Gettard.
- Steele, Rev. John, Xenia, 1817; from Bourbon county, Kentucky; built the David Barr house; in 1817 became pastor of what is now the first U. P. church; died January 11, 1837, at Oxford, Ohio.
- Steele, Thomas, Xenia, 1816; came to Xenia from Ireland in winter of 1815; taught school and lived on the lot where now is located the Xenia high school building; memorial window in high school room is in memory of him; died in Logan county August 6, 1875, aged eighty-four.
- Steele, Martin B., Xenia, 1830; January 9, 1837, married Jane Stevenson.
- Steele, Wm., Xenia, 1840; son of John; murdered at the time of the Puterbaugh fire in 1845; buried in Associate churchyard, West Market street, Xenia.
- Steele, Robert, Xenia, 1840.
- Steele, David E., Beaver Creek, 1811.
- Steele, Ebenezer, Beaver Creek, 1816; born in Virginia, December 18, 1781; died February 17, 1862, aged eighty-one; buried in Beaver churchyard.
- Steele, Abner, Beaver Creek, 1817.
- Steele, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1826.
- Steele, John, Beaver Creek, 1825; grandfather of Daniel Steele and Mrs. Gussie Poague; from Virginia; born May 20, 1809; died July 4, 1882, aged seventy-two; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Stipp, Lettice, Sugar Creek, 1813; died in 1835, aged seventy-four; buried in Middle Run churchyard, southwest of Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Stipp, George, Sugar Creek, 1813; soldier of the Revolution; died in 1836; buried in Middle Run churchyard.
- Stipp, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1819; died September 29, 1823; buried in Middle Run churchyard; January 7, 1819, married Amelia Bull.
- Stipp, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1826; August 15, 1824, married Mary Coffelt.
- Stipp, Fredrick, Xenia, 1813.
- Stipp, Abraham, Jr., Xenia, 1830.
- Stipp, George W., Sugar Creek, 1835; publisher of "Clintonian and Xenia Register," a paper published in Xenia in 1825 and 1826.
- Stipp, Nathan B., Sugar Creek, 1840; died December 1, 1852, aged thirty-three; buried in Woodland; March 11, 1841, married Eliza Jane Kenney.
- Strain, James, Sugar Creek, 1813; died November 19, 1864, aged seventy-four; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.



- Strain, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1816; April 20, 1820, married Rebecca Rodgers.
- Strain, John, Sugar Creek, 1816; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook; died in 1824; November 9, 1820, married Margaret Simpson.
- Strain, William, Sugar Creek, 1810; died April 20, 1845, aged twenty-three; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Strain, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1819; son of Wm.; died in 1858; buried in Bellbrook cemetery; November 25, 1824, married Mary Simmerson.
- Strain, Hugh, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Wm.
- Stormont, John, Xenia, 1840; died January 26, 1860, aged fifty-six; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Staley, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1808.
- Staley, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1808; born February, 1782, died April 16, 1829, aged forty-seven; buried on the Marshall farm, six miles west of Xenia.
- Staley, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1816; son-in-law of Jacob Smith, Sr.; removed to Logan county, Ohio.
- Staley, Elias, Beaver Creek, 1818; soldier of 1812; April 16, 1826, married Hannah Rutley.
- Staley, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1826; October 26, 1830, married Catharine Staley.
- Staley, Enoch, Beaver Creek, 1827.
- Staley, George, Beaver Creek, 1829.
- Staley, Catharine, Beaver Creek, 1830; widow of Samuel Staley.
- Stephens, Andrew, Bath, 1840; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River; died in 1843.
- Stephens, John, Bath, 1805.
- Stephens, John, Sugar Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Stephens, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Stephens, Cheesteen, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Stephens, Benjamin, Caesar's Creek, 1817.
- Stephens, Scott, Caesar's Creek, 1819.
- Stephens, Andrew, Caesar's Creek, 1818; from Pennsylvania; an uncle of Jacob Miller; died at the age of sixty-nine; buried in Bowersville, Ohio.
- Stephens, John, Xenia, 1806.
- Stephens, James, Xenia, 1807; August 20, 1807, married Malinda White.
- Stephens, Thomas, Xenia, 1812.
- Stephens, Evers, Bath, 1807.
- Stephens, Robert E., Bath, 1807; son of Andrew, of Bath township; died in 1833.
- Stephens, Robert R., Bath, 1819.
- Stephens, Philip, Bath, 1819; October 24, 1822, married Margaret Smith.
- Stephens, Elijah, Bath, 1807.
- Stephens, Evan, Miami, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Stephens, Margaret, Miami, 1830; widow of Philip Stephens.
- Stephens, Samuel, Miami, 1840; January 15, 1829, married Sarah Parash.
- Stephens, John, Silver Creek, 1818; born in 1790; died in Indiana.
- Stephens, Andrew, Silver Creek, 1840; son of John; died November 15, 1892, aged seventy-three; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Stephens, Adam, Silver Creek, 1827; removed to Illinois.
- Strong, Noah, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1803; hauled the logs to build the tavern of W. A. Beatty in 1804; died March 14, 1814, aged sixty-three; buried in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Strong, Reuben, Esq., Caesar's Creek, 1803; son of Noah; April 19, 1804, married Anna Wilson; in 1816, married Bartary Boots.
- Strong, Benjamin, Esq., Caesar's Creek, 1810; died June 21, 1845, aged fifty-six; buried in Jamestown, Ohio; son of Noah.
- Strong, John, Caesar's Creek, 1830; removed to Illinois, where he died; November 18, 1834, married Clarasa Rorbaugh.
- Strong, Leonard, Caesar's Creek, 1840; removed to Illinois; December 28, 1841, married Mary Ary.
- Strong, George W., Silver Creek, 1812; April 11, 1837, married Nancy Marshall.
- Strong, Elisha W., Silver Creek, 1813; from Boston, Massachusetts; married Phebe Vail; father of Mrs. John C. Patterson; died in 1823.
- Strong, Washington, Silver Creek, 1820; son of Noah; said to have been the first person to marry in Jamestown, Ohio.
- Strong, Sylvester, Silver Creek, 1826; son of Noah; removed to Atlanta, Illinois, in 1836; died January 5, 1900, aged ninety-five.
- Strong, John, Silver Creek, 1828; August 27, 1837, married Sarah Arate.
- Strong, William, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Strong, W. G., Silver Creek, 1840.
- Strong, Ozias M., Silver Creek, 1840; son of Benjamin; died January 15, 1889, aged seventy-two; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Sturges, William R., Sugar Creek, 1818; December 6, 1825, married Sarah Stull.
- Sterritt, Joseph, Xenia, 1803; died June 22, 1809, aged fifty-three; buried in Massie's Creek (Stevenson's).
- Sterritt, John, Xenia, 1803; brother-in-law of John and Abraham McClellan; married Peggy McClellan; died in 1836.
- Sterritt, Joseph, Xenia, 1803; died August 28, 1825, aged thirty-one; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Sterritt, Robert E., Xenia, 1811; died in 1825; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Sterritt, James, Xenia, 1820; July 2, 1825, married Ann Mitchell.
- Sterritt, Hugh, Xenia, 1826.
- Sterritt, Abraham A., Xenia, 1828; died February 28, 1836, aged twenty-eight; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Sterritt, John A., Xenia, 1828; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Sterritt, Joseph E., Xenia, 1811; died August 15, 1823, aged thirty-four; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Sterritt, James B., Xenia, 1840; died December 21, 1858, aged forty-six; buried at Cedarville, Ohio.
- Sterritt, Wm., Ross, 1830; he and John Miller ran a tanyard in Jamestown in 1810.
- Sterritt, Pugh, Ross, 1840; died May 12, 1872, aged seventy-one; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Stake, John M., Sugar Creek, 1838; from Washington county, Maryland; son of Anthony; born in 1808; died November 9, 1898, aged ninety; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Stout, Milton, Beaver Creek, 1826.



- Stout, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1820.  
 Stout, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1826; August 26, 1824, married Rebecca Bank.  
 Stout, Henry, Osborn, 1840; died February, 1871, aged sixty-six.  
 Stout, Isaac, Bath, 1807.  
 Stout, Barkham, Bath, 1807.  
 Stout, Abraham, Miami, 1808.  
 Stout, Banham, Miami, 1810.  
 Stout, Ralph R., Miami, 1814.  
 Stout, Dr. Nathaniel, Beaver Creek, 1827.  
 Stratford, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1820.  
 Street, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812; died in 1829, aged fifty-three.  
 Stull, Benjamin, Xenia, 1807; died in Dayton in 1858.  
 Stull, John, Xenia, 1807; merchant tailor in Xenia in 1807; died in 1829; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Stull, Peter, Xenia, 1816; March 4, 1819, married Rebecca Kirkpatrick; died May 23, 1871, aged eighty-three.  
 Stull, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1840; born in 1803; died July 20, 1864, aged sixty-three.  
 Stull, John, Jr., Bath, 1840; February 16, 1867, married Dilly Stites.  
 Stewart, Elijah M., Miami, 1830; died September 1, 1863, aged seventy-one; buried in Clifton, Ohio.  
 Stewart, Thomas G., Miami, 1830; died April 16, 1880, aged eighty-six; buried in Clifton, Ohio.  
 Stewart, William, Caesar's Creek, 1830; died in Bowersville, Ohio, March 1, 1899, aged ninety-three.  
 Stewart, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; died in Beaver Creek township in 1815.  
 Stewart, Moses, Caesar's Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; December 23, 1821, married Mary Petro.  
 Stewart, John, Beaver Creek, 1820; died March 8, 1870, aged seventy-one; buried in the Petro graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Stewart, Archibald, Beaver Creek, 1820.  
 Stewart, James R., Beaver Creek, 1840; son-in-law of Alexander McClintock; died in 1825.  
 Stewart, Samuel, Bath, 1807; captain in War of 1812; brother of John.  
 Stewart, John, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812; buried at Clifton, Ohio.  
 Stewart, Henry, Bath, 1829.  
 Stewart, Samuel, Miami, 1808.  
 Stewart, James, Miami, 1808; March 2, 1818, married Catharine Funderburg.  
 Stewart, John, Miami, 1808.  
 Stewart, John T., Miami, 1810; soldier of 1812; father of Judge Stewart, of Xenia; buried in Clifton, Ohio.  
 Stewart, James, Ross, 1817; died in 1817.  
 Stewart, William, Ross, 1840; son of James; born June 26, 1806; died March 1, 1899.  
 Stewart, James, Silver Creek, 1812; died October 11, 1825, aged fifty-three; buried in Baptist churchyard, west of Bowersville.  
 Stewart, Robert, Silver Creek, 1810; from Washington county, Virginia; soldier of 1812; brother of James; buried in Bowersville cemetery.  
 Stewart, Christopher, Silver Creek, 1827; from Virginia; son of Robert; born in 1803; died February 18, 1880, buried in Hussey graveyard, Bowersville, Ohio.  
 Stewart, William, Jasper, 1830; died April 9, 1879, aged eighty-one.  
 Stewart, Gen. David, Xenia, 1840; born July 11, 1805; died November, 1859; buried in Woodland; brother of Samuel.  
 Stewart, William L., Caesar's Creek, 1803; one of the first justices of the peace of Caesar's Creek township; office at Caesarsville.  
 Stewart, William, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1820; soldier of Revolution; from Ireland; thence to South Carolina; thence to Ohio; died August 4, 1830, aged ninety-one; buried in Woodland.  
 Stewart, Samuel, Xenia, 1820; son of William, Sr.; died in Xenia in 1846.  
 Stewart, Robert M., Xenia, 1818; son of William; died March 6, 1867, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland.  
 Stewart, John, Xenia, 1820.  
 Stewart, Dr. Robert, Xenia, 1820; son of Samuel; died March 11, 1889, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.  
 Stewart, Samuel, Xenia, 1820; son of Samuel; soldier in Civil War, Co. C, Seventy-fourth; removed to Montana.  
 Stewart, Robert M., Xenia, 1827; died March 6, 1867, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland.  
 Stewart, William H., Xenia, 1827; son of Samuel; born in 1811; died April 23, 1889; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.  
 Stewart, Dr. James M., Xenia, 1830; died at Cedarville February 23, 1899, aged eighty-six; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.  
 Stewart, Joseph I., Xenia, 1840; son of Samuel; removed to Washington, Iowa.  
 Stewart, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; died in 1850, aged seventy-three; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.  
 Stewart, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840; from Pennsylvania; brother of Gen. David; died September 14, 1883; buried in Woodland.  
 Stewart, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; "Fast-line Stewart"; born in 1802; died March, 1858, buried in Woodland.  
 Stewart, Edward, Silver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.  
 Stewart, Robert E., Sugar Creek, 1840; died October 16, 1860; buried in Bellbrook.  
 Stewart, James C., Xenia, 1835; from South Carolina; son of Robert, who was the son of William; died March 18, 1893, aged seventy-nine; buried in Woodland.  
 Stewart, Alexander, Xenia, 1830; born in 1785; died in 1857; buried in Woodland.  
 Stewart, David, Xenia, 1817; elder in Covenanters church, Caesar's Creek; died in Silver Creek township in 1829.  
 Stewart, Charles, Xenia, 1818; September 14, 1838, married Mary Dunnean.  
 Strawham, Isaac, Bath, 1840.  
 Strawham, Andrew, Ross, 1840.  
 Stiner, John, Bath, 1840.  
 Stiner, John, Jr., Bath, 1840.  
 Stiner, Jacob, Bath, 1840; soldier in Civil War; died in 1880 at Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio.

- Stitto, James, Bath, 1840.  
 Stillwell, John, Bath, 1840.  
 Stockwell, William, Beaver Creek, 1803.  
 Stratton, David, Xenia, 1828; died June 2, 1834, aged seventy-eight; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).  
 Stratton, David B., Caesar's Creek, 1830; died June 8, 1855, aged seventy; buried in Woodland.  
 Stratton, Caleb, Miami, 1819.  
 Stratton, William, Silver Creek, 1827; May 15, 1828, married Elizabeth Taylor.  
 Stratton, Mahlon, Xenia, 1830; soldier of 1812; removed to Clinton county.  
 Stratton, Reuben, Xenia, 1840.  
 Strothers, William, Xenia, 1819; died June 2, 1834, aged seventy-eight; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).  
 Strothers, Thomas, Xenia, 1821; June 25, 1835, married Jane Gibson; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).  
 Strothers, John, Xenia, 1826; February 24, 1835, married Isabelle Kendall.  
 Strothers, James, Xenia, 1827.  
 Strothers, William, Jr., Xenia, 1830; removed to Warren county, Illinois.  
 Stump, Leonard, Caesar's Creek, 1803.  
 Stump, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died in 1874, aged seventy-three; buried in New Burlington cemetery.  
 Stump, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Stump, Jones, Caesar's Creek, 1840; from Virginia; died April 12, 1892, aged eighty-six; buried near Spring Valley, Ohio.  
 Stump, J. A., Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Stump, Wm., Xenia, 1827; died August 22, 1854, aged forty-one, buried at Mt. Holly.  
 Stump, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1840; soldier of Revolution; died, aged seventy-one, buried at Mt. Holly.  
 Stone, John, Sugar Creek, 1820; May 12, 1820, married Elizabeth Cunningham.  
 Stone, Francis, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Stone, N. F., Miami, 1840; married the widow of Timothy Bates, Maria, daughter of Gen. Whiteman.  
 Stiles, Benjamin, Xenia, 1815; from Virginia; died July 29, 1860, aged seventy-two; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Stiles, Moses, Silver Creek, 1827; July 6, 1826, married Nancy Cottrell.  
 Stiles, Joshua, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Stiles, Hiram, Xenia, 1840; native of New Jersey; soldier in Civil War, Co. G, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth.  
 Stiles, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1836; born in 1819; died November 15, 1898; buried at Spring Valley, Ohio.  
 Stiles, George, Sugar Creek, 1840; March 22, 1838, married Harriet Baringer.  
 Stith, Jesse, Sugar Creek, 1840; January, 1840, married Bathsheba Cavender.  
 Stafford, John, Caesar's Creek, 1804; married a daughter of Valentine and Christina Bone.  
 Stafford, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1826; son of John; died May 2, 1866, aged sixty-one; buried at Tabor, near New Jasper, Ohio.  
 Stafford, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1828; son of John; February 14, 1827, married Ann Graham.  
 Stafford, Valentine, Caesar's Creek, 1828; son of John.  
 Stafford, Darlington, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died October, 1887, aged seventy-five; buried at Maple Corner.  
 Stafford, Samuel, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1840; January 13, 1839, married Sarah Williams.  
 Stafford, Wm. R., Miami, 1840; February 2, 1838, married Hester Ann Owens.  
 Stanton, William, Caesar's Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812.  
 Stanton, Frederick, Caesar's Creek, 1807; buried Woodland.  
 Stowe, Charles, Miami, 1804; from Dinwiddie county, Virginia.  
 Stowe, Alexander, Xenia, 1807; died March 11, 1840, aged seventy; buried in Woodland.  
 Stowe, Joseph, Xenia, 1826; son of Alexander; died October 1, 1839, aged thirty-nine; buried in Woodland.  
 Stowe, W. W., Xenia, 1840.  
 Stowe, Richard, Xenia, 1840; son of Alexander; died August 7, 1858, near Greenville, Bond county, Illinois.  
 Stowe, Smith A., Xenia, 1840; soldier in Civil War, Co. C, Seventy-fourth; buried in Woodland.  
 Stark, M. D., Xenia, 1840; died July 2, 1881, in Hot Springs, Arkansas; buried in Woodland.  
 Stark, William T., Xenia, 1816; from Loudoun county, Virginia; soldier of 1812; died September 1, 1858, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland.  
 Stark, Washington A., Xenia, 1836; born July 6, 1815; October 6, 1841, married Louisa Ballard; died February 16, 1901, aged eighty-six years.  
 Stark, William M., Xenia, 1840; born June 18, 1817, died February 23, 1893; buried in Woodland.  
 Stark, Clinton, Xenia, 1840; died March 9, 1895, aged seventy-six; buried in Woodland.  
 Stark, Albert M., Xenia, 1840; soldier in Civil War; Quartermaster of One Hundred and Tenth; died June 10, 1897; buried in Woodland.  
 Studivan, John, Silver Creek, 1826; died in 1829.  
 Studivan, Stephen, Silver Creek, 1826; removed to Piqua, Ohio.  
 Studivan, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1840; December 25, 1830, married Nancy Stewart; removed to Piqua, Ohio.  
 Stacey, Ezekiel, Silver Creek, 1826.  
 St. John, Daniel W., Caesar's Creek, 1828; son of John, of New York; born May 1, 1805; died in 1872; buried in Woodland.  
 Stire, Henry, Xenia, 1828; died February 22, 1875; buried in Woodland; a resident of Xenia forty years.  
 Starr, Orange B., Silver Creek, 1826.  
 Starr, Abraham, Caesar's Creek, 1828; October 15, 1818, married Mary Stanfield; administrator of estate of John Starr.  
 Starr, John, Caesar's Creek, 1820; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1829.  
 Starr, Mary, Caesar's Creek, 1830; widow of John Starr.

- Starr, Christopher, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of John and Mary; June 13, 1839, married Lydia Ann Ikens.
- Starr, Abraham, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Starr, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Starr, Hiram, Silver Creek, 1838; August 18, 1839, married Rhoda Ann Castell.
- Starr, William, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Starr, Samuel, Bath, 1840.
- Stemble, Frederick, Xenia, 1830; from Frederick county, Maryland; born December 23, 1780; died May 23, 1868, aged eighty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Stemble, Jacob, Xenia, 1830; son of Fredrick; born March 26, 1802; died November 18, 1859, aged forty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Stemble, J. N., Xenia, 1840; died May 18, 1856, aged forty-seven; buried in Woodland; January 15, 1840, married Amanda Richards.
- Stiner, John, Bath, 1840.
- Stiner, John, Jr., Bath, 1840.
- Sterge, William K., Bath, 1828.
- Stinebough, George, Bath, 1827.
- Stoekton, Richard, Bath, 1827.
- Stoekton, Joseph, Bath, 1827.
- Stonerock, Samuel, Bath, 1826; May 26, 1821, married Elizabeth Fogle.
- Stoker, Jacob, Bath, 1807; buried in Bath churchyard, west of Mad River.
- Stoker, William, Bath, 1807; died in 1827; buried in Bath churchyard.
- Stoker, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1827; died January 14, 1878, aged sixty-one; buried in Beaver churchyard.
- Sturry, William, Xenia, 1820.
- Staflebeam, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1808.
- Standfield, William, Xenia, 1808; soldier of 1812; died May 22, 1842, aged seventy-two.
- Standfield, John, Xenia, 1817; brother of William; died March 13, 1842.
- Straight, John, Xenia, 1826; married August 30, 1818, to Ruth Mendenhall.
- Steene, Moses, Silver Creek, 1840; buried near New Jasper on James M. Smith's farm.
- Steene, William, Silver Creek, 1840; July 22, 1839, married Harriet Berriman; buried in Woodland.
- Steene, Robert, Miami, 1825; August 11, 1825, married Mary Lumback.
- Stokes, Jervus, Sugar Creek, 1826; January 11, 1827, married Mary Brelsford.
- Stokes, Matthew, Beaver Creek, 1827.
- Stokes, Isaac, Xenia, 1840.
- Stanford, James, Ross, 1812.
- Stanford, Thomas, Ross, 1813.
- Stireman, Adam, Ross, 1840.
- Stinson, David, Silver Creek, 1830; February 7, 1830, married Mary Stewart.
- Stinson, John, Silver Creek, 1828; murdered by his son-in-law, Nelson Farmer, April, 1849; (see files of "Torchlight," March 8, 1849).
- Story, Alfred, Silver Creek, 1840; died May 14, 1855, aged fifty-six; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Stillings, James, Xenia, 1840; died May 6, 1844, aged seventy; buried in Salem graveyard, south of Paintersville, Ohio.
- Stillings, James, Xenia, 1840; from Virginia; died July 4, 1882, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Stillings, William, Xenia, 1840.
- Strite, John, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Strator, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Stingley, Henry, Bath, 1819; died at Osborn July 3, 1895, aged one hundred and one; buried in Woodland.
- Stingley, Leonard, Xenia, 1819.
- Strickle, Abraham E., Xenia, 1828.
- Strickle, Jacob, Xenia, 1840; a shoemaker; died November 16, 1887; buried in Woodland.
- Stoops, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1830.
- Stoops, William, Beaver Creek, 1830.
- Stoops, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; died June 1, 1864, aged sixty-six; buried in Woodland; soldier in Civil War, Thirteenth Battery.
- Stine, Jacob B., Beaver Creek, 1830; from Washington county, Maryland; son of Matthias; born in Pennsylvania in 1803; died in 1893; buried in Woodland.
- Stine, John, Beaver Creek, 1820; father of J. H. Stine, of Oldtown; died at Hagerstown, Maryland, December 16, 1873.
- Stine, John, Beaver Creek, 1820; born in Union county, Pennsylvania; died December 9, 1881, aged eighty-two; buried in Fairfield, Ohio.
- Stine, Edward, Beaver Creek, 1840; died August 11, 1891, aged seventy.
- Strovel, Christian, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Strader, Benjamin, Bath, 1821.
- Strader, John M., Bath, 1828.
- Strader, John P., Bath, 1840.
- Strawsburg, John, Bath, 1826.
- Strawsburg, David, Bath, 1826.
- Stutsman, David, Bath, 1840; died in 1836; buried at Beavertown, Ohio.
- Stutsman, James, Bath, 1840.
- Stroutsenburg, John, Bath, 1811.
- Stroutsenburg, George, Sugar Creek, 1840; yet living in 1900, in Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Stiles, Samuel, Bath, 1807.
- Stites, Benjamin, Bath, 1816.
- Stites, Mahlon, Bath, 1816.
- Stites, Abraham, Bath, 1827; December 26, 1827, married Sarah Martin.
- Stites, George H., Bath, 1840.
- Sullivan, John, Beaver Creek, 1806; soldier of 1812.
- Sullivan, James, Bath, 1813.
- Suber, George, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Sutton, Josiah, Caesar's Creek, 1820; married Catherine Shraek June 21, 1827.
- Sutton, William G., Caesar's Creek, 1803; from Kentucky; one of the first settlers of New Jasper, Ohio; removed to Indiana.
- Sutton, Isaiah, Caesar's Creek, 1803; son of William G.; died in 1825; Henry Sutton, administrator of his estate.
- Sutton, Genire, Caesar's Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; from Kentucky.
- Sutton, Amaziah, Caesar's Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812.
- Sutton, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1803; from Kentucky.



- Sutton, Lewis, Caesar's Creek, 1803.  
 Sutton, John, Caesar's Creek, 1804.  
 Sutton, Jeremiah, Caesar's Creek, 1805; soldier of 1812.  
 Sutton, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1813; July 8, 1813, married Jane Jackson.  
 Sutton, William, Caesar's Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; his wife, Jane; daughters, Esther and Polly, died in 1818.  
 Sutton, Daniel, Caesar's Creek, 1827; son of Wm. G.; born in Greene county; died October 7, 1860, aged fifty-nine; buried in Woodland.  
 Sutton, David, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of William G.  
 Sutton, Daniel B., Caesar's Creek, 1840; removed to Red Key, Indiana; died there in 1898.  
 Sutton, Rev. Wm. B., Silver Creek, 1810; died February 25, 1863, aged seventy-four; buried in Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Sutton, Amos, Bath, 1809; soldier of 1812; March 27, 1817, married Sarah Lippencott.  
 Sutton, Cornelius, Bath, 1809; soldier of 1812.  
 Sutton, Cornelius, Jr., Bath, 1813.  
 Sutton, Isaac, Bath, 1819.  
 Sutton, Ferdinand, Miami, 1840.  
 Sutton, Ezra, Ross, 1816.  
 Sutton, Henry, Ross, 1820.  
 Sutton, Ira, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Sutton, Jesse, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Sutton, William G., Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; died in 1851.  
 Sutton, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Wm. G.; died July 22, 1880, aged sixty-four; buried in Woodland.  
 Sutton, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.  
 Swarwood, John, Caesar's Creek, 1826.  
 Swane, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1840; died May 16, 1858, aged sixty-five; buried at Spring Valley, Ohio.  
 Swane, James, Beaver Creek, 1840; died in 1834.  
 Swisher, Abraham, Xenia, 1829; from Virginia; died April 16, 1880, aged eighty-four; buried in Woodland.  
 Swisher, Michael, Xenia, 1840.  
 Swift, Charles, Caesar's Creek, 1830; black man; from Virginia; December 23, 1824, married Barbary Brown, former slave of Josiah Elam.  
 Swadner, Adam, Beaver Creek, 1807; died July 12, 1867, aged sixty; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Swadner, Adam, Sr., Bath, 1807; died June 11, 1839, aged seventy; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron, Ohio.  
 Swadner, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1818; died June 6, 1842, aged seventy-five.  
 Swadner, Jonathan, Beaver Creek, 1819; died in 1835, October 10, aged thirty-seven; buried in Union graveyard.  
 Swadner, William, Beaver Creek, 1819; died February 20, 1865, aged seventy-two; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.  
 Swadner, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1819; born in 1808, died in 1887, buried in Union churchyard.  
 Swadner, George, Beaver Creek, 1820.  
 Swadner, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1826; from Virginia; died July 17, 1887, aged eighty-three; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.  
 Swadner, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1826; buried in Hawker's churchyard.  
 Swadner, Abner, Beaver Creek, 1828.  
 Swadner, Adam, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; born June, 1811; died in 1881; buried in Union churchyard, Byron, Ohio; married March 31, 1833, to Catherine Ann Keefer.  
 Swadner, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Swadner, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840; died July 25, 1827, aged seventy-nine; buried in Hawker's churchyard.  
 Swadner, Owen, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Sweet, Stephen, Xenia, 1840; from Connecticut.  
 Sweet, Thomas, Xenia, 1840; died March 29, 1868, aged fifty-five; buried in Woodland.  
 Swabb, Daniel, Bath, 1840; died March 31, 1874, aged sixty-nine; buried in Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Swigart, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812.  
 Swigart, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1808; born in Germany; died in 1839, aged eighty-two; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.  
 Swigart, Michael, Sugar Creek, 1810; son of Peter; from Somerset county, Pennsylvania; died February 19, 1849, aged eighty-four; buried in Mt. Zion; soldier of 1812.  
 Swigart, John, Beaver Creek, 1810; died October 7, 1847, aged fifty-six; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard; soldier of 1812.  
 Swigart, Joel, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Michael; born in 1820; died March 11, 1891, aged seventy-one.  
 Swigart, Peter, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1819; March 28, married Margaret Dice.  
 Swigart, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1819; born October 14, 1798; died July 25, 1850; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.  
 Swope, George, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died May 23, 1866, aged sixty; buried in Eleazer churchyard.  
 Syphers, John, Beaver Creek, 1813.  
 Syphers, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Syphers, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1833; died December 1, 1875, aged eighty-five; buried in Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Syphers, Lisbon, Silver Creek, 1840; native of Greene county, Pennsylvania; March 19, 1837, married Mary Dawson.  
 Syphers, J. H., Silver Creek, 1840; died in Iowa October 16, 1842.  
 Syphers, Ezra, Beaver Creek, 1840; died May 2, 1878, aged sixty-seven.  
 Sharp, Aries, Silver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.  
 Shifflet, Michael, Silver Creek, 1805.  
 Shifflet, Garland, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Sheffield, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Sheffield, John, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Talbert, Addison, Sugar Creek, 1835; November 2, 1836, married Elizabeth Schnebley.  
 Talbert, Josiah, Xenia, 1809; soldier of 1812; removed to Champaign county, Ohio.  
 Talbert, Josiah G., Xenia, 1808; buried in Oakdale cemetery, Urbana, Ohio.  
 Talbert, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1830.  
 Talbert, Richard C., Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; removed to Madison, Indiana; clerk of courts of Jefferson county, Indiana.

- Talbert, Addison, Sugar Creek, 1832; brother of John; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Talbert, John B., Sugar Creek, 1832; born April 18, 1814; died at the home of his daughter, at Kirkwood, Missouri, January 30, 1898, aged eighty-three; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Talbert, John, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1808; died March 1, 1873, aged eighty-seven; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- Tanner, William, Sugar Creek, 1803; his wife, Elsie; his will recorded in 1824; buried near Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Tanner, James, Sugar Creek, 1803; son of William and Elsie.
- Tanner, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1806.
- Tanner, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1808.
- Tanner, Wm., Jr., Sugar Creek, 1820; August 5, 1816, married Mary Ramsey.
- Tanner, John, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of William and Elsie.
- Tanner, Rankin, Sugar Creek, 1830; son of William and Elsie.
- Tanner, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1826; died May 17, 1826, aged twenty-eight; George Gordon, administrator of his estate.
- Tate, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1831; died December 8, 1848, aged thirty; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Tate, Patterson, Sugar Creek, 1840; died September 13, 1887; buried in Woodland.
- Tate, John, Sugar Creek, 1816; died September 25, 1842, aged fifty-nine; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Tate, Hugh, Sugar Creek, 1826; died in 1839, aged fifty-six; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Tate, James, Sugar Creek, 1826.
- Tate, William, Sugar Creek, 1828; born April 27, 1780; died August 5, 1836, aged fifty; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Tate, William R., Sugar Creek, 1840; died December 21, 1881, aged sixty-seven; buried in Woodland.
- Tate, Andrew, Sugar Creek, 1827.
- Tate, James, Sugar Creek, 1819; died August, 1831, aged seventy-five; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Taylor, Joseph A., Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Taylor, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1811.
- Taylor, David, Sugar Creek, 1840; September 23, 1824, married Ruth Barker.
- Taylor, John, Caesar's Creek, 1809.
- Taylor, Rev. John P., Caesar's Creek, 1828; native of James City, Virginia; married a daughter of Fredrick Bonner; born November 20, 1782; died September, 1873, aged ninety-two, at Dublin, Indiana.
- Taylor, Franklin, Xenia, 1840; died October 8, 1875, aged seventy-four.
- Taylor, Silas, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Taylor, William, Beaver Creek, 1803; died December 15, 1857, aged sixty; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Taylor, George, Beaver Creek, 1803; son-in-law of Jacob Smith, Sr.; removed to Indiana.
- Taylor, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1804; December 29, 1803, married Polly Smith.
- Taylor, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1806; from Rockbridge county, Virginia.
- Taylor, Septimus, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Taylor, Richard, Beaver Creek, 1828.
- Taylor, Peter, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812; buried at Pleasant Grove near Byron, Ohio.
- Taylor, Joseph, Bath, 1807; buried at Pleasant Grove.
- Taylor, Isaac, Ross, 1840; born on the Atlantic Ocean; died August 28, 1884, aged eighty-three.
- Taylor, David, Ross, 1807; soldier of 1812; February 1, 1827, married Mary Frost.
- Taylor, Henry, Ross, 1807; soldier of 1812; buried in Folek graveyard, Bath township.
- Taylor, William, Bath, 1810; January 4, 1826, married Matilda Stublefield; died in Bath township in 1814.
- Taylor, William G., Ross, 1810; died April 16, 1873, aged seventy-three; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jamestown, Ohio.
- Taylor, Benjamin, Ross, 1808; died March 21, 1887, aged seventy-two.
- Taylor, Samuel, Ross, 1820; died in 1861; Owenite Community, Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Taylor, John, Ross, 1828.
- Taylor, George, Ross, 1830.
- Taylor, Ralph, Ross, 1840.
- Taylor, H. G., Ross, 1840.
- Taylor, Royal, Ross, 1840.
- Tanquary, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Tabor, Bennet, Xenia, 1830; a member of the Owenite Community, Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Tatman, Joseph, Bath, 1803; from Kentucky; soldier of 1812; buried in the Mitman graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.
- Tatman, James, Bath, 1803; father of Joseph; died in 1871; buried in the Mitman graveyard.
- Tatman, Joseph, Jr., Bath, 1803.
- Tatman, Edward, Bath, 1810; kept tavern in his house in Bath township in 1815.
- Tatman, John, Bath, 1817; died in 1821.
- Tatman, Indiana, Bath, 1813; buried in Mitman graveyard.
- Taft, Lyman, Xenia, 1840; died January, 1882, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.
- Tannahill, William, Miami, 1840; September 28, 1839, married Lydia Ann Knox.
- Templar, George W., Miami, 1840; September 30, 1834, married Hannah Medsker.
- Templar, Stacey, Xenia, 1840; died October 24, 1864, aged eighty-three; buried at Maple Corners.
- Templar, James, Xenia, 1840.
- Templeton, Rev. Jas., Sugar Creek, 1807; died May 1, 1815; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Templeton, John, Bath, 1807; died in 1811.
- Templeton, Joanna, Bath, 1813.
- Templeton, William, Bath, 1817.
- Templeton, Dr. Jos. T., Xenia, 1826; pioneer doctor of Xenia; died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Templeton, Jonathan, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Teas, Samuel, Xenia, 1820; died July 4, 1844, aged forty-two; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Teach, Jacob, Xenia, 1840; died June 1, 1892, aged seventy-four.
- Teas, John, Xenia, 1818; February 4, 1828, married Louisa Saunders.
- Teas, Thomas, Xenia, 1829.

- Teas, Samuel, Jr., Xenia, 1830.  
 Terry, Jonathan, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Tedford, Alexander, Beaver Creek, 1806.  
 Terry, Dr. David L., Xenia, 1840; died May 24, 1845; in 1840 was one of Xenia's leading physicians.  
 Tennery, John, Bath, 1813.  
 Teel, Samuel, Bath, 1803.  
 Thomas, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812.  
 Thomas, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1803; died April 29, 1858, aged sixty-seven; buried in Middle Run churchyard.  
 Thomas, Abraham, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1804.  
 Thomas, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1804.  
 Thomas, George, Sugar Creek, 1817; October 3, 1818, married Elizabeth Beck.  
 Thomas, Joseph, Ross, 1830; "White Pilgrim;" born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania; died January 31, 1886, aged seventy-nine; buried east of Grape Grove.  
 Thomas, Hiram, Silver Creek, 1832; born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania; died September 6, 1872, aged sixty-one.  
 Thomas, Charles, Sugar Creek, 1820; May 9, 1825, married Mercy Sackett.  
 Thomas, Albert, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Thomas, Arthur, Caesar's Creek, 1826; died October 30, 1854, aged forty-nine; buried one mile north of Paintersville, Ohio.  
 Thomas, Archibald, Caesar's Creek, 1829; from Virginia; died in 1862, near Urbana, Ohio; father of Mrs. Henry Buckles.  
 Thomas, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1830; October 2, 1828, married Susanna Bayliff; removed to Illinois.  
 Thomas, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1830; November 29, 1832, married Stacia Bruce.  
 Thomas, Jacob, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812.  
 Thomas, Francis, Xenia, 1819; removed to Bloomington, Illinois; died in 1873.  
 Thomas, William, Xenia, 1820; removed to Bloomington, Illinois.  
 Thomas, Jas. C., Xenia, 1826.  
 Thomas, Stephen, Xenia, 1830; colored.  
 Thomas, John, Xenia, 1840; died March 16, 1873, aged sixty-six; buried in Woodland.  
 Thomas, Pressley, Xenia, 1840; colored.  
 Thomas, Kelly, Xenia, 1840; died December 4, 1872; colored whitewasher.  
 Thomas, John, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died May 2, 1894, aged seventy-five.  
 Thomas, Tucker, Miami, 1840.  
 Thomas, Jacob, Silver Creek, 1820; March 7, 1834, married Elizabeth Stanley; died in 1851.  
 Thomas, Robert, Silver Creek, 1828.  
 Thomas, Benjamin, Silver Creek, 1830; died September 12, 1856, aged fifty-six; buried in Jamestown cemetery.  
 Thomas, Arthur, Silver Creek, 1830; November 15, 1827, married Mary McConnell.  
 Thomas, Chockley, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Thomas, Jonah, Silver Creek, 1840; May 25, 1837, married Elizabeth Johnson.  
 Thomas, Henry, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Thane, John, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Thompson, Charles, Sugar Creek, 1826.  
 Thompson, Jonathan, Xenia City, 1828; from England; died May 5, 1875, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.  
 Thompson, Robert, Xenia City, 1830.  
 Thompson, Alexander, Xenia, 1811; kept store in Xenia in 1816; died in 1827; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).  
 Thompson, Samuel, Xenia, 1830; died in 1833; married Ann Kirk.  
 Thompson, James, Xenia, 1830.  
 Thompson, Joshua, Bath, 1811.  
 Thompson, William, Bath, 1820.  
 Thompson, Archibald, Ross, 1811.  
 Thompson, John, Xenia, 1832; July 5, 1832, married Mary Lyons; died May 31, 1878, aged sixty.  
 Thompson, William, Ross, 1813.  
 Thompson, Nathan, Xenia, 1814; from Lancaster, Pennsylvania; died at Cedarville, March 2, 1854; buried in Woodland.  
 Thompson, George W., Xenia, 1840; died January 16, 1857, aged forty-six; buried in Cedarville cemetery.  
 Thompson, Abel, Xenia, 1836; from Frederick county, Virginia; died January 14, 1851, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland.  
 Thatcher, Thomas, Caesar's Creek, 1811.  
 Thatcher, David, Caesar's Creek, 1807.  
 Thatcher, Jesse, Caesar's Creek, 1807.  
 Thatcher, Absalom, Xenia, 1840.  
 Tharp, William G., Jr., Xenia, 1840; died May 31, 1856, aged fifty-seven; buried in Woodland.  
 Tharp, Henry, Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Tharp, William G., Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1840; died April 2, 1838, aged sixty; buried in Zoar churchyard.  
 Tharp, John B., Caesar's Creek, 1840; December 13, 1832, married Matilda Gerard.  
 Thorn, Benedict, Sugar Creek, 1840.  
 Thorn, Wm., Sr., Xenia, 1804; from New Jersey; soldier of 1812; died in 1863, aged seventy-two; buried near Salem, Ohio.  
 Thorn, Thomas, Ross, 1840; died in 1865.  
 Thorn, Dr. Isaac, Miami, 1840; son of William and father of Dr. A. L. Thorn, of Yellow Springs, Ohio.  
 Thorn, James, Ross, 1840.  
 Thorn, Thomas, Ross, 1840.  
 Thorn, Dr. Elihu, Ross, 1840; died October 2, 1876; born January 11, 1819; buried at Yellow Springs.  
 Thornton, D. W., Ross, 1840.  
 Thornton, John, Ross, 1840.  
 Thornburg, Joel, Caesar's Creek, 1804; died May 5, 1861, aged eighty-four; buried in New Hope churchyard.  
 Thornburg, Amos, Caesar's Creek, 1807.  
 Thorn, Elijah, 1840; died February 7, 1899, aged eighty-three.  
 Thatcher, Amos, Ross, 1807; soldier of the Revolution, New Jersey Militia.  
 Thornburg, George, Caesar's Creek, 1807; died in 1838; buried in Baptist graveyard, southwest of Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Thornburg, Joel, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Thornburg, Eli, Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Thornburg, Richard, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Lucas.  
 Thornburg, Uriah, Silver Creek, 1817.  
 Thornburg, George, Silver Creek, 1817.



- Thornburg, Job, Silver Creek, 1817.  
 Thornburg, John, Silver Creek, 1826; March 7, 1816, married Julia Ann Short.  
 Thornburg, John, Jr., Silver Creek, 1826.  
 Thornburg, Simon, Silver Creek, 1826; January 5, 1823, married Elizabeth Beason.  
 Thornburg, John B., Silver Creek, 1828.  
 Thornburg, Robert, Silver Creek, 1829.  
 Thornburg, John L., Silver Creek, 1830.  
 Thornburg, Ashel, Silver Creek, 1840.  
 Thornborough, James, Silver Creek, 1840; died in 1844, aged twenty-one; buried in New Hope churchyard, Paintersville, Ohio.  
 Ticen, Wm. J., Sugar Creek, 1820; died in 1852, aged eighty; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.  
 Ticen, Pearson, Sugar Creek, 1826.  
 Tiffany, John, Xenia, 1832; from Berkshire county, Massachusetts; soldier of 1812; died July 9, 1855, aged eighty-six; buried in Woodland.  
 Tingley, John, Bath, 1803.  
 Tingley, Joseph, Bath, 1811; died in 1815; Andrew Read, administrator of his estate.  
 Tingley, John L., Bath, 1811; brother of Joseph.  
 Tingley, John A., Bath, 1816; soldier of 1812; died January 10, 1830, aged fifty-five; buried in Cost graveyard.  
 Tingley, Isaac, Bath, 1816; September 24, 1826, married Mary Galloway.  
 Tingley, Jacob, Bath, 1818; July 11, 1819, married Elizabeth Clayton.  
 Tingley, Samuel D., Bath, 1821; son of Samuel.  
 Tingley, Samuel, Bath, 1820; died in 1837.  
 Tingley, Wm., Bath, 1826; October 11, 1827, married Elizabeth Wilson.  
 Tingley, John W., Bath, 1826; nephew of Joseph; married Hannah Longstreth November 22, 1827.  
 Tingley, John H., Bath, 1829; March 24, 1836, married Hannah Watlin.  
 Tingley, Winns, Bath, 1829.  
 Tingley, James, Bath, 1830; November 22, 1827, married Mary Bradley.  
 Titlow, Abraham, Bath, 1814; died July 7, 1853, aged sixty; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Todd, John, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; son of James; removed to Indiana; died at Madison, Indiana.  
 Todd, James, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; son of James; removed to Flat Rock, Indiana.  
 Todd, James B., Sugar Creek, 1811; son of James, Sr.; soldier of 1812.  
 Todd, James M., Sugar Creek, 1816.  
 Todd, Prestley, Sugar Creek, 1828.  
 Torrence, David, Sugar Creek, 1828; son of John, Sr.; died December 6, 1851, aged forty-seven; buried in Woodland, Xenia.  
 Torrence, Dr. John, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of William; died July 28, 1889, aged seventy; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Torrence, David B., Sugar Creek, 1840; son of William; died December 28, 1894, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland.  
 Toops, Adam, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died in 1866.  
 Towell, John, Ross, 1810; soldier of 1812; came from Frederick county, Virginia; buried at Grape Grove, Ross township.  
 Towell, John, Jr., Ross, 1840; June 9, 1839, married Catherine Ruth.  
 Towell, Samuel, Ross, 1840; September 7, 1837, married Lydia Ann Mendenhall.  
 Toleman, Silas, Xenia, 1829.  
 Tole, Joseph, Bath, 1807.  
 Tole, Macajah, Bath, 1807.  
 Tosh, William, Bath, 1830.  
 Tobias, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1826; died in 1829.  
 Tobias, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1826.  
 Tobias, Abraham, Beaver Creek, 1826; June 25, 1829, married Catherine Koogler.  
 Tobias, John, Beaver Creek, 1826; August 26, 1836, married Elizabeth Rockafeld.  
 Tobias, George, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Peter; born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, in 1807; died October 19, 1881, aged seventy-four; buried in Hawker's churchyard.  
 Tobias, William, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Samuel; born March 14, 1821.  
 Tobias, Peter, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1840; died October 4, 1887, aged seventy-four; buried in Hawker's churchyard.  
 Tobias, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1840; died February 2, 1855, aged thirty-seven; buried in Aley churchyard.  
 Tomlinson, Jonathan, Silver Creek, 1840; October 26, 1826, married Eliza Shepherd.  
 Trowden, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1809.  
 Truman, Jeffrey, Sugar Creek, 1826; native of Virginia; born in 1784; died in 1851, aged sixty-seven; buried in Elam graveyard, south of Xenia.  
 Trader, Rev. Moses, Sr., Xenia, 1804; from Cumberland county, Virginia; died April 9, 1854, aged seventy; September 2, 1804, married E. McDonald.  
 Trader, Alfred, Xenia, 1840; son of Moses, Sr.; born May 10, 1810; died April 3, 1883; buried in Woodland, Xenia.  
 Trader, Moses W., Xenia, 1840; son of Moses, Sr.; died April 25, 1863, aged forty-four; buried in Woodland; soldier in Civil War, Co. K, Twelfth Ohio, Eighty-third regiment, O. V. I.  
 True, Robert, Xenia, 1810.  
 True, Martin, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812.  
 True, Robert B., Xenia, 1846.  
 Traster, John, Xenia, 1826; June 29, 1826, married Mary Clemens.  
 Traster, Peter, Xenia, 1840.  
 Trobridge, Silas, Bath, 1807.  
 Trulinger, Daniel, Bath, 1820.  
 Todd, John, Beaver Creek, 1808.  
 Todd, Wm., Beaver Creek, 1810; died in Lafayette, Indiana, in 1853.  
 Townsley, John, Xenia, 1803; from Washington county, Pennsylvania; died December 23, 1822, aged fifty; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).  
 Townsley, Thomas, Xenia, 1803; born in Pennsylvania, June, 1755; came to Kentucky in 1788, to Ohio in 1800; soldier of the Revolution; died February 22, 1841, aged eighty-five; buried in Clifton cemetery.  
 Townsley, William, Xenia, 1806; son of Thomas; died in 1825, November 12, aged forty-two.  
 Townsley, George, Esq., Xenia, 1806; son of

- Thomas, Sr.; born September 17, 1786; died October 12, 1857, aged seventy-two; buried in Woodland.
- Townsley, William, Jr., Xenia, 1808; son of John, Sr.; born April 22, 1786.
- Townsley, George, Xenia, 1809; born June 29, 1797; died January 4, 1860, aged sixty-two; buried in Cedarville cemetery; son of John.
- Townsley, Alexander, Xenia, 1809; son of John; from Pennsylvania to Kentucky; thence to Ohio; born July 31, 1788; died in Cedarville in 1870.
- Townsley, John, Jr., Xenia, 1812; son of John; born December 29, 1792.
- Townsley, Thomas, Xenia, 1824; son of John; born November 25, 1793; April 15, 1816, married Margaret Barber.
- Townsley, Samuel, Xenia, 1817; son of John; soldier of 1812; born September 12, 1795; died April 24, 1853, aged sixty-two; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Townsley, James, Xenia, 1818; son of John; born December 1, 1801; first school teacher in Cedarville township.
- Townsley, Innis, Xenia, 1821; son of John; born August 4, 1799; died May 31, 1879, aged seventy-nine; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Townsley, I. N., Xenia, 1830; died June 30, 1892, aged seventy-eight; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Townsley, Thomas P., Xenia, 1830; son of George, who was the son of Thomas; born May 27, 1817; died November 1, 1898, aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland.
- Townsend, Wm., Xenia, 1810; removed to Clinton county, Ohio; died May 11, 1850, aged thirty-six.
- Townsend, Abraham, Silver Creek, 1812.
- Townsend, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Townsend, Levi, Caesar's Creek, 1807; June 23, 1808, married Martha Martin.
- Townsend, John, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Townsend, Zach., Silver Creek, 1813.
- Towler, Rev. James, Xenia, 1804; came from Prince Edwards county, Virginia, near Petersburg; died July 10, 1836; buried on the Towler farm; first postmaster in Xenia.
- Towler, Benjamin B., Xenia, 1819; died from a gunshot, February 23, 1857, aged fifty; buried on the Towler farm, west of Xenia.
- Towler, Dr. Thomas, Xenia, 1840; born June 20, 1799; died June 18, 1874; buried in the Towler graveyard.
- Torrence, John, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1804; first sergeant in War of the Revolution; died in 1840; buried in Woodland.
- Torrence, William, Sugar Creek, 1811; born in Scott county, Kentucky, in 1789; died in 1859, aged seventy-one; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio; soldier of 1812.
- Torrence, Aaron, Sugar Creek, 1820; son of John, Sr.; died June 5, 1870, aged seventy-three; buried in Woodland.
- Torrence, John, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1826; born November 14, 1797; died October, 1855; buried in Woodland.
- Trulinger, David, Bath, 1821.
- Trollinger, Jacob, Bath, 1825; died February 13, 1870, aged seventy-one.
- Trubee, Christopher, Bath, 1803; died in 1817.
- Trubee, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; May 17, 1838, married Matilda Booker.
- Trubee, Christian, Beaver Creek, 1804.
- Trubee, John, Beaver Creek, 1816; soldier of 1812.
- Trubee, John, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1835; died December 21, 1854, aged forty-one; buried in Petro graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Tracey, William M., Bath, 1828.
- Tripp, Augustus, Bath, 1840.
- Tritt, Joseph, Bath, 1840.
- Trump, Jacob, Bath, 1840.
- Tresslar, John, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1830; died March 24, 1877, aged ninety-five.
- Tracler, Joseph, Miami, 1818; June 26, 1829, married Phebe Badgley; died in Miami township in 1870.
- Tracler, Valentine, Miami, 1818.
- Trent, John, Silver Creek, 1819.
- Trusdale, Richard C., Silver Creek, 1835; from Yorkshire, England; buried in Hawker's graveyard, Clark county, Ohio.
- Trusdale, William, Silver Creek, 1840; in 1898 still living in Cedarville, Ohio; in 1900 his son still resides in Cedarville.
- Trusensider, Benjamin, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Tucker, John, Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Tucker, John, Sugar Creek, 1817.
- Tucker, William, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Tucker, Reason, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Tucker, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1840; October 10, 1830, married Mary Shoemaker.
- Turner, James, Sugar Creek, 1827; son of Wm. and Elsie; died in 1852.
- Turner, James, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1840; son-in-law of James Snodgrass.
- Turner, Aaron, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Turner, Benedict, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Turner, John, Caesar's Creek, 1804; son of Wm. and Elsie.
- Turner, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1804; from North Carolina; grandfather of David; died in 1849; buried on the home place.
- Turner, Harkness, Caesar's Creek, 1805; son of Thomas; murdered at Greenville, Darke county, Ohio, August 11, 1859; (see files of "Torchlight," August, 1859).
- Turner, Walter, Caesar's Creek, 1805; son of Thomas.
- Turner, Robert, Caesar's Creek, 1807; removed to Clarksville, Clinton county, Ohio.
- Turner, Robert, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1807; August 11, 1818, married Elizabeth Lucas.
- Turner, George, Caesar's Creek, 1807.
- Turner, Jonathan, Caesar's Creek, 1819.
- Turner, George, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1826; son of Joseph.
- Turner, Joseph, Jr., Caesar's Creek, 1830; July 2, 1829, married Phebe Shepherd; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1847.
- Turner, Jonah, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Joseph; father of David, of Eleazer; born in 1807; removed to Coles county, Illinois; died in 1865.
- Turner, Elijah, Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Joseph;

- born November 7, 1815; died May 24, 1899, aged eighty-four.
- Turner, James S., Xenia, 1828.
- Turner, Jonathan, Xenia, 1811; December 5, 1828, married Mary Bruce.
- Turner, Walter, Xenia, 1811.
- Turner, George, Xenia, 1819; removed to Shelby county, Ohio.
- Turner, James B., Xenia, 1820; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Turner, Robert, Miami, 1810.
- Turner, James, Miami, 1827; lived on the Springfield Pike, two miles north of Yellow Springs, Ohio; died July 11, 1877.
- Turner, Adam, Miami, 1830; a relative of Rev. Robert Armstrong; December 9, 1835, married Eleanor Spencer.
- Turner, Henry, Silver Creek, 1816; son of Harkness; soldier of 1812; died April 30, 1870, aged seventy-four; buried in Baptist graveyard.
- Turner, Herculius, Sr., Silver Creek, 1816; wife, Annie; will recorded in 1814.
- Turner, William, Silver Creek, 1816; from Virginia; born in 1797; died December, 1870; buried in Jamestown cemetery; soldier of 1812; son of Herculius.
- Turner, John, Silver Creek, 1818.
- Turner, Levi, Silver Creek, 1818; son of Herculius; died December 15, 1870, aged seventy-three; buried in Baptist graveyard, near Jamestown, Ohio; father of William, who was still living in 1898.
- Turner, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1830; son of Herculius; married Elizabeth Haughey; removed to Indiana.
- Turner, James, Silver Creek, 1830; son of Herculius; removed to Indiana.
- Turner, Hugh, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Thomas; died in 1875; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Turner, James, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; son of Herculius; died in Silver Creek township.
- Turner, Sylvester, Silver Creek, 1840; son of James; died in 1875; buried in Bloomington.
- Turner, Amey, Silver Creek, 1820; widow of Herculius.
- Turner, William, Jr., Xenia, 1840; died February 12, 1870, aged seventy; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Turnbull, William, Sr., Xenia, 1817; died September 28, 1870, aged sixty-seven; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Turnbull, Alex., Xenia, 1819; son of John; in 1833 removed to Monmouth, Illinois.
- Turnbull, Gilbert, Xenia, 1826; died in Monmouth, Illinois, October 29, 1851, aged fifty-three; son of John.
- Turnbull, John, Xenia, 1826; son of William; born near Nashville, Tennessee, February 17, 1801; died August 12, 1880, aged seventy-nine; buried in Cedarville cemetery; father of Dr. John, of Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Turnbull, Wm. H., Xenia, 1827; died March 25, 1830, aged twenty-five; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Turnbull, Jas., Xenia, 1815; son of Wm.; born near Nashville, Tennessee, in 1807; died January 18, 1886, aged seventy-eight; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, Jamestown.
- Turnbull, Thomas, Xenia, 1827; son of William; died May 1, 1845, aged thirty-six; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, Jamestown.
- Turnbull, David, Xenia, 1840; November 23, 1830, married Nancy Mitchell; in 1830 removed to Monmouth, Illinois.
- Turnbaugh, John, Beaver Creek, 1810.
- Turnbaugh, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Turnbaugh, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1840; died October 14, 1841, aged twenty-five; buried in Aley churchyard.
- Tuttle, Chandler, Silver Creek, 1817; executor of the estate of Andrew Downey, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Tuttle, James, Xenia, 1830; removed to Atlanta, Illinois; died April 19, 1900, aged ninety-four.
- Tuttle, Samuel, Xenia, 1830; buried in Woodland.
- Tulleys, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1806.
- Tulleys, John, Miami, 1826; buried in Glen Forest, Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Tulleys, Levi M., Bath, 1840.
- Tulleys, Erasmus, Miami, 1840; from Virginia; died April 25, 1880, aged seventy-four; buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Ullery, David, 1813.
- Ullery, Daniel, Xenia, 1840; died at Springfield, Ohio, February 28, 1847, aged forty-seven.
- Urter, Peter, Bath, 1830.
- Umphreyville, David, Miami, 1810.
- Upp, Joseph W., Miami, 1840.
- Upp, George, Miami, 1840.
- Van Eaton, Abraham, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; one of the first grand jurors of Greene county; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- VanEaton, John, Xenia, 1812; son of Abraham; soldier of 1812; died in 1858, aged sixty-six; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- VanEaton, John, Jr., Xenia, 1840; removed to York, New York.
- Vandolah, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1803; son of Peter, Sr.; died in Sugar Creek township in 1814.
- Vandolah, Peter, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; from Washington township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania; died November, 1815; wife, Hester.
- Vandolah, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1817; died December 8, 1863, aged sixty-seven; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Vandolah, Peter, Jr., Xenia, 1819; son of Peter, Sr.
- Vandolah, Sarah Ann, Sugar Creek, 1830; wife of Peter, Jr.
- Vandolah, James, Sugar Creek, 1830; son of Peter, Sr.; May 12, 1832, married Rebecca Tucker.
- Vance, James, Sugar Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Vance, John, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812.
- Vance, John W., Sugar Creek, 1803; son of Joseph C.; removed to Vermilion county, Illinois; Vance township, Ohio, named for him.
- Vance, Joseph C., Sugar Creek, 1803; laid out the town of Xenia in the fall of 1803; removed to Champaign county, Ohio; buried in Buck Creek churchyard.
- Vance, Wm., Sugar Creek, 1812.



- Vance, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1830; soldier of 1812; born March 25, 1780; died August 24, 1852.
- Vance, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1810; son of Joseph C.; was governor of Ohio, 1836-1839; died at his home in Urbana, Ohio, August 27, 1852, aged sixty-seven.
- Vance, David, Miami, 1808; son of Joseph; died November 13, 1812.
- Vance, John, Miami, 1808.
- Vance, Joseph, Miami, 1810; son of John; soldier of 1812.
- Vance, Abraham, Miami, 1810; son of Joseph, of Sugar Creek; married Mary Ennis.
- Vance, Wm., Ross, 1840.
- Voss, Fannie, Ross, 1830.
- Voss, Francis, Ross, 1840.
- Varner, David, Beaver Creek, 1830; from Maryland; removed to Iowa; died in 1845; brother of Anthony.
- Varner, Anthony, Beaver Creek, 1830; buried on the old Varner farm in 1859.
- Varner, John, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Anthony; died in 1892; buried at Mt. Zion.
- Varner, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1840; son of Anthony; removed to Illinois.
- Varner, John, Beaver Creek, 1830; brother of Anthony; buried on the Marshall farm.
- Vanpelt, John, Sugar Creek, 1826; removed to Flat Rock, Indiana.
- Vanpelt, Riley, Sugar Creek, 1827; removed to Indiana.
- Vaughn, John, Sugar Creek, 1812; died in 1839; wife, Rhoda.
- Vaughn, Jacob, Sugar Creek, 1819; son of John.
- Vaughn, Wm., Sugar Creek, 1819; son of John; soldier of 1812.
- Vaughn, Thompson, Sugar Creek, 1819; soldier of 1812.
- Vaughn, Harrison, Sugar Creek, 1820; March 6, 1834, married Sarah Mentzer.
- Vanard, Francis, Caesar's Creek, 1813.
- Vanmeter, Wm. A., Miami, 1830; February 26, 1835, married Martha Jane Lysle.
- Vanard, Adam, Xenia, 1816.
- Vanmeter, Joel, Miami, 1812; soldier of 1812; removed to Clark county, Ohio.
- Vanmeter, Solomon, Caesar's Creek, 1813; the only house that is still (1808) standing in the town of Winchester, or Babbtown, was built by him.
- Vanmeter, Jacob W., Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Vanmeter, J. D., Bath, 1840; his wife is buried in the Babbtown graveyard.
- Vandine, Matthew, Bath, 1819.
- Voley, Isham, Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Vandenter, Isaac, Xenia, 1807.
- Vancamp, Isaac, Xenia, 1809.
- Vancamp, Aaron, Xenia, 1810.
- Vickory, Christopher, Silver Creek, 1818; September 12, 1818, married Mary Avry.
- Vincent, Wm., Xenia, 1820.
- Vincent, Wm. H., Xenia, 1830.
- Vanwinkle, Jesse, Xenia, 1820.
- Vickers, Elias, Xenia, 1829.
- Vantraps, James, Xenia, 1830.
- Vangrant, William, Xenia, 1819.
- Vincenheller, John, Xenia, 1840; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Vigus, Jabes, Xenia, 1830; died March 24, 1838, aged fifty-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Vigus, Charles, Sr., Xenia, 1830; buried in Woodland.
- Vandenventer, Jacob, Bath, 1807.
- Vandenventer, Peter, Bath, 1807.
- Vandenventer, Cornelius, Bath, 1807.
- Vandenventer, Isaac, Miami, 1808.
- Vest, John, Bath, 1820.
- Vanfleet, Matthew, Bath, 1827.
- Vanfleet, Matthias S., Bath, 1819.
- Vorhees, J., Bath, 1840.
- Vorhees, P., Bath, 1840.
- Vaneman, Benjamin, Jr., Silver Creek, 1817; born in Pennsylvania, September 17, 1795; died August 9, 1879, aged eighty-five; buried in Hussey graveyard.
- Vaneman, Roger, Silver Creek, 1830.
- Vaneman, Benjamin, Sr., Silver Creek, 1817; emigrated to Illinois; died at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Vaneman, Shadrack, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Benjamin; buried in Hussey graveyard.
- Vaneman, Calvin, Silver Creek, 1820; son of Benjamin, Jr.; born September 3, 1837, in Jefferson township, Greene county, Ohio.
- Vogle, Peter, Beaver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Venise, Jacobus G., Bath, 1820.
- Vanceleif, Wm., Beaver Creek, 1835; February 6, 1836, married Barbary Hawker.
- Wakefield, Richard, Sugar Creek, 1806; April 11, 1805, married Elizabeth Ennis.
- Warman, Henry, 1808.
- Warman, David, Sugar Creek, 1812; buried in Beavertown cemetery.
- Warman, Wm., Beaver Creek, 1812; died May 8, 1855.
- Walker, Robert, Sugar Creek, 1810; died in Sugar Creek township in 1824.
- Walker, Theopholas, Sugar Creek, 1828.
- Walker, Rebecca, Sugar Creek, 1830.
- Walker, Mordica, Caesar's Creek, 1828.
- Walker, Francis, Xenia, 1828.
- Walker, Platt B., Xenia, 1836; was one of the gold hunters in 1849; father of T. B. Walker, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; died in California.
- Walker, James W., Ross, 1828; a member of the Owenite Community, Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Walker, Samuel L., Ross, 1840; son of Zachariah.
- Walker, Michael, Ross, 1840.
- Walker, Zacharias, Ross, 1827; died in 1836, aged eighty; buried in Bethel graveyard, near Grape Grove, Ohio.
- Walton, Edward, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1806; born in Virginia, Jan. 3, 1777; parents were from Pennsylvania; died April 10, 1867, aged ninety; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, south of New Burlington; soldier of 1812.
- Walton, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1828; son of Edward; born in Shenandoah, Virginia, in 1804; died March 9, 1844.
- Walton, Moses, Sugar Creek, 1830; son of Edward; born June 27, 1809; died January 8, 1887; buried at Spring Valley, Ohio.

- Walton, John, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Edward.
- Wall, David, Bath, 1820; died November 5, 1866, aged fifty-nine; buried in Pleasant Grove churchyard, near Byron, Ohio.
- Wall, Joshua, Caesar's Creek, 1829; January 19, 1829, married Nancy Haines; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Wall, Eli, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Wall, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1840; died February 14, 1895, aged eighty-three; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Wall, Abraham, Bath, 1840.
- Wall, Zacharias, Ross, 1840; died, aged fifty-six; buried in Bethel graveyard, Grape Grove, Ohio.
- Wadkins, Joseph, Bath, 1807; kept tavern in Bath township in 1814.
- Wadkins, Theophilis, Silver Creek, 1819.
- Wadkins, Robert, Silver Creek, 1819; died in Xenia township in 1829.
- Wadkins, Moses, Silver Creek, 1819.
- Wadkins, Robert, Jr., Silver Creek, 1820.
- Wadkins, Reese, Ross, 1826.
- Wadkins, James, Xenia, 1840; died in Macon county, Illinois, October 13, 1862, aged forty-five.
- Way, Paul, Caesar's Creek, 1805.
- Way, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1840; died in Silver Creek township in 1805.
- Way, Martin, Caesar's Creek, 1840; buried in New Hope churchyard.
- Wallace, Jonathan, Xenia, 1807; from Pennsylvania; father of Jonathan H.; died in Xenia in 1814.
- Wallace, Jonathan H., Xenia, 1807; died at the house of Anthony Byers, Clark county, April 25, 1850, aged seventy.
- Wallace, James, Xenia, 1810; September 20, 1827, married Welthy Peterson.
- Wallace, George Ross, 1838; January 17, 1839, married Sarah Baldwin.
- Wallace, Perry W. D., Xenia, 1826; shoemaker; married a sister of Coke Wright; died October 27, 1876, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Wallace, Joseph, Xenia, 1826.
- Wallace, Rev. James, Sugar Creek, 1826; removed to Huntsville, Logan county, Ohio.
- Wallace, Joseph, Xenia, 1828; November 25, 1824, married Lucy Wright.
- Wallace, Stephen, Bath, 1840.
- Wallace, Joseph, Ross, 1826.
- Wallace, Samuel, Ross, 1840; died July 7, 1847.
- Wallace, Samuel H., Ross, 1840.
- Wallace, Tobias, Ross, 1840.
- Walcutt, John H., Sugar Creek, 1829; soldier of 1812.
- Watt, Andrew, Xenia, 1830; son of Hugh; died June 17, 1837, aged twenty-two, buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Watt, George, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1820; from Ireland; died in 1845, aged eighty; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Watt, George M., Sugar Creek, 1830; son of George, Sr.; from Ireland; a tailor; died November 28, 1865, aged sixty; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Watt, William, Bath, 1820; died October 10, 1891, aged seventy-two; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron, Ohio.
- Watt, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1820; brother of George; son of George, Sr.; removed to Indiana.
- Watt, James, Beaver Creek, 1835; son of George, Sr.; died April 25, 1866, aged eighty-three; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Watt, Hugh, Ross, 1817; from Belfast, Ireland; father of George, the dentist; died May 15, 1857, aged eighty-six; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Watt, John, Ross, 1826; son of Hugh, Sr.; died July 19, 1832, aged twenty-eight; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Watt, Hugh, Jr., Ross, 1830; son of George, Sr.; died at Oakland, Indiana, October 11, 1880; brother of George, the tailor.
- Watt, Thomas, Ross, 1840; son of Hugh; died January 5, 1892, aged eighty-one; from Pennsylvania.
- Watt, James M., Ross, 1840; son of Hugh, Sr.
- Watt, Dr. George, Xenia, 1840; son of Hugh; born in 1820; died in 1893; soldier and surgeon in Civil War, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment; buried in Woodland.
- Watt, Wm., Xenia, 1833; from Scotland; died June 12, 1894, aged eighty; buried in Woodland.
- Watt, J. H., Xenia, 1840.
- Watts, Edward, Xenia, 1815; born in Petersburg, Virginia, in 1782; soldier in War of 1812; died June 23, 1859, aged seventy-five; buried in Watts' graveyard.
- Watts, George F., Xenia, 1807; son of Edward and Margaret; died May 4, 1896, aged seventy-four; soldier in One Hundred and Tenth Infantry.
- Watts, Arthur, Xenia, 1807.
- Watts, William, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812; died in 1835; buried in Union graveyard, near Byron, Ohio.
- Watts, John, Beaver Creek, 1811; May 29, 1834, married Nancy Shepherd; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Watts, William, Beaver Creek, 1826; died October 10, 1891, aged seventy-two; buried in Union graveyard.
- Wakeman, Gideon, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Watson, William, Silver Creek, 1830; died January 3, 1853, aged seventy-seven; buried in Hussey graveyard, Bowersville, Ohio.
- Watson, Jesse, Silver Creek, 1807.
- Watson, Jesse, Jr., Silver Creek, 1807.
- Watson, James, Silver Creek, 1807; soldier of 1812.
- Watson, David, Silver Creek, 1807.
- Watson, Thomas, Esq., Silver Creek, 1807; first to keep tavern in Jamestown, Ohio, in 1815; died in 1888; buried in Woodland.
- Watson, Capt. John, Silver Creek, 1807; captain in war of 1812; died August 3, 1861, aged eighty; buried in Moorman graveyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Watson, Francis, Xenia, 1820; a native of Virginia; father of George Watson; died near Xenia in 1835.
- Watson, Robert, Xenia, 1821; son of Francis; laid out the town of Clifton in 1833; died October 25, 1834, aged thirty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Watson, Henry, Xenia, 1826; son of Francis.
- Watson, Jesse, Xenia, 1826.
- Watson, John, Xenia, 1830; died in Xenia township in 1833.

- Watson, James, Beaver Creek, 1818.  
 Watson, Henry S., Beaver Creek, 1820.  
 Watson, Howell, Miami, 1817.  
 Watson, John, Silver Creek, 1811; January 4, 1830, married Malinda Shoemaker.  
 Watson, John, Jr., Silver Creek, 1813.  
 Watson, David, Silver Creek, 1813.  
 Watson, Lewis, Silver Creek, 1817; son-in-law of Elisha Bales.  
 Watson, Thomas A., Silver Creek, 1818; native of Bedford county, Virginia; removed to Americus, Tippecanoe county, Iowa.  
 Watson, Pascal, Silver Creek, 1818.  
 Watson, James, Silver Creek, 1816; August 4, 1813, married Nancy Lindsey.  
 Watson, Jesse L., Silver Creek, 1827.  
 Watson, Eli, Silver Creek, 1827.  
 Watson, Chas. M., Silver Creek, 1828; soldier of 1812; August 28, 1834, married Elizabeth Ballard.  
 Watson, James, Sugar Creek, 1840; died in 1852, aged fifty-five; buried in Middle Run churchyard, southwest of Bellbrook, Ohio.  
 Watson, George, Xenia, 1840; son of Francis; died March 30, 1885, aged sixty-eight; buried in Woodland.  
 Walden, John, Silver Creek, 1811; father-in-law of John Heaton.  
 Walden, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1813; kept tavern in Jamestown in 1817.  
 Winans, James, Sr., Silver Creek, 1820; died February 20, 1827, aged eighty-one; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Winans, Dr. Matthias, Silver Creek, 1820; died July 7, 1849, aged fifty-eight; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Winans, John, Silver Creek, 1826; February 21, 1821, married Susanna Bargdoll.  
 Winans, Jas. J., Xenia, 1840; died April 28, 1879, aged sixty-one; buried in Woodland.  
 Wakeley, Wm. S., Caesar's Creek, 1840.  
 Wallthall, Alexander B., Ross, 1818.  
 Wallthall, Alfred, Ross, 1840; died November 7, 1873, aged fifty-five.  
 Warren, Edward, Silver Creek, 1813; soldier of the Revolution; a resident of Silver Creek township.  
 Warren, Henry, Miami, 1826.  
 Whalin, Thomas, Xenia, 1807.  
 Whalin, John, Bath, 1813.  
 Whalin, Joseph, Ross, 1840.  
 Ward, William, Xenia, 1807.  
 Warren, C. H., Miami; son of Luther; died in Miami township in 1861.  
 Ward, George, Xenia, 1807; died in 1839, aged seventy-nine; buried in Clifton cemetery.  
 Ward, Harvey, Xenia, 1816.  
 Ward, Jonathan, Xenia, 1811; from South Carolina; born November 29, 1783; died June 3, 1838; buried in Woodland.  
 Ward, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812.  
 Ward, Enos, Ross, 1828; January 6, 1824, married Betsey Bull.  
 Ward, Lewis, Xenia, 1840; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).  
 Ward, Joseph, Xenia, 1840; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).  
 Ward, Joseph C., Xenia, 1840; March 24, 1835, married Sarah A. Stevenson; administrator of the estate of George Ward, Clifton, Ohio.  
 Ward, James L., Xenia, 1840; died February 27, 1843, at Maryville, Union county, Ohio.  
 Ward, Michael W., Bath, 1826; die-stuff factory at Oldtown, Ohio, in 1825.  
 Ward, J. T., Miami, 1840; died August, 1849; buried in Clifton cemetery.  
 Wamble, Edward, Xenia, 1810; from Virginia; served one year in War of 1812; died April 30, 1852, aged seventy-three; buried in Woodland.  
 Wamble, Mahlon, Xenia, 1840; son of Edward, Sr.; died in Xenia May 18, 1885, aged sixty-one; buried in Woodland.  
 Wadams, Noah E., Xenia, 1826.  
 Waugh, William, Xenia, 1826; his wife was the nurse of James Edwin Galloway.  
 Wead, James, Xenia, 1819; soldier of 1812.  
 Weade, William, Xenia, 1829.  
 Weade, John, Miami, 1826; died October 31, 1833, aged fifty-two; buried in Bloxsom graveyard, near Selma, Ohio.  
 Weade, James, Miami, 1829; died October 3, 1872, aged eighty-two; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).  
 Weade, Henry, Miami, 1828.  
 Weade, Ebenezer, Beaver Creek, 1810; died August 28, 1830, aged eighty-two; buried in Beavertown cemetery.  
 Wagoner, George, Bath, 1826.  
 Wagoner, John, Miami, 1840; died June 6, 1875, aged eighty-one.  
 Wagoner, Samuel, Beaver Creek, 1840.  
 Walford, Jacob, Bath, 1826.  
 Warner, William, Ross, 1819.  
 Warner, Henry, Bath, 1828; died February 24, 1894, aged eighty-one; buried in Petro graveyard.  
 Warner, James, Bath, 1830; September 2, 1827, married Elizabeth Hopping.  
 Warner, George W., Bath, 1840; died December 6, 1848, aged fifty-eight; buried in Petro graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.  
 Warner, Henry, Bath, 1840.  
 Waldrige, Isaac, Sugar Creek, 1804.  
 Walburn, John, Miami, 1808; March 29, 1832, married Jane Shaw.  
 Walburn, Robert, Miami, 1808; soldier of 1812.  
 Warnick, James, Xenia, 1840; died May 11, 1862, aged fifty-five; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.  
 Walters, Tobias, Ross, 1840.  
 Wanamaker, Nancy, Bath, 1840; widow of John Wanamaker.  
 Wanamaker, John, Ross, 1822; February 16, 1822, married Nancy White.  
 Wence, William, Ross, 1840.  
 Wence, Abraham, Ross, 1840.  
 Wetherholtz, Joel, Xenia, 1840; died January, 1844.  
 Wetherholtz, Jonathan, Xenia, 1840; February 16, 1837, married Margaret Savill.  
 Weatherholtz, James, Xenia, 1840.  
 Weatherholtz, Washington, Xenia, 1840; died in Spring Valley township February 17, 1892, aged seventy-four; from Virginia.  
 Weeks, John, Beaver Creek, 1807.



- Weir, Wm. S., Xenia, 1828; March, 1831, married Paulina Gregg; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- Weir, Pleasant, Xenia, 1840; April 18, 1820, married Catharine Johns.
- Weir, Alexander, Xenia, 1840; died March 20, 1852, aged sixty; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Weir, Samuel, Xenia, 1828.
- Webb, James, Sugar Creek, 1804; soldier of 1812; wife, Lucy; died in 1808.
- Webb, Austin, Sugar Creek, 1808; died in 1859, May 12, aged seventy-two; buried in Folck graveyard.
- Webb, Henry, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Austin; died November 7, 1889, aged seventy-two.
- Webb, James, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1818; son of Austin; died July 22, 1863, aged thirty-eight.
- Webb, Valentine, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Webb, Allen, Sugar Creek, 1840; son of Austin.
- Webb, Harvey, Sugar Creek, 1840; died November 7, 1889, aged seventy-two.
- Webb, Frederick, Xenia, 1827.
- Webb, Fredrick C., Xenia, 1828.
- Webb, John, Miami, 1803.
- Webb, Samuel, Miami, 1808.
- Webb, John, Silver Creek, 1826; died April 6, 1875, aged sixty-three.
- Webb, Samuel B., Silver Creek, 1828; soldier of the Revolution; married Mary, daughter of William Bull.
- Webb, Thomas, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Samuel and Mary.
- Webb, Asaph Bull, Silver Creek, 1840; son of Samuel and Mary; August 20, 1837, married Margaret Rook.
- Welch, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Welch, Andrew, Xenia, 1813; April 18, 1818, married Martha Baker.
- Welch, Abel, Xenia, 1816.
- Welch, Henry, Xenia, 1816.
- Welch, William, Xenia, 1817.
- Welch, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1818.
- Weaver, Abraham, Caesar's Creek, 1820; died June 28, 1831, aged sixty-nine; buried in Zoar churchyard.
- Weaver, George, Sr., Caesar's Creek, 1826; from Pennsylvania; died March 28, 1871, aged sixty-six; buried in Zoar churchyard.
- Weaver, George, Caesar's Creek, 1826; January 9, 1837, married Hannah Fout.
- Weaver, Jacob, Caesar's Creek, 1826; son of John, Sr.
- Weaver, Isaac, Caesar's Creek, 1826; died June 3, 1868, buried at New Burlington, Ohio.
- Weaver, Samuel, Caesar's Creek, 1832; February 19, 1834, married Ann Ellis.
- Weaver, Christian, Caesar's Creek, 1826; died December 1, 1872, aged seventy-eight; buried at Maple Corners, Ohio.
- Weaver, David, Caesar's Creek, 1826; son of John, Sr.; September 6, 1836, married Elizabeth Bell.
- Weaver, John, Caesar's Creek, 1828; died in 1835, aged sixty-two.
- Weaver, John M., Caesar's Creek, 1840; born March 17, 1815; died August 31, 1891, aged seventy-six; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Weaver, Franklin, Caesar's Creek, 1827.
- Weaver, Fredrick, Xenia, 1840.
- Weaver, John, Beaver Creek, 1810; died December 19, 1848, aged sixty-two; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Weaver, George, Miami, 1820.
- Weaver, Martin, Miami, 1820; July 21, 1818, married Susan Jordon.
- West, Edwin B., Sugar Creek, 1820; died August 28, 1850; buried on the Elam farm.
- West, Nathan, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- West, Caleb, Xenia, 1819; in 1825 of the firm of West & Cushman, carding mill at Oldtown, Ohio.
- West, Chancey, Xenia, 1828.
- West, Elijah, Xenia, 1830; died in Xenia in 1835.
- West, Chas., Ross, 1840.
- West, Moses, Ross, 1827; bought the Junkin's saw mill that was located on the north fork of Massie's Creek, in 1827.
- Webster, Reuben, Beaver Creek, 1840; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Weddle, Peter M., Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Wells, Benedict, Miami, 1812; soldier of 1812.
- Wells, Perquin, Miami, 1812; January 6, 1823, married Mary Bradley.
- Wells, Chas., Caesar's Creek, 1826.
- Wells, Squire, Xenia, 1819.
- Wells, John, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Wescott, Richard, Xenia, 1840; September 13, 1836, married Margaret Mallow.
- Westfall, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Westfall, Ann, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Westfall, James, Beaver Creek, 1803; son of Jonathan; father-in-law of Rev. Adam Hawker.
- Westfall, John, Beaver Creek, 1803; died December 11, 1874, aged eighty; buried in Hawker's churchyard.
- Westfall, Andrew, Bath, 1807.
- Westfall, Jonathan, Bath, 1813; soldier of 1812; died in 1813 in Bath township.
- Westfall, Joel, Bath, 1813.
- Westfall, Abraham, Xenia, 1817.
- Westfall, Rankin, Xenia, 1826; June 10, 1824, married Martha Black.
- Whiteman, Benjamin, Beaver Creek, 1803; from Virginia; settled on Beaver Creek in 1798, Miami township in 1809; soldier of the Revolution in the northwest; died July 30, 1852, aged eighty-three; buried at Clifton.
- Whiteman, Jacob, Xenia, 1809; soldier of 1812; from Frederick county, Virginia, in 1773; came to Ohio in 1809; died August 28, 1839, aged sixty-six; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- Whiteman, Henry, Xenia, 1816; soldier of 1812; his wife is buried in graveyard at Mt. Holly, Ohio; he removed to Illinois, where he died.
- Whiteman, Lewis, 1825; son of Benjamin.
- Whiteman, Joshua M., Xenia, 1836; July 19, 1837, married Matilda McFarland.
- Whiteman, James, Xenia, 1821; June 24, 1830, married Ruth Noland; removed to Iowa.
- Whiteman, Joab, Xenia, 1826; died December 13, 1852, aged forty-nine; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- Whiteman, Levi, Xenia, 1827; born March 9, 1804;

- died July 16, 1882; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard.
- Whiteman, Levi, Jr., Xenia, 1840; March 6, 1828, married Aletha Whiteman; died at his home, four miles north of Xenia, in 1882.
- Whiteman, Evert, Rev., Xenia, 1840.
- Whiteman, Joel, Xenia, 1840.
- Whiteman, Jonathan, Xenia, 1840.
- Whiteman, Greenbury, Xenia, 1811; soldier of 1812; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Whiteman, James W., Sugar Creek, 1835; died May 6, 1846, aged thirty-two; buried at Mt. Holly, Ohio.
- Whiteman, John, Xenia, 1835; died December 13, 1851, aged fifty; buried in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Whiteman, Bishop, Xenia, 1820; died December, 1825; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard; Margaret Whiteman, executrix of his estate.
- Whiting, Henry, Beaver Creek, 1803.
- Whitlock, Elisha, Beaver Creek, 1819.
- Whitlock, James, Beaver Creek, 1818.
- Whitlock, William, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Wheeler, Ebenezer, Miami, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Wheeler, Samuel, Miami, 1813.
- Wheeler, Mason, Miami, 1831; born March 27, 1810; died September 1, 1847; buried at Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Whitcomb, Thomas, Miami, 1840; June 27, 1833, married Rachel Stevenson.
- Whitcomb, Turner W., Miami, 1840.
- Whitmire, Jas. W., Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Whinery, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1840; died in 1844.
- Whinery, Wm., Caesar's Creek, 1840; tanner by trade; died in Caesar's Creek.
- Whiton, Solomon, Sugar Creek, 1840; died June 7, 1867, aged fifty-nine; buried in New Burlington, Ohio; September 8, 1831, married Hannah Compton.
- Whitehead, Richard, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Wharton, John, Sugar Creek, 1820.
- Wharton, Amos, Sugar Creek, 1840; died in Xenia in 1898; buried in Clifton cemetery.
- Wharton, Mahlon, Caesar's Creek, 1804; from Bucks county, Pennsylvania; buried in Raysville, Warren county, Ohio.
- Wharton, John, Caesar's Creek, 1829; April 19, 1821, married Sarah Cotrell.
- Wharton, Jonathan, Caesar's Creek, 1830.
- Whicker, Matthew, Sugar Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812.
- Whicker, William, Sugar Creek, 1810.
- Whicker, John, Sugar Creek, 1813; soldier of 1812; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Whicker, James, Sugar Creek, 1816.
- Whicker, James, Jr., Beaver Creek, 1813.
- White, John, Sugar Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812; died September 3, 1862, aged ninety; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- White, Thomas, Sugar Creek, 1813; son of Stephen; born in Kentucky, June 11, 1802; died June 15, 1885, aged seventy-nine; buried in Bellbrook, Ohio.
- White, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1820; soldier of 1812; son of Thomas; removed to Ladoga, Indiana.
- White, James B., Sugar Creek, 1820; son of Thomas; buried at Centerville, Ohio.
- White, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1826; son of Thomas; removed to Montgomery county, Indiana.
- White, Stephen, Sugar Creek, 1827; son of Thomas; born in Ireland in 1768, came to Kentucky in 1790; died in 1845, aged eighty-six; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- White, James, Xenia, 1807; died in 1844; buried in Pioneer graveyard, Bellbrook, Ohio.
- White, John, Xenia, 1816; son of Thomas; died June 2, 1866, aged seventy-three; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville, Ohio.
- White, Joseph, Xenia, 1818; son of Thomas, of Sugar Creek.
- White, Daniel, Xenia, 1819.
- White, Jesse, Xenia, 1819; son of Nathaniel.
- White, Phebe, Xenia, 1820.
- White, Capt. Thomas, Xenia, 1826; died June 15, 1882, aged seventy-nine; buried in Bellbrook cemetery.
- White, Erasmus, Xenia, 1840; February 12, 1840, married Jane Murphy.
- White, John, Beaver Creek, 1808.
- White, David, Bath, 1840.
- White, George, Bath, 1817; a Quaker; proprietor of Xenia Woolen Mill in 1820; buried in Woodland.
- White, Joseph, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- White, John, Beaver Creek, 1811.
- White, Lemuel, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- White, Joseph, Bath, 1813.
- White, Joseph W., Bath, 1813.
- White, James, Sr., Ross, 1806; from Kentucky; died July 9, 1817, aged sixty-three; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville.
- White, John M., Ross, 1815; died July 2, 1866, aged seventy-three; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville, Ohio.
- White, Wm., Ross, 1815; December 27, 1816, married Eleanor Marshall; died in 1823.
- White, Thomas, Ross, 1820.
- White, Daniel, Ross, 1821.
- White, Joseph, Ross, 1821.
- White, Rev. Levi, Ross, 1840; one of the early ministers of Greene county, Ohio.
- White, John, Ross, 1840; died October 5, 1871, aged fifty-two; buried in Bowersville cemetery.
- White, William, Silver Creek, 1829; June 24, 1830, married Malinda January.
- White, Benjamin, Silver Creek, 1828; died June 22, 1856, aged fifty-six; buried in Bowersville cemetery.
- White, Joseph, Silver Creek, 1829.
- White, Nathaniel, Xenia, 1816; merchant in Greene county in 1815.
- Wheeling, John B., Xenia, 1840.
- Wike, Kenard, Miami, 1840; buried in Clifton, Ohio.
- Willett, Samuel, Vance, 1808; soldier of 1812.
- Willett, James, Miami, 1808.
- Wildman, John, Sr., 1814; from Loudoun county, Virginia; died in 1840; buried in Bloxson graveyard, Selma, Ohio.
- Wildman, William, Ross, 1840; son of Edward; buried in Friend's churchyard, Selma; died in 1870.

- Wildman, Edward, Ross, 1840.  
 Witgall, John, Bath, 1840.  
 Widmire, William, Miami, 1840.  
 Winget, Zibbee, Bath, 1807.  
 Winget, Samuel, Bath, 1807.  
 Winget, Reuben, Bath, 1807.  
 Winget, James, Bath, 1809; soldier of 1812.  
 Winget, Hugh, Bath, 1810; soldier of 1812.  
 Winget, Caleb, Bath, 1812.  
 Winget, Daniel, Bath, 1812.  
 Winget, Joshua, Bath, 1816.  
 Winget, Caleb, Jr., Bath, 1817.  
 Winget, Robert, Bath, 1817; August 28, 1817, married Sarah Reymour.  
 Winget, John, Bath, 1817.  
 Winget, William, Bath, 1819; November 14, 1822, married Nancy McCashen.  
 Winget, Hugh M., Bath, 1821.  
 Winget, Peter, Bath, 1830.  
 Winget, David, Miami, 1810.  
 Winget, Aaron, Miami, 1828; August 22, 1822, married Anna Little.  
 Wiseley, Patrick, Bath, 1817.  
 Wiseley, Richard, Bath, 1817.  
 Willard, Jacob, Bath, 1816.  
 Willson, John, Sr., Sugar Creek, 1803; from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, thence to Kentucky; thence to Ohio in 1706; died at West Creek, Miami county, Ohio; one of the first settlers of Greene county, Ohio.  
 Wilson, John, Jr., Sugar Creek, 1803; October 30, 1806, married Nancy Dinwiddie; soldier of 1812.  
 Wilson, Daniel, Sugar Creek, 1803; born April 21, 1759; in 1811 removed to Montgomery county, Ohio.  
 Wilson, George, Sugar Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; removed from the township.  
 Wilson, David, Sugar Creek, 1808; soldier of 1812; removed to Vigo county, Indiana; married a daughter of James Barrett.  
 Wilson, John S., Sugar Creek, 1808; son of Daniel; born September 29, 1786; died May 24, 1879.  
 Wilson, Harvey R., Sugar Creek, 1830.  
 Wilson, William W., Xenia, 1830; son of James, of Clark's Run; died in Xenia March 9, 1836, aged twenty-seven.  
 Wilson, Joseph, Caesser's Creek, 1803; died March 11, 1823, aged sixty-nine; buried at Jamestown, Ohio; born in 1754.  
 Wilson, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1803; soldier of 1812; born in North Carolina August 27, 1787; died December 26, 1872, aged eighty-five; buried in Baptist graveyard, southwest of Jamestown, Ohio.  
 Wilson, Amos, Caesar's Creek, 1805; removed to Clinton county, Ohio.  
 Wilson, John, Esq., Caesar's Creek, 1805.  
 Wilson, Jacob R., Caesar's Creek, 1840; March 9, 1839, married Malinda Boblett.  
 Wilson, Joseph, Xenia, 1806; son of John, Sr.; November 10, 1808, married Joanna Townsley.  
 Wilson, John, Xenia, 1807; deputy sheriff of Greene county under Jas. Popenoe in 1827; married Sarah Buckles April 17, 1820.  
 Wilson, Samuel, Xenia, 1817; was a brother of John; their mother's name was Sarah; one sister's name was Sarah Townsley.  
 Wilson, James, Xenia, 1820; died in Xenia May, 1836.  
 Wilson, Robert, Xenia, 1826; May 3, 1827, married Mary Wilson.  
 Wilson, John, Xenia, 1829; son of John, Sr.; a tailor.  
 Wilson, Joel, Xenia, 1830; December 18, 1828, married Sarah Bromagem.  
 Wilson, Aaron, Xenia, 1830.  
 Wilson, Rev. Samuel, Xenia, 1830; from Pennsylvania; son of William; pastor of the Second U. P. church, Xenia, for years; died September 5, 1887; buried in Woodland; father of Dr. S. S. Wilson, of Xenia.  
 Wilson, David T., Xenia, 1830; a blacksmith; father-in-law of A. S. Crow, carpenter; removed to Iowa.  
 Wilson, Solomon, Miami, 1833; from Virginia; born December 16, 1818; died July 6, 1862, at his home in Miami township.  
 Wilson, Jacob, Miami, 1840.  
 Wilson, Matthew, Miami, 1840; died January 5, 1886, aged seventy-five; buried in Woodland.  
 Wilson, Pearson, Miami, 1840.  
 Wilson, Valentine, Beaver Creek, 1806; son of Isaac and Mary Wilson; December 4, 1806, married Eleanor Judy.  
 Wilson, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1807.  
 Wilson, Jeremiah, Beaver Creek, 1817; soldier of 1812; son of Isaac and Mary.  
 Wilson, Daniel, Beaver Creek, 1826; son of Isaac and Mary.  
 Wilson, Jacob, Sr., Bath, 1802; from Redstone, Pennsylvania; soldier of 1812; son of Isaac and Mary; died in 1814.  
 Wilson, John, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812; son of Isaac and Mary.  
 Wilson, Michael, Sr., Bath, 1807; from Kentucky; died in 1814.  
 Wilson, Michael, Jr., Bath, 1807; removed to Clark county, Ohio.  
 Wilson, Christian, Bath, 1807.  
 Wilson, Wm., Bath, 1809; soldier of 1812; son of Isaac and Mary; died in 1813.  
 Wilson, Isaac, Bath, 1801; from Redstone, Pennsylvania, in 1801; died April 10, 1860, aged sixty-nine; buried at Fairfield, Ohio; father of Uriah.  
 Wilson, George, Bath, 1816; died in Beaver Creek township in 1821.  
 Wilson, James, Bath, 1816; from Virginia to Kentucky; soldier of 1812; removed to Champaign county, Ohio; died in 1837.  
 Wilson, Jonathan, Bath, 1819.  
 Wilson, Cyrus, Bath, 1820.  
 Wilson, James, Bath, 1821.  
 Wilson, Daniel, Bath, 1820.  
 Wilson, Dr. T. J., Xenia, 1830; died January 7, 1881, aged eighty-two; father of George, who now resides in Fayette county, Ohio.  
 Wilson, Henry, Bath, 1826.  
 Wilson, John Q., Bath, 1827.  
 Wilson, Robert, Bath, 1840.



- Wilson, John, Miami, 1812; removed to Peoria county, Illinois.
- Wilson, William, Miami, 1819; son of Jacob; died at French Grove, Peoria county, Illinois, January 6, 1858, aged forty-three.
- Wilson, Junia A., Miami, 1819.
- Wilson, William, Bath, 1840; died December 4, 1881, aged sixty-nine; buried in Union churchyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Wilson, George, Miami, 1820.
- Wilson, Isaac S., Miami, 1820; May 30, 1837, married Elizabeth Knott.
- Wilson, Levan H., Miami, 1828.
- Wilson, John E., Miami, 1830.
- Wilson, Jacob, Miami, 1830; died in Xenia February 14, 1859, aged seventy-one; buried in Clifton, Ohio; soldier of 1812; married Jacob Persinger's mother.
- Wilson, John Q., Miami, 1840.
- Wilson, William, Ross, 1813; died January 27, 1821, aged eighty-one; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Wilson, John, Ross, 1815; December 9, 1830, married Mary Wilson.
- Wilson, James, Ross, 1819.
- Wilson, Warner, Ross, 1820.
- Wilson, Perry, Ross, 1828; died January 4, 1831, aged forty-nine; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Wilson, John T., Ross, 1840; died May 22, 1857, aged forty-four; buried in Baptist graveyard, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Wilson, Joseph, Jr., Ross, 1811; born in 1788; died July 8, 1873, aged eighty-five.
- Wilson, Joseph, Sr., Silver Creek, 1803; died March 11, 1823, aged sixty-nine; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Wilson, George, Silver Creek, 1813.
- Wilson, John, Silver Creek, 1816; died September 20, 1886, aged eighty-two; buried at Port William, Clinton county, Ohio.
- Wilson, James L., Silver Creek, 1817.
- Wilson, Mary, Silver Creek, 1820.
- Wilson, Benjamin, Silver Creek, 1840; February 27, 1840, married Leah Moorman.
- Wilson, James, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Wilson, Spencer, Miami, 1811; soldier of 1812; died in Sugar Creek township in 1823.
- Williamson, Joseph, Sugar Creek, 1816; his son, Joseph, died at his home, three miles west of Bellbrook, November 10, 1897, aged seventy-one.
- Williamson, Eleazer, Sugar Creek, 1818; July, 1838, married Eliza Abercrombie; in 1823 he was a member of State Militia.
- Williamson, David, Xenia, 1836; from York county, Pennsylvania; died October 18, 1858, aged seventy-eight; buried in Woodland.
- Williamson, John S., Xenia, 1836; born in York county, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1817; died at Cedarville, November 18, 1898, aged eighty-two; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Williamson, Andrew D., Xenia, 1836; born January 30, 1815, in York county, Pennsylvania; died near Spring Valley August 24, 1899.
- Williamson, James, Bath, 1812; died in 1855, aged seventy-four; buried at Fairfield, Ohio; son of Joseph.
- Williamson, Wm., Bath, 1813; soldier of 1812; buried in Mitman graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio; son of Samuel H.
- Williamson, Samuel, Bath, 1816; son of Samuel H. and Mercy, of Bath township.
- Williamson, Samuel H., Bath, 1818; wife, Mercy Casad; he died in 1839.
- Williamson, John M., Bath, 1818; son of Joseph, of Bath township.
- Williamson, Jas. W., Bath, 1820.
- Williamson, Jas., Jr., Bath, 1810.
- Williamson, Mercy, Bath, 1840; widow of Samuel H.
- Williamson, Chas., Beaver Creek, 1804.
- Williamson, George T., Miami, 1830; a native of Cincinnati, Ohio; owned a farm in Ross township; died in London, England, December 5, 1858.
- Williamson, William, Miami, 1830; April 3, 1835, married Jane McCroskey.
- Wikle, Philip, Silver Creek, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Wikle, John, Silver Creek, 1840; died in Jefferson township in 1823.
- Wickersham, Edward, Silver Creek, 1840; died August 26, 1857, aged forty-seven; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Wickersham, Mary, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Wickersham, James, Sugar Creek, 1840; died December 10, 1893, aged eighty-two; buried at Spring Valley; (from Clinton county, Ohio).
- Wise, Richard, Bath, 1807; died in Bath township in 1814.
- Wise, Elizabeth, Bath, 1830.
- Wise, Benjamin, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Wise, Henry D., Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Wise, Henry, Miami, 1810.
- Wise, Joseph, Bath, 1840.
- Wise, Jacob, Bath, 1840.
- Wise, Jesse, Ross, 1830; November 30, 1826, married Deborah Strong; died March 12, 1876, aged sixty-eight; buried near Selma, Ohio.
- Wise, Henry, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Williams, Remembrance, Sr., 1803; native of Harrison county, Virginia, near South Branch of the Potomac River; came to Kentucky in 1790, thence to Ohio in 1799; died February 2, 1803; buried near Madison, Indiana.
- Williams, Remembrance, Jr., 1808; removed to Champaign county, Ohio.
- Williams, John, Xenia, 1806; son of Remembrance, Sr.; born April 4, 1783; died April 6, 1826; buried in Woodland; soldier of 1812.
- Williams, Henry, Xenia, 1808; soldier of 1812; November 6, 1834, married Mary Ann Downey.
- Williams, Garrett, Xenia, 1809; son of Remembrance, Sr.; removed to Jefferson county, Indiana; buried in the orchard of the old home.
- Williams, Jesse, Xenia, 1811; son of Remembrance; died July 18, 1866, aged fifty-nine; buried in West Lancaster, Ohio.
- Williams, Charlotte, Xenia, 1820.
- Williams, George P., Xenia, 1826.
- Williams, Edward, Xenia, 1828.

- Williams, Wm., Caesar's Creek, 1813; died February 22, 1840, aged fifty-three; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Williams, Josiah, Caesar's Creek, 1826; died in 1831.
- Williams, Providence, Caesar's Creek, 1829.
- Williams, Isaac P., Caesar's Creek, 1830; August 27, 1829, married Rachel Mills.
- Williams, Stephen, Silver Creek, 1810; soldier of 1812.
- Williams, Whitlock, Caesar's Creek, 1840.
- Williams, Chas., Beaver Creek, 1803; died in 1807.
- Williams, John, Beaver Creek, 1807; died at Jefferson, Fayette county, Ohio, January 15, 1847, aged ninety-four.
- Williams, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1808.
- Williams, Robert, Bath, 1813; son of Remembrance; soldier of 1812.
- Williams, Wm., Bath, 1817; died February 22, 1863; buried in Woodland.
- Williams, Seabury, Bath, 1819; June 3, 1818, married Susan Parker.
- Williams, Richard, Bath, 1840; died June 15, 1864, aged fifty-one; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Williams, John, Ross, 1806; grandfather of David B. Williams; died near Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- Williams, James, Ross, 1828; father of D. B. Williams; born August, 1807; died December 27, 1891, aged eighty-four; buried west of Jamestown, Ohio.
- Williams, Martin, Sugar Creek, 1840; a black man; January 3, 1834, married Nancy Hyson.
- Willis, Luke, Caesar's Creek, 1813.
- Willis, Daniel, Bath, 1813.
- Windiman, C., Xenia, 1840.
- Wikle, Philip, Silver Creek, 1813; died in 1888, aged eighty-five; buried at Port William, Clinton county, Ohio.
- Wikle, George, Silver Creek, 1820; December 29, 1821, married Hester Ogan.
- Wickle, Daniel, Silver Creek, 1820; December 24, 1818, married Ruth Ann Willis.
- Wickle, Philip, Jr., Silver Creek, 1840; November 8, 1832, married Mary Jane Morgan.
- Wickle, John S., Silver Creek, 1840; died in Caesar's Creek township in 1836.
- Wickle, Andrew, Silver Creek, 1840.
- Wickle, William, Xenia, 1807; November 4, 1831, married Eliza Weaver.
- Winter, Stephen, Xenia, 1806; died in Xenia January 16, 1837, aged eighty-five; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard; soldier of the Revolution.
- Winter, James, Xenia, 1806; son of Stephen; died June 22, 1832; was thrown from a carriage.
- Winter, William, Xenia, 1817; son of Stephen; wife's name, Elizabeth; died in Xenia in 1839.
- Winter, Adam, Xenia, 1819; son of Stephen; died December 19, 1848, aged fifty; buried in Caesar's Creek churchyard, Jamestown, Ohio.
- Winter, John, Xenia, 1826.
- Winter, Joseph, Xenia, 1820; a tanner; died August, 1844, aged fifty-six; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Winters, Rev. Thos., Xenia, 1821; May 25, 1835, married Harriet Hivling.
- Winter, Dr. Andrew, Xenia, 1855; from North Carolina; died July 15, 1891, aged seventy; buried in Cedarville cemetery.
- Wilkenson, Abel, Xenia, 1819.
- Wilkenson, James, Xenia, 1820; a native of Antrim, Ireland; born January 15, 1769; died July 26, 1826, aged fifty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek churchyard (Stevenson's).
- Wilkenson, Robert, Bath, 1826; July 20, 1826, married Sarah Casad; buried in Casad graveyard, Fairfield, Ohio.
- Wilkenson, Jean, Miami, 1820.
- Wilkenson, Andrew, Xenia, 1840.
- Wilkins, Cornelius, Xenia, 1840; sheriff of Greene county from 1850 to 1854; removed to Iowa.
- Wyland, Christian, Bath, 1803; removed to Indiana.
- Wyland, Christopher, Bath, 1811; son of Christian; soldier of 1812; removed to Indiana.
- Wyland, John, Bath, 1813; son of Christian; soldier of 1812; removed to Indiana.
- Wyland, John, Bath, 1813; son of Christian; soldier of 1812; removed to Indiana.
- Wyland, Daniel, Bath, 1817; son of Christian; April 11, 1824, married Margaret Howard; removed to Piqua, Ohio.
- Wyland, Jonathan, Bath, 1810; son of Christian; removed to Piqua, Ohio.
- Wyland, Elias, Bath, 1820; son of Christian; removed to Piqua, Ohio.
- Wyland, Jacob, Bath, 1821; died in 1835; buried in Folck graveyard, near Byron, Ohio.
- Wyland, Christian, Jr., Bath, 1826; December 10, 1829, married Louisa Stillwell.
- Winterish, John, Beaver Creek, 1810.
- Winters, Rev. Thos. H., Xenia, 1840; born in Montgomery county, Ohio; died April 13, 1889, aged seventy-six.
- Wisener, John, Bath, 1820; died January 16, 1837, aged thirty-two; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Wood, Matthew, Xenia, 1816; died June 15, 1830, aged fifty-five; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Wood, Robert, Bath, 1816.
- Wood, Wm., Sugar Creek, 1804; married to Hannah Beck November 10, 1803, by Rev. Joshua Carman.
- Wood, Asbury, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Wood, Franklin, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Wood, Richard, Miami, 1813.
- Wood, Eleanor, Silver Creek, 1813.
- Wood, Solomon, Silver Creek, 1819.
- Wood, Addison G., Silver Creek, 1819.
- Woolburn, Robert, Bath, 1807.
- Woolart, Michael, Sugar Creek, 1829.
- Worthington, John B., Sugar Creek, 1840; April 2, 1835, married Sarah Stith.
- Woodburn, Samuel, Sugar Creek, 1840; died in 1836; buried in Methodist graveyard.
- Woodburn, John, Sugar Creek, 1840.
- Woodring, Peter, Ross, 1808.
- Worrel, John, Bath, 1807; soldier of 1812.

- Worrel, John D. B., Bath, 1820.
- Woolsey, Dr. Jeremiah, Xenia, 1827; died February 6, 1834, at Cincinnati, Ohio; a former resident of Xenia.
- Woolsey, Daniel, Xenia, 1821; removed to Evansville, Indiana.
- Wolf, George, Sr., Bath, 1803; wife, Mary Catherine; born in 1755; died December 6, 1813, aged fifty-five; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Wolf, Henry, Bath, 1806.
- Wolf, John, Bath, 1806; from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; a tailor; his wife, Christine; died October 27, 1831, aged sixty-seven; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Wolf, David, Bath, 1816; born November 6, 1803; died June 30, 1879; buried in Union graveyard; son of George and Catherine.
- Wolf, Lewis, Bath, 1840; son of John and Christina; removed to Kokomo, Indiana.
- Wolf, John, Bath, 1807; son of George, Sr.; soldier of 1812.
- Wolf, Jacob, Bath, 1812; son of George and Mary; died May 8, 1870, aged seventy-six; buried in Union graveyard.
- Wolf, Jacob, Bath, 1819; son of John and Christina.
- Wolf, John, Bath, 1819; son of John and Christina; May 25, 1815, married Yants.
- Wolf, Daniel, Bath, 1820; from Pennsylvania; died November 6, 1885, aged eighty-seven; buried in Union graveyard, Byron.
- Wolf, George, Jr., Bath, 1820; son of John and Christina; born March 14, 1796; died December 9, 1844; buried in Union graveyard, Byron.
- Wolf, Adam, Maimi, 1814; soldier of 1812; died in 1857, aged fifty-nine; buried in Muddy Run cemetery.
- Wolf, Daniel, Bath, 1820; born in 1803; died in 1879; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Wolf, Jacob C., Bath, 1826.
- Wolf, Thos. F., Bath, 1826.
- Wolf, David, Bath, 1826; born in 1803; died June 30, 1879, aged seventy-five; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Wolf, John W., Bath, 1826; from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; died June 25, 1877, aged eighty-four; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Wolf, Benjamin, Bath, 1826; first white child born in Bath township; born in 1800; son of George, Sr.
- Wolf, Joshua, Bath, 1840; died September 3, 1889, aged sixty-three; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Wolf, Henry, Bath, 1826; son of John and Christina.
- Wolf, Simon, Bath, 1826; son of John and Christina; was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1805; died June 3, 1870, near Byron, aged eighty-five.
- Wolf, John H., Bath, 1827.
- Wolf, John I., Bath, 1827.
- Wolf, Jacob B., Bath, 1830.
- Wolf, Abraham, Bath, 1840; died July 15, 1849; buried in Union graveyard, Byron, Ohio.
- Wolf, Daniel K., Bath, 1840; son of John; born in 1823.
- Wolf, Simon, Bath, 1840; son of Daniel; murdered near Byron, October 22, 1874.
- Wolf, John, Ross, 1811.
- Wolf, John, Jr., Ross, 1819.
- Wolf, Jacob, Ross, 1820.
- Wolf, David, Ross, 1821.
- Woodley, Jas., Xenia, 1840; died in Xenia December 8, 1873, aged sixty; buried in Woodland.
- Woodward, Henry, Bath, 1811; soldier of 1812.
- Woodward, Joseph, Bath, 1813; from New Jersey; died August 10, 1859, aged sixty-nine; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Woodward, Samuel, Bath, 1817; died in 1834; his wife buried in Casad graveyard, near Fairfield, Ohio.
- Woodward, John, Bath, 1817; son of Joseph, of Bath township.
- Woodsand, Samuel, Bath, 1819; son of Joseph; two other sons, George and William.
- Woodman, Abraham, Ross, 1821; January 29, 1818, married Ruth Bond.
- Woolman, Joseph, Caesar's Creek, 1820; born September 10, 1791; died December 25, 1844; buried in New Hope cemetery, Paintersville.
- Woodin, Thos., Bath, 1840.
- Wright, George, Sugar Creek, 1813; died in 1819; buried in McKnight graveyard; brother-in-law of Wm. McKnight.
- Wright, Thos., Sugar Creek, 1804; died February 19, 1891, aged seventy-four; buried at Maple Corners, Caesar's Creek.
- Wright, George, Caesar's Creek, 1816; soldier of the Revolution; father of Mrs. Henry Hypes; died September 25, 1829, aged seventy-three; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Wright, Reuben, Caesar's Creek, 1817.
- Wright, James G., Caesar's Creek, 1829; son of Wesley; died April 21, 1881, aged seventy-four; buried in Woodland.
- Wright, Wesley, Caesar's Creek, 1816; son of George; born October 10, 1785; died August 14, 1828; buried in Babb graveyard; aged fifty.
- Wright, Thos. B., Caesar's Creek, 1840; son of Wesley; died February 18, 1891, aged seventy-four; buried in Maple Corners churchyard.
- Wright, Nat. B., Ross, 1840; son of William.
- Wright, Wm., Ross, 1821; from South Carolina; father of John B.; died January 9, 1859, aged seventy-nine; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Wright, Joab, Ross, 1840.
- Wright, David G., Ross, 1840; July 11, 1823, married Sarah Nebiger.
- Wright, Joshua, Xenia, 1840; brother of Jesse, Sr.; Nathan Nash was killed by lightning at his house.
- Wright, John B., Xenia, 1830; from North Carolina; died July 3, 1892, aged eighty-four; buried in Woodland; son of William.
- Wright, Samuel, Xenia, 1811; died June 11, 1859, at the house of Coke Wright, aged ninety-two; buried in Woodland.
- Wright, Josiah, Xenia, 1812; soldier of 1812; grandfather of Clayton and Pogue, of Xenia; died in 1814.
- Wright, George Clayton, Xenia, 1814; soldier of 1812; born October 23, 1790; died July 5, 1879,



- aged eighty-nine; buried in Woodland on the Pelham lot.
- Wright, George, Xenia, 1816.
- Wright, Merrit, Xenia, 1816; from Brunswick county, Virginia; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Aplewhite; died April 10, 1855, aged sixty; buried in Woodland; father of the late J. B. M. Wright.
- Wright, Lewis, Xenia, 1816; son of George; soldier of 1812, under Capt. Aplewhite; died November 8, 1866, aged sixty-nine; buried in Woodland; born February 11, 1796.
- Wright, Wm. O., Xenia, 1818; son of Wesley.
- Wright, Wm. T., Xenia, 1814; from Brunswick county, Virginia; born in 1798; died October 16, 1852; buried in Woodland; son of George.
- Wright, Thos. C., Xenia, 1821; son of Samuel; died February 24, 1871, aged seventy-three; buried in Woodland; ex-auditor of Greene county.
- Wright, Samuel Watson, Xenia, 1826; son of George and Sophia; a batchelor; born December 14, 1802; buried at Bowersville, Ohio.
- Wright, Ira J., Xenia, 1826; a brother of T. C. Wright; died at Cairo, Illinois, of the cholera; a tombstone was erected by his brother to his memory.
- Wright, Warren, Xenia, 1828; related to Dickey Anderson; died in Springfield, Ohio, April 26, 1874.
- Wright, Edward Owens, Xenia, 1828; son of Geo., Sr.; born in 1806; died November 24, 1889, aged eighty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Wright, Richard Watcost, Xenia, 1829; brother of Lewis; died August 26, 1873, aged sixty-five; buried in Woodland.
- Wright, Wm., Xenia, 1830; from South Carolina; father of J. B. Wright.
- Wright, Geo. W., Xenia, 1812; son of Josiah; born October 13, 1809; died October 4, 1873; aged sixty-four; father of Cart and Pogue; buried in Woodland.
- Wright, John B. M., Xenia, 1840; born August 12, 1817; died January 5, 1899, aged eighty-two; buried in Woodland; son of Merrit.
- Wright, Jesse, Sr., Xenia, 1840; a cooper; soldier of 1812; died March 17, 1863, aged sixty-nine; buried in Woodland.
- Wright, John M., Xenia, 1840; son of Jesse; died April 12, 1876, aged fifty-one; buried in Woodland.
- Wright, Samuel, Xenia, 1840; son of Jesse; buried in Woodland.
- Wright, Clinton, Xenia, 1840; son of Jesse.
- Wright, Caleb, Bath, 1814.
- Wright, William, Bath, 1840; son of Jesse; died August 28, 1883, aged sixty-three; buried in Woodland.
- Wright, Richard, Ross, 1820; died January 12, 1864, aged seventy-seven; buried near Selma, Clark county, Ohio.
- Wright, Richard Watcoat, Ross, 1840; son of Geo. and Sophia; born June 22, 1808; died in Cincinnati; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Wright, Richard H., Ross, 1840.
- Wright, Andrew, Ross, 1832; from South Carolina; died March 4, 1850, aged sixty-seven; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Wright, John F., Ross, 1832; son of Andrew; born March 28, 1818; died August 13, 1847; buried in Woodland.
- Wright, Wm. J., Ross, 1840; son of Andrew; died December 7, 1884, aged sixty-eight; buried in Massie's Creek cemetery.
- Wyford, Jacob, Bath, 1818; October 8, 1817, married Catherine Kingley.
- Weymouth, Gregory, Cedarville; died August 5, 1895, aged seventy-seven.
- Weymouth, George, Cedarville; from Ireland; died August 10, 1896, aged eighty-two.
- Wyland, Solomon, 1830; July 25, 1833, married Mary Ann Keifer.
- Yates, William, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Yates, Susanna, Sugar Creek, 1813.
- Yates, Susan, Beaver Creek, 1820.
- Yates, Thos., Caesar's Creek, 1830; son-in-law of David Price.
- Young, Nathan, Bath, 1830; died April, 1855; buried at Fairfield, Ohio.
- Young, David, Sugar Creek, 1840; died February 7, 1896, aged seventy-six; buried at Bellbrook, Ohio.
- Young, William, Sugar Creek, 1840; September 3, 1836, married Sarah McClure.
- Young, Thomas, Beaver Creek, 1803; March 28, 1837, married Sarah Coy.
- Young, Robert, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Young, Andrew, Beaver Creek, 1807.
- Young, Michael, Bath, 1811.
- Young, John, Bath, 1816.
- Young, John, Jr., Bath, 1821.
- Young, Benjamin, Bath, 1821.
- Young, Lorenzo, Xenia, 1840; died December 15, 1870, aged fifty-six; buried in Woodland, Xenia.
- Young, Abraham, Silver Creek, 1817.
- Young, Dr. John A., Xenia, 1837; a student of Dr. Samuel Martin, 1837-1838; died May 3, 1874, aged sixty-two; died at Monmouth, Illinois.
- York, Jeremiah, Bath, 1804; his wife, Ann; his son, John.
- Yeakle, Jacob, Xenia, 1835; died November 4, 1874, at Terre Haute, Indiana, aged seventy; merchant in Xenia in 1834.
- Yoder, Aaron, Bath, 1840.
- Yonts, Isaac, Beaver Creek, 1840.
- Yockey, Samuel, Beaver Creek; died March 17, 1858, aged thirty-nine; buried in Beaver Creek churchyard.
- Zartman, Samuel, Silver Creek, 1830; born February 23, 1803; died July 31, 1856; buried in Jamestown cemetery.
- Zartman, Isaae, Silver Creek, 1840; brother of Samuel; buried at Jamestown, Ohio.
- Zimmerman, Jacob, Beaver Creek, 1807; died June 4, 1867, aged sixty-one; buried in Mt. Zion churchyard.
- Zimmerman, Dr. George, Beaver Creek, 1813; died in Beaver Creek township October 27, 1818; buried in Home graveyard.
- Zimmerman, John, Beaver Creek, 1830; April 8, 1827, married Magdalene Miller; removed to Indiana.
- Zimmerman, Nancy, Beaver Creek, 1830; wife of

Dr. John Zimmerman; died December 23, 1861, aged seventy-nine.

Zimmer, John, Xenia, 1830; from Chester, South Carolina; died June 24, 1866, aged fifty-eight; buried in Woodland.

Zimmerman, Alex. G., Xenia, 1830; died Septem-

ber 13, 1890, aged eighty-one; buried in Woodland.

Zinn, William, Sugar Creek, 1820.

Zimmerman, George, Ross, 1813; died in 1846, aged eighty-five; buried in Bethel, near Grape Grove, Ohio.









*James G. Carson*

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REV. JAMES G. CARSON, D. D.

For a third of a century the pastor of the Second United Presbyterian church of Xenia, Rev. James Gillespy Carson, has been well known throughout this portion of the state where his labors have been effective in promoting the intellectual development of the community, his influence being of no restricted order. He commands not only the highest respect of his own people but of all denominations, and has attained considerable distinction as a leading divine in the United Presbyterian ministry. Arriving in Xenia in December, 1869, his consecrated life, zeal and untiring efforts have been the means of greatly increasing the numerical and spiritual strength of his church and his life history forms no unimportant chapter of the history of the moral progress of Greene county.

Rev. Carson was born near Maryville, Blount county, Tennessee, on the 11th of February, 1833, a son of the Rev. David and Jane Walker (Gillespy) Carson, the former a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Blount county, Tennessee. At an early age the father was graduated in Jefferson college and then continued his studies under the direction of Dr. John M. Mason, of the Associate Reformed church for three years, while later Dr. Jo-

seph Banks, of Philadelphia, of the Associate church, was his preceptor. His first pastorate was in a church near Maryville, Tennessee, where he remained for nine years, and in 1833 he was elected professor of the Associate Presbyterian Seminary, at Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania. The school was afterward removed to Xenia, and in July, 1834, Rev. David Carson removed to the north to assume his duties in the seminary, but on the 25th of September of the same year, before taking up the work of his professorship, he was called to his final home. In the family were three children, the eldest being Dr. David Walker Carson, of Burgettstown, Pennsylvania; James G., of this review; and Ellen J., who died in May, 1858, at the age of twenty-three years. The paternal grandfather, David Carson, emigrated from Ireland, it is believed, as early as 1784 and settled at Greencastle, Pennsylvania, where he followed the tailor's trade. His wife bore the maiden name of Jane Oliver and was a granddaughter of the Rev. James Fisher, author of Fisher's catechism, and the great-granddaughter of Ebenezer Erskine, one of the founders of the United Presbyterian church.

The maternal grandfather of the Rev. James G. Carson was James Gillespy, who was born in Augusta county, Virginia, in 1772, and about 1780 removed with his



parents to Tennessee, where he became a prominent farmer and politician, representing his district in the general assembly, and a member of the constitutional convention of that state. He married Eleanor Cowan. She had an aunt who was captured by the Shawnee Indians in Tennessee and was conveyed by them to Old Chillicothe, now Oldtown, Greene county, Ohio, where she was assisted to escape by the Indian chief, who sent her across Lake Erie on the ice to Detroit, whence she was taken to Pittsburg and from there down the river to Maryville, thus being returned to her home after an absence of seven years. Her husband was killed at the time she was captured but she secured his scalp, which had been taken by the Indians and carried it in her bosom. Subsequently she was again married and was captured the second time by the Indians—this time by the Cherokee tribe—with whom she remained two years in Georgia, when her old neighborhood having captured some of the tribe, an exchange was made and her release secured.

When only a few months old Rev. Carson, of this review, was taken to Pennsylvania. His father died soon afterward. He was reared in Cannonsburg, that state, acquiring his education there, and was graduated from Jefferson College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in the class of 1849. In 1875 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Monmouth College. After his graduation he followed the profession of teaching for about three years. In the summer of 1852 he entered the seminary at Cannonsburg, in which he was graduated in March, 1855, and on the 22d of June, that year, he was licensed to preach, after which he supplied various churches, including his father's old

congregation in Tennessee. In November, 1856, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the congregation at South Buffalo, now Claysville, Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he remained until May, 1867, which covered the period of the Civil war. During the progress of hostilities between the north and the south Dr. Carson was connected with the Christian commission, stationed at Romney, Virginia, and in the spring of 1864 was stationed at Knoxville, Tennessee. His most important work, however, during the Civil war was that which he performed as the president of the Union League of Buffalo township, and also in the active support which he gave to the administration in its work of putting down the rebellion. He met with much opposition in the community where he was located, but his eloquent words and logical utterances had marked influence in molding sentiment.

In 1867 Dr. Carson removed to Cannonsburg, where he remained until 1869 as pastor of the United Presbyterian church, and in the month of December, of that year, he came to Xenia, accepting the pastorate of the Second United Presbyterian church, and since that time he has filled its pulpit, covering a period of almost a third of a century. In the fall of 1873 he was also elected professor of homiletics and pastoral theology of the Xenia Theological Seminary, occupying that chair for fifteen years, or, until the spring of 1888, when, finding that his duties were too arduous he resigned the professorship and gives his attention only to the pastoral work. He has served as a member of the board of managers of the Xenia Theological Seminary, and was its secretary for four years.

On the 1st of October, 1856, Rev. Car-

son was married to Miss Mary H. Clarkson, a daughter of the Rev. Thomas B. Clarkson, of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, a granddaughter of the Rev. James Clarkson, of Guinston, Pennsylvania. Her death occurred in Xenia, March 21, 1894. She possessed a most amiable and kindly disposition and was of great assistance to her husband in his work. The Doctor's labors have covered a wide range along lines that tend to uplift humanity. He has been a strong supporter of the temperance policy of the Republican party, and in this way has been a factor in political circles. He indorses every movement and measure for the promotion of education that will fit the young for the practical and responsible duties of life. He has been a delegate to different synods of his church, and his wise counsel and keen insight to possibilities have made his opinions of value in such gatherings. His knowledge is broad and comprehensive, for his reading has covered a wide range. He is interested in anything that will give him a clearer, broader view of life and its purposes and of human nature, and aid him in the work of so presenting the truth to his parishioners and his auditors that his words will influence their lives for good. He is an able and eloquent divine, is an earnest student who reads widely and brings to his duties the riches of a strong mind and untiring zeal.

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#### GEORGE A. McKAY.

George A. McKay is holding the position of city engineer of Xenia and of county surveyor of Greene county and in both offices is displaying his capability and fidelity

to the trusts reposed in him. He was born in this county on Christmas day, of 1850, and is the son of Samuel F. and Angeline A. McKay. The father was a native of Ohio, and after arriving at years of maturity was married in 1850 to Miss Angeline Moore, who was born in Virginia and came to Ohio when only seven years old. Her father, Presley Moore, was numbered among the pioneer settlers of the Buckeye state and at length lost his life by accident, a tree falling upon him. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McKay were born five children: George A., Maria L., Oscar F., Sarah J. and Irving F. Samuel F. McKay died in 1895 and his wife, who survived him some years, died in the spring of 1900. He was a member of the Baptist church and the mother of the Reformed church. He was, until his death, a resident of Caesarscreek township.

George A. McKay, of this review, was reared upon his father's farm, but could not content himself with the work of the fields, desiring broader opportunities. He acquired his education in the common schools and in Antioch College of Yellow Springs. He became master of the various branches of mathematics and his qualification in this regard has made him a capable surveyor. He commenced engineer work when only sixteen years of age and for a long period served as civil engineer in connection with the Miami Valley & Columbus Railroad, the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad, and later with the Chicago & West Michigan, now the Pere Marquette Railroad, with which he had been connected for four years prior to his election to the office of county surveyor in 1892. He assumed the duties of that position on the 1st of January, 1893, and by re-elections has since been continued

therein. He was also appointed city engineer soon afterward and has since been the incumbent in that position.

On the 25th of September, 1873, Mr. McKay was united in marriage to Miss Ida I. Peterson, a daughter of Jacob S. and Sarah C. Peterson, of Ohio. Four children have graced this union: Werter P., Mabel L., Nellie G. and Edna. Mr. McKay is a member of Xenia Lodge, F. & A. M., and also of Xenia Chapter, R. A. M., while he and his wife hold membership relations with the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. He is well known as a public-spirited and progressive citizen, whose advancement in life is the outcome of his own efforts. He has won a creditable reputation as a public official, who is prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties, and in social life he has gained the regard of all with whom he has come in contact by reason of his fidelity to manly principles, his genial disposition and his deference for the opinions of others.

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#### GEORGE W. HARPER.

No history of Greene county would be complete without the life record of George W. Harper. He has passed the seventieth-milestone on life's journey, and has witnessed much of the remarkable advance which this country made through the nineteenth century. He has lived to witness the dawning of a new century of prosperity and progress, and yet takes a deep interest in all that pertains to the national welfare and to local improvement. He was a friend of Abraham Lincoln in early life and has known many other prominent men of this

and other states. He has been a very important factor in the business development of this section of Ohio, and as the years have passed he has prospered in his undertakings until now he is numbered among the men of affluence in his community. Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Cedarville or Greene county who occupies a higher place in public regard, not only by reason of this splendid success, but also because of the honorable, straightforward business policy he has ever followed.

George W. Harper was born in Ross township, this county, on the 30th of May, 1825, and comes of a family of English origin. His paternal grandfather, John Harper, was born in Virginia, near Harper's Ferry, and it was in honor of this family that Harper's Ferry was named. During the early days the ferry was owned by Thomas Harper, a brother of John, who operated a boat at that point for many years. John Harper was a loyal defender of the cause of liberty at the time of the Revolutionary war, and carried his musket over many a field where the battle waged, contributing his share to the brilliant victory which crowned the American arms. Leaving the Atlantic coast he made his way inland to Ohio, and became one of the honored pioneer settlers of Greene county, his last days being passed upon the old home farm in Ross township. He purchased there a large tract of land which was afterward divided among his children. He died at an advanced age and was laid to rest in a cemetery of Ross township.

Thomas Harper, the father of our subject, was born at Harper's Ferry, a large part of the property there being then owned by his uncle Thomas, for whom he was



named. He came to Ohio about 1812 and located in Ross township, where he engaged in farming and stock-raising. The land which he purchased was a raw tract, but he improved it, transforming it into a farm of rich fertility. By judicious investment of his capital he became the owner of fifteen hundred acres, and in addition to its cultivation he successfully engaged in the raising of hogs and cattle on an extensive scale. He married Mary Sirlotte, a native of Maryland, and a daughter of George and Elizabeth Sirlotte, who were probably natives of Maryland, and trace their ancestry back to France. Thomas Harper lived to the age of eighty-one years, passing away in 1882. In his religious faith he was a Methodist and in his political views was a Democrat. His wife died upon the home farm in Ross township, in 1872, at the age of seventy-one years. She, too, was a member of the Methodist church during the greater part of her life, and her earnest Christian character left its impress upon the lives of her children. The remains of Mr. and Mrs. Harper were interred in Blackson's cemetery in Clark county. In their family were five children, George W. Harper being the eldest of the three surviving members.

Until twenty-one years of age Mr. Harper, of this review, remained upon the old homestead. He attended the common schools of the township, also select schools in Xenia, and later became a student at Greene Plains. After attaining his majority he turned his attention to the cattle business, buying cattle in both Illinois and Indiana, and driving them through to Lancaster, Ohio, and Philadelphia, where he sold them in the market. This was before the era of railroads in the west and the long

journey was accomplished on foot. He also crossed the Alleghany Mountains several times before a railroad had been built across that chain. He finally extended his operations as far west as Springfield, Illinois, driving cattle through from that point to Philadelphia. While in the former city he boarded in the same house with Abraham Lincoln, whose acquaintance he formed and with whom he formed ties of friendship. Mr. Harper now recalls many entertaining reminiscences connected with their acquaintance. He continued in the cattle business for five or six years, after which he purchased some farm lands in Greene and Clark counties. He there bought and bred cattle and shipped them to the markets after fattening them. He still owns his original homestead, which lies largely in Ross township, Greene county, consisting of about one thousand acres. He continued to successfully deal in cattle until his removal to Cedarville in 1865. Here he engaged in the banking business for ten or twelve years and was the chief mover in the establishment of the bank, which opened its doors for business in 1888 and soon was placed on a safe financial basis which brought to it many patrons. Mr. Harper continued as its president until about three years ago, when he withdrew in order to lead a retired life. He is not engaged in any active business pursuits at the present time, save the supervision of his property interests. Since removing to Cedarville he has always managed his large farming property from this point. He has at present seventeen hundred acres of valuable land, while his wife has seven hundred and seventy-five acres. He also owns about two thousand acres in Missouri, most of which is grazing land. Mr. Harper has carefully controlled his

business affairs and his sound judgment, business foresight and enterprise have been the strong features in his remarkably successful career. He has erected a number of fine buildings in Cedarville, including his own residence, a handsome brick structure, and has thus contributed to the improvement of the town.

In 1860 Mr. Harper was united in marriage to Miss Vinna M. Murray, a daughter of George Murray, of South Charleston, Ohio, an extensive and prominent farmer who died about twenty years ago. In his political views Mr. Harper was formerly a Democrat, but is now a Populist. He served as a member of the city council of Cedarville for a number of years, and was the Democratic candidate for state senator on one occasion, but he never sought office, preferring to devote his care and attention to his business affairs. He belongs to the Methodist church and is and has been for many years one of its trustees. For more than forty years he and his wife have traveled life's journey together, and throughout the long period their home has ever been hospitably open for the reception of their many friends. Mr. Harper is a man of strong purpose, of unfaltering determination in the execution of business projects, and his success is attributable to his own efforts. He has a very wide acquaintance throughout this portion of the state and is held in the highest regard by all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### ASA LITTLE.

Asa Little, treasurer of Greene county, was born in Ross township, June 18, 1845, and has always made his home in this

county. His parents, Robert and Elizabeth (Hiatt) Little, were natives of Virginia and were there born, reared and married, but about 1830 emigrated westward and cast their lot with the early settlers of Ross township, Greene county, where the father engaged in farming. He made agricultural pursuits his life work and died in 1875 at the age of sixty-five years, while his wife passed away in 1889 at the age of seventy-eight years. They were the parents of six children, all of whom reached years of maturity, namely: J. H., who is now a resident of Yellow Springs, Ohio; John, deceased; Mrs. Lucy Ritenhour, who has also passed away; Emily, the wife of J. M. Birch, of Yellow Springs; Asa, of this review; and Anna, the wife of Henry J. Flagg of Xenia.

To the public school system of his native township Asa Little is indebted for the early educational privileges which he enjoyed. He afterward attended Antioch College, in Yellow Springs, where he took a special course, completing his education in the school room at the age of eighteen years. He then engaged in teaching in Greene and Madison counties, successfully following that profession for several years. He afterward became an active factor in commercial circles, being engaged in the grain business at Jamestown, Xenia and Yellow Springs, operating along that line for several years. In 1898 he put aside personal interests in order to serve his fellow townsmen in the office of county treasurer, to which he had been elected in the fall of that year. In 1901 he was again chosen to the position, so capably had he filled the office, and will continue as the incumbent until September, 1904. He is a careful custodian of public office, being most reliable, honorable and capable.

In 1865 Mr. Little was married to Miss Margaret Moorman, a daughter of Charles T. and Matilda Moorman, who were early settlers of this county. Two children graced this marriage, but Arthur Ward died at the age of thirteen years. The surviving son is C. H. Little, who is now engaged in the wholesale grain business in Xenia. In his social relations Mr. Little is an Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodge at Yellow Springs, and both he and his wife are members of the Christian church. In his political views he has always been a Republican but had never sought or held office prior to the time that he was elected county treasurer. His official record has demonstrated the fact that the confidence reposed in him was well placed. He is most capable and loyal and his word no man can question.

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#### AUGUSTUS THOMPSON.

Augustus Thompson has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey and is a venerable and honored resident of Yellow Springs. He was born March 12, 1825, in Geauga county, Ohio, and lived at the place of his birth for twenty-six years. His parents were William and Lucinda (Walden) Thompson. The family is of Scotch-Irish lineage. The great-grandfather after coming to this country from Scotland settled in Pennsylvania at an early day. His son, Isaac, the grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He married and had eight children six sons and two daughters.

William Thompson, the father of our subject, was the third child and fought for his country against England in the war of

1812. He was born in Pennsylvania, March 21, 1789, but came to Ohio with his parents in 1801, being about twelve years of age. His father purchased a tract of timber land in Geauga county and much labor was required in clearing this in order to make it cultivable. William Thompson, although the youngest in the family, shouldered his ax and went to the woods with the rest, doing his full share in the arduous undertaking, and ere long became quite an expert woodsman, and this led him to believe that he could make a farm for himself. He therefore purchased a tract of one hundred acres of timber land adjoining his father's farm and began its cultivation and improvement. He built a house from timber from his own land and as companion in his new home and one with whom he might share the joys and sorrows of life he chose Miss Lucinda Walden, who at that time was teaching school in Huntsburg township. She was an earnest Christian lady, a member of the Methodist church, and her brother, Asa, was a minister of that denomination. She had two other brothers, Elisha and Rial, the former a Methodist in religious faith, and the latter a Universalist. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were married in Warren, Ohio, on the 8th of February, 1815, and then started to make a farm in the midst of the forest. As the result of his industry and perseverance he was enabled to pay for his farm from his sale of maple sugar, which he manufactured from his own trees. He did all of the work in connection therewith even to the manufacture of the buckets and troughs. The wife faithfully performed the work of the home, using the spinning wheel and loom and thus furnishing the family with an abundance of towels, table linen, bedspreads and clothing. Nine children came into this



household, eight sons and one daughter. All were married and secured homes for themselves, and five of the brothers became defenders of the Union in the Civil war. William Thompson did his full duty to his children, to his friends and to his country, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He served as township treasurer and filled many minor offices with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

The family passed through varied experiences and two sad accidents occurred in the family history. One was the death of Elisha James, who had gone to the woods in order to get fuel for the schoolhouse fire together with many other patrons of the school. He was then but a little more than twelve years of age and was killed by a falling tree. Again three years later the youngest child, Henry Thompson, was struck by lightning when he and a cousin had gone to gather wild strawberries. William Thompson, the father, died at the age of eighty-four years and six months. The mother, who was born in Massachusetts and lived there until a few years prior to her marriage, passed away at the advanced age of eighty-four years and four months. The former was an Episcopalian in religious faith and the latter a Methodist.

Augustus Thompson, who was the fifth in order of birth in that family, spent the first twenty-six years of his life upon the home farm in Geauga county, and in the district schools of the neighborhood obtained his education and through the summer months assisted his father upon the home farm. He was the first of his family to respond to the country's call for aid, enlisting April 27, 1861, as a member of Company D, Nineteenth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. He served for four months and was

then discharged at Columbus, but he afterward re-enlisted in Company A, Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until July, 1862, when he was again discharged on account of disability. Upon his return from the war he removed to Bay City, Michigan, in 1862, in order that he might educate his children, and there engaged in teaming, which he followed for a number of years, also devoting some attention to farming. In 1877 he removed to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he was first employed in a planing mill for three years. He then engaged in the somewhat novel employment of building up the trade of run down hotels, going to Texarkana, Texas, for that purpose in response to a telegram. Six months' faithful service brought the desired result, Mr. Thompson then resigning to become the manager of another run down hotel in the same town. Here he was again successful, but from his excessive labors so exhausted his vitality that he was forced to abandon this occupation and for five months devoted himself to traveling for his health. At that time he reached Dayton, and he has since been a resident of Ohio. Sixteen years ago he located at Yellow Springs, where he has since resided. Here he has since been connected with agricultural pursuits, and although he does not do any of the hard work upon the farm he still has the general oversight of his agricultural interests in Miami township.

In July, 1851, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Rovilla L. Johnson, who was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and died in Bay City, Michigan, when about sixty years of age. She was the mother of two children. Henry C., who was born in Geauga county, Ohio, was educated in Bay City, Michigan. He spent his evenings in

the office of the city surveyor, acting as assistant in the work of drawing maps, and during the periods of vacation he was in the field, becoming familiar with the practical work of civil engineering and surveying. He has become an expert surveyor and is still following that business in Bay City, Michigan, where he has served as city surveyor. He also served as city surveyor of Lansing for one year. At the age of sixteen years he began teaching school and followed that profession until he had mastered surveying, when he abandoned it in order to take up his chosen life work. He married Kate Whitmore, and they have three children. Frank C. Thompson, the youngest son, was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and began teaching in the district schools before attaining the age of sixteen. After two years he was made principal of a graded school, a position which he held for five years, when he resigned in order to accept another position in which he continued for five years. He afterward held the office of city comptroller at West Bay City, Michigan, and later was employed on the farm of Hiram Confer in Greene county, but he soon returned to West Bay City to assist his brother Henry in surveying and civil engineering, and was afterward appointed by the postmaster general to the mail delivery service in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in which position he has since served. He married Carrie Confer, a daughter of Hiram Confer, then of Yellow Springs, but now a resident of California.

For his second wife Mr. Augustus Thompson chose Matilda Hamma, the wedding being celebrated on the 29th of December, 1885. The lady was born in York county, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of

David and Susan (Wolff) Hamma. Her father was born in Pennsylvania of German lineage, on the paternal side, while on the maternal side the line is of English descent. The parents of Mrs. Thompson removed to Ohio during her early girlhood, settling in Richland county, where her father carried on farming. He afterward sold his farm, settling in Greene county, purchasing a tract of land in Miami township. Here he died in 1865 at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife died some years previous upon the old homestead in Miami township. She was the mother of seven children, but only three of the number are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson make their home in Yellow Springs and are well known there. Mr. Thompson owes his success in life to his own earnest and indefatigable efforts. He has led an upright and honorable life, characterized by loyalty to his country and by fidelity in friendship as well as honor in business relations.

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#### ROBERT S. JACOBY.

Robert S. Jacoby is numbered among the native sons of Xenia township, Greene county, for here his birth occurred on the 22nd of November, 1842. His parents were Mathew Cory and Phoebe A. (Jackson) Jacoby, the latter a daughter of General Robert Jackson, who died in Xenia. The father of our subject was born in Xenia township, and for many years was engaged in distilling and milling. He died when about thirty years of age and our subject is the only surviving member of the family of three children.

Robert S. Jacoby was educated in the

township schools and worked upon the home farm until the Civil war began, when with patriotic spirit he offered his services to the government, enlisting in Company D, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, when he received an honorable discharge at Camp Dennison, being mustered out with the rank of sergeant. He was a participant in many of the great battles under the command of General Sherman and did not miss a single day's service in four years of warfare, taking part in all of the encounters in which his regiment was engaged. He was always found at his post of duty, whether on the picket line or in the firing line, and with a most creditable military record he returned to his home.

After the close of the war Mr. Jacoby located upon the old homestead farm in Xenia township and there engaged in the tilling of the soil for an umber of years. He also purchased the gristmill which was erected by his grandfather and has since operated it in connection with agricultural pursuits, being successfully engaged in the manufacture of flour and in the work of tilling the soil. He farms two hundred and fifty acres of good land and his place is regarded as one of the best in the locality. For some years after the war he was also engaged in the grocery business in Xenia and in the agricultural implement business.

In 1871 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Jacoby and Miss Mary C. Humphreys, who was born in Xenia township, Greene county, a daughter of Joseph Humphreys, who was also a native of this county and died at the age of eighty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Jacoby have a pleasant home on the old paternal homestead in Xenia township. He is a charter member of Yellow

Springs Post, G. A. R., and retains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through this connection. In his political views he is a Republican, having firm faith in the principles of the party and strongly upholding its interests, yet never seeking office as a reward for party fealty. He is to-day as true to his duties of citizenship as when he followed the starry banner of the nation upon southern battlefields.

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### JOSEPH H. HUSSEY.

Joseph H. Hussey owns and operates one hundred and forty acres of land in Jefferson township and is a progressive, wide-awake and diligent farmer. His birth occurred on the old family homestead, August 31, 1856. His father, Christopher Hussey, was born in Tennessee in the year 1794, while the grandfather, Christopher Hussey, Sr., was a native of North Carolina, born in 1757. When the country became involved in the war with England, striving for national independence, he joined the colonial forces, thus gallantly fighting in the war of the Revolution. His son was a valued soldier in the war of 1812. When about twelve years of age he was brought by his parents to Jefferson township, Greene county, Ohio, they settling near what is now the village of Bowersville, on the old homestead occupied by J. H. Hussey. There a log house was built, circular in form, which until a few years ago stood as one of the landmarks of the country side, but it has now been replaced by a fine brick residence, one of the most attractive and comfortable farm residences in the township. The grandfather bought twenty-seven hundred acres of land. In his



family were the following children, namely: Thomas, Stephen, Elijah, Nathan, Christopher, Jacob, Polly, Sophia, Nancy, Rebecca and Elizabeth, who came to maturity.

Christopher Hussey, Jr., the father of our subject, acquired his education in the old time log school house near his home, sitting upon the slab seat and resting his feet upon the puncheon floor. He studied his lessons by the light which came through greased paper windows, while the room was heated by an immense fire-place occupying almost one entire end of the building. When eighteen years of age he put aside his text books and ceased his attendance at school, to which he had to walk a distance of three miles both morning and evening. He then began working for his father, but his training previous to this time had not been meager, in fact he worked so steadily in the field that perhaps his entire attendance at school would cover only about a complete year. So meager had been his educational privileges that after driving a lot of hogs to Cincinnati to market he was unable to figure up the profits. He worked with his father until his death and then took control of the large farm, which he continued to cultivate and improve until his own death, owning eleven hundred and twenty-five acres. In early manhood he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Haughey, a native of Jefferson township, Greene county, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: Christopher, Stephen, John, Elijah, Mary, Thomas, Nancy J., and two who died in infancy. The father was again married, after the death of his first wife, his second union being with Miss Catherine Lockhart, a native of Silvercreek township, Greene county, the marriage being celebrated in 1838. In their family were the following children: Nar-

cissa, Henry, Lydia Ann, Evelyn and Emma, twins, James, Albert, Flora, Joseph H., Catherine. Emma died in infancy. The father died March 8, 1872, and the mother November 4, 1900.

Joseph H. Hussey, whose name introduces this record, acquired his early education in the common schools of the village of Bowersville and later continued his studies in the private schools in the county and state, receiving much better educational privileges than were afforded to many boys of the time and locality. Later he began working for his father, to whom he gave his assistance until the death of his parent. The management of the home farm then devolved upon him and to its further development and improvement he has given his attention. He has since remodeled the house and barn and has placed many excellent improvements and accessories upon the old homestead, making it a valuable and attractive farm. For about four years he was engaged in the grocery business in Springfield, Ohio, but during the greater part of his life his attention has been given to agricultural pursuits. When the farm was originally purchased by his grandfather, Christopher Hussey, it contained twenty-seven hundred acres of land, but by division among the heirs and by sale, the present homestead of our subject has been reduced to one hundred and forty acres. At the time of the original purchase the land was bought for one dollar per acre and at the present time it is worth one hundred dollars per acre.

In the year 1879 Mr. Hussey was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hall, a native of Clinton county, Ohio, and to them have been born two children, Frank and Truman, both residing at home with their father. Mr. Hussey is a staunch Republican in politics

when issues are involved, but at local elections, where the only question before the people is the capability of the candidate to discharge the business of town or county, he votes independently. He is a devout man of unquestioned honor and integrity and, with his wife, holds membership in the Christian church at Bowersville.

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### JOHN H. MCPHERSON.

John H. McPherson, who is now acceptably filling the office of auditor of Greene county, was born on the 11th of July, 1840, upon the farm where he continued to reside until after the outbreak of the Civil war. At that time Mr. McPherson enlisted in the Union army, with which he served for three years and two months, and was then honorably discharged at Savannah, Georgia, in 1865. Returning to the home farm he then engaged in carrying on agricultural pursuits in Greene county until 1884, when he left the farm in order to become a factor in the mercantile circles of Xenia, where he engaged in the hardware business as a member of the firm of Williams & McPherson. In 1896 he was elected to the office of county auditor and has since served in that capacity.

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### MARCUS SHOUP.

Out of the depths of his mature wisdom, Carlyle wrote: "History is the essence of innumerable biographies." Macaulay has said: "The history of a nation is best told in the lives of its people." It is therefore fitting that the sketches of Greene county's

eminent men should find a place in this volume. Marcus Shoup is known as one of the most capable lawyers of the Greene county bar, as a Republican of prominence and as a promoter of many industries which have proved of great value to the city and county while advancing his individual success. He was born in Beavercreek township, Greene county, on the 5th of May, 1869, and is a son of Daniel M. and Maria (Wampler) Shoup. He comes of one of the old pioneer families of Greene county, the ancestral history having long been interwoven with the annals of this portion of the state. His paternal great-grandfather, George Shoup, located in Beavercreek township in 1796, having removed to Ohio from Hagerstown, Maryland, which was the old home of his ancestors who had come from Switzerland to the new world during the latter part of the seventeenth century. Soon after his arrival George Shoup entered two sections of land in Beavercreek township, and devoted his attention to the development and improvement of the farm. He was also a minister of the German Baptist church, and engaged in proclaiming the gospel throughout his portion of the country, his influence contributing in no small degree to the moral development of his community. Moses W. Shoup, the grandfather of our subject, was born, reared and died on the old family homestead which his father had developed and improved. He was a prosperous farmer, owning about one thousand acres of land. His life was ever honorable and upright and he became a preacher of the Dunkard church.

Daniel M. Shoup, the father of our subject, was born on the old family homestead, September 10, 1822, and there spent his



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boyhood days, in fact, continuing to make his home there until 1854, when he purchased land in Beavercreek township and removed to the farm which has since been his home. Throughout his entire life he has carried on agricultural pursuits, and has prospered in his undertakings, his well directed labors bringing to him creditable success. In early life he was a staunch advocate of the Whig party, and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the Republican party, with which he has since affiliated. He, too, is a member and minister of the German Baptist church. He married Maria Wampler in August, 1844, and took her as a bride to the old home farm. She was born in Stark county, Ohio, February 24, 1827, a daughter of Philip and Catherine (Royer) Wampler, who removed from Carroll county, Maryland, to Ohio. They spent one year in Stark county and subsequently they took up their abode on the Stillwater, in Montgomery county, which was the home of Mrs. Shoup at the time of her marriage. She died in 1900, but the father of our subject is still living.

Mr. Shoup began his education in the district schools of Beavercreek township, and was later graduated in the high school of that township. Subsequently he entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio, where he spent four years and on the completion of the regular course was graduated in the class of 1888 with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences. He then entered the office of Craighead & Craighead, of Dayton, as a law student, remaining with them for more than a year, when he continued his studies in the office and under the direction of Judge E. H. Munger, of Xenia, Ohio, with whom he remained until

admitted to the bar, on the 6th of March, 1890. At that time Mr. Shoup opened an office in Xenia and has since engaged in general practice. Professional advancement is proverbially slow. The first element of success is perhaps a persistency of purpose, an effort as enduring as the force of gravity. These Mr. Shoup possesses. He also possesses aptitude, character and individuality. He has gained a good clientage which has constantly increased, connecting him with much of the most important litigation tried in the courts of his district. His careful preparation of cases is supplemented by a power of argument and a forceful presentation of his points, so that he never fails to impress court or jury and has gained many verdicts favorable to his clients. Mr. Shoup has taken his part as an active factor in the Republican party in Greene county. He has served as chairman of the county central committee and of the county executive committee, and has been a delegate to various congressional and state conventions. In 1894 he was elected, without opposition, as prosecuting attorney for Greene county, and three years later was re-elected without opposition for the second term, so that he continued in the office for six years, discharging his duties acceptably to the people and with credit to himself. On the 7th of April, 1902, he was nominated by the Republicans as their candidate for probate judge and in this county a nomination is equivalent to an election on the Republican ticket.

While the practice of law has been the real life work of Mr. Shoup, he has yet contributed in a large measure to commercial and industrial activity and has been the promoter of many enterprises and business

interests of great benefit to his community. In connection with J. W. Neff he was one of the active organizers of the Rapid Transit Company, which was later consolidated with the Dayton & Xenia Traction Company. Mr. Shoup became secretary, treasurer and attorney of the former, which constructed its line and operated it for two years prior to the consolidation. To our subject much credit is due for giving to Xenia better transportation facilities, that being the first electric railway in the county. He also organized the Citizen's Telephone Company and was its president until its consolidation with the Springfield Home Telephone Company. In company with others he organized the Xenia Buggy Company, and is now its secretary and treasurer. This is one of the successful manufacturing institutions of the city, turning out about five hundred vehicles each year and giving employment to about forty men. In connection with J. F. Orr, Mr. Shoup organized the Home Building & Savings Company, in 1894, and it is now the second largest building and loan association in the county. Mr. Shoup has been its attorney from its organization and is also attorney for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad.

In 1892 Mr. Shoup was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Bradley, who died the following year. On the 12th of January, 1897, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Mahanna, of Hillsboro, Ohio. They now have two children, Pauline E. and Catherine L. Fraternally Mr. Shoup is connected with Xenia Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M., and has also taken the chapter degree. He also belongs to Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 56, K. P., of which he is past chan-

cellor, and is one of the charter members of Xenia Lodge, No. 668, B. P. O. E. In his social and professional life he is a most honored and honorable man. He is likewise a loyal, patriotic American, devoted to the interests of his native land and his community. His life has been a straightforward, honorable and upright one. Indolence is utterly foreign to his nature and his enterprising and progressive spirit of perseverance, supplemented by strong mentality, have been the stepping stones by which he has risen to an eminent position at the Greene county bar.

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#### SAMUEL G. ANDREW.

One of the most highly esteemed and respected citizens of Beavercreek township is Squire Samuel G. Andrew, who is successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He has always resided in this county and his life record commends him to the confidence of those with whom he has been associated, for he has ever been honorable and reliable in all his relations with his fellow men. He has lived and labored to goodly ends and has gained a position of distinctive prominence in the county, which he has aided to develop, winning the respect which is never denied a man whose integrity and honor are beyond question.

Mr. Andrew was born in Xenia township, August 23, 1840, his parents being George and Jane (Quinn) Andrew. His father was a native of South Carolina, born on the 1st of March, 1791, and during his boyhood came to Greene county, where the family has since been a potent factor in public progress and improvement. He early be-



came familiar with the difficulties of pioneer life and was also familiar with the arduous task of developing a new farm on the frontier. On the 29th of January, 1817, he married Miss Elizabeth Ann Foster, who was born April 13, 1798. After her death he was again married on the 22d of December, 1839, to Mrs. Jane Quinn, who by her first marriage had one daughter, Mrs. John B. Lucas. The children of the father's first marriage were: William; Alexander; Martha, the deceased wife of James Turner; Robert; William; John; Elizabeth; Hugh; and George. The only surviving members of the second marriage are: Samuel of this review, and John Calvin, who resides in Xenia. The father of this family passed away April 22, 1868, at the age of seventy-two years, ten months and ten days. He had witnessed a large part of the growth of his adopted county and had been an active participant in its development and up-building. Both he and his wife were members of the First United Presbyterian church in which he served as deacon, doing everything in his power to advance the growth of the church and promote the influence of Christianity. In his business affairs he was quite successful. He started out in life on his own account with almost nothing, taking up his abode west of the powder mills. He there cleared a large tract of land and developed a good farm, becoming the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land. In 1854 he sold this property and bought two hundred and fifty acres upon which his son, Samuel G. Andrew, now resides. The house upon the place is a brick structure which was erected in 1840 and was one of the finest farm residences in the entire county. The life record of George Andrew proves conclusively that success is not

a matter of genius but can be gained as the legitimate reward of earnest, persistent and honorable effort. In his political views he was a Whig until the dissolution of that party, when he joined the ranks of the new Republican party.

In the district schools of his native county Samuel G. Andrew pursued his education. He attended school during the winter months, for in the summer seasons his services were needed in the work upon the home farm. He did not leave home until the spring of 1864 when he joined Company F, of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry. He had formerly been a member of the National Guards of Xenia. With the regiment he went to the front and participated in the battle of New Creek, Virginia, and did guard duty throughout the remainder of his term of service, when he was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison in September, 1864.

Returning to his home the Squire resumed the work upon the farm. He was married on the 21st of August, 1866, to Miss Keziah Luse, a native of Clark county, Ohio. They had no children of their own but adopted a daughter, Carrie Romelia, who became the wife of Joseph Hutchison, a resident farmer of Beavercreek township, and their children are: Samuel Andrew, named for the subject of this review, and Louis Bell. The Squire was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife in 1889, her death occurring on the 7th of May of that year, while her remains were interred in the Xenia cemetery. Mr. Andrew was again married in 1889, his second union being with Mrs. Rachel Jones, a native of this township, who by her first marriage had a son, Daniel O., who is now living with our subject.

Mr. Andrew belongs to the United Pres-

byterian church, while his wife is a member of the Reformed church. He votes with the Republican party and in 1890 he was elected upon that ticket to serve for one term as justice of the peace. He has a pleasant home in Beavercreek township, having remodeled the old brick house, which was erected sixty-two years ago, and stands in the midst of richly cultivated fields. He is successfully carrying on farming and stock-raising. He has always resided in Greene county and his life record is in many respects worthy of emulation. His career has been characterized by practical business ability and sturdy common sense, qualities which are too often lacking. His life, too, has been in harmony with his religious belief and his friends throughout the community are many.

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#### CLEMENT W. LINKHART.

For four terms of two years each Xenia has honored Clement W. Linkhart with the mayoralty of the city and as the chief executive he has largely promoted the city's welfare, improvement and substantial up-building. His political record is one most commendable. He is known as one of the leading members of the Republican party in Greene county and his labors in its behalf have been effective and earnest. Since casting his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant, his zeal and interest in the party have never wavered, but have grown with passing years as he has studied more closely into the political situation of the country and viewed its needs from a broader standpoint. No higher testimonial of the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen could be given than the fact that

he has been continued in the position of the chief executive of Xenia through four consecutive terms, honoring the city which has honored him through the faithful performance of duty and through his effective labors in promoting its advancement along many lines that contribute to its prosperity, development and attractive appearance.

Mr. Linkhart was born in Xenia township, Greene county, on the 20th of October, 1847, his parents being Joseph and Clara (Collier) Linkhart, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Greene county. The Linkhart family is of German origin, and the grandfather of our subject, on leaving his native country, crossed the Atlantic to the Old Dominion. Later he removed to Barnesville, Belmont county, Ohio, where he remained until the father of our subject was about ten years of age, when he came to Greene county, where he spent his remaining days. Joseph Linkhart was a mechanic and early in life learned to hew timber. In early manhood he was engaged in cutting ties for the Little Miami Railroad and later he cut the timber and built the dam for the Miami Powder Works. He afterward learned the cooper's trade and for years was engaged in the manufacture of powder kegs. In this county he married Clara Collier, a native of Xenia township and a daughter of Moses Collier, one of the old settlers of Greene county. Unto Joseph and Clara Linkhart were born nine children, of whom four reached years of maturity: Clement W.; Joseph, of Colorado; Nettie, who was first married to John Cromwell and after his death became the wife of Thomas Madden, of Xenia; and Harry A., who resides in Indiana. The father lived to the age of seventy years and his wife passed away April 27, 1899, at the age of seventy

years, in our subject's home in Xenia, both being interred in Woodland cemetery.

In the district schools Clement W. Linkhart pursued his primary education and at the age of sixteen responded to his country's call for troops, enlisting on the 22d of February, 1864, as a member of Company D, Eighth Ohio Cavalry, with which he served for nearly two years, until the close of the war. He was mustered in at Columbus and the regiment was assigned to the Army of West Virginia, becoming a part of the First Brigade, Second Division, under command of General Averill. Mr. Linkhart participated in the Hunter raid, taking part in a number of skirmishes when on the way to Lynchburg and on the retreat, and at that place his company was in the thickest of the fight. Mr. Linkhart lost his horse on the first day of the battle and for several days attempted to follow his company on foot. He then fell in with the Twelfth Ohio Infantry. Its Company D was from Xenia and they rendered him much needed assistance. For five days and five nights he had been on the retreat and had not had a single bite to eat. When he was found by the Union troops he was almost exhausted. With the Twelfth Ohio he returned to Charleston, West Virginia, where he remained for a few days when some stragglers of Company D, Eighth Ohio, arrived in Charleston, and with them he was sent to Parkersburg and then to Martinsburg, where he found the greater part of his company. There he was given another horse and then went to the front. On the second day after obtaining his horse he was on the skirmish line and his horse was shot dead. He then went to the rear and was sent to Sandy Hook, and was then put on guard duty at Bolivar Heights. He was on duty in front of one

of the general's headquarters when General Sheridan made his famous ride and could hear him galloping down the valley long before he had reached his destination. On being relieved Mr. Linkhart was put on commissary duty at Harper's Ferry, but after two weeks was taken ill and from the hospital there was transferred to a hospital in Hagerstown, Maryland, and then to Harrisburg. In the fall of 1864 he was granted a thirty-days furlough and returned home. On account of ill health he remained at home for forty days and then proceeded to Columbus and Pittsburg and at the latter place was arrested because he out-staid his furlough. He was transferred to Baltimore and next to Washington and after being in the barracks facing the capitol grounds for two weeks under guard, then on to Alexandria, Virginia. Ten days later with a squad of men of his company he was sent to Grafton, West Virginia, where he was released. With fifteen others he started to march to Beverly, arriving on the 11th of January, and that night the whole Union command was captured by General Rosseau's Confederate Cavalry. The regiment lost forty men before surrendering. The Union troops were then marched to Stanton, West Virginia, enduring many hardships, and were then loaded into freight cars like cattle and sent to Libby prison, but that place was so crowded that no more could be received and these men were put in a large four-story brick warehouse across the street, afterward known as the Pemberton prison. About four hundred were put in one room on the second floor. On the 14th of February, 1865, they were paroled and transferred by rebel boat to General Butler's lines, and thence on the City of New York to Annapolis, Maryland, and after a week Mr. Linkhart was sent



home on a furlough. Several weeks later he reported for duty at Clarksburg, West Virginia, where he remained for a month in charge of several thousand horses and mules. He was mustered out of service July 30, 1865, at Clarksburg, West Virginia, transferred to Cincinnati and then proceeded to Camp Dennison, where he was paid off and finally discharged. He was a brave and loyal soldier and deserves the gratitude of his country for what he accomplished as one of the defenders of the Union.

Soon after his return Mr. Linkhart learned coopering and for fifteen years was in the employ of the Miami Powder Company, most of the time in the coopering department, but some of the time in the powder department. He also engaged in painting for that company for a time.

On the 6th of March, 1870, Mr. Linkhart married Bessie J. Clark, a native of Fairhaven, Connecticut, and a daughter of Thomas Clark, who was connected with the Miami Powder Company. He was an expert powder maker and was killed at Newburg, now a part of Cleveland. Our subject and his wife were married in Cleveland and to them were born four children, but twin daughters died in infancy and Ira Fay died at the age of eighteen months, while Clara G., the only surviving child, is the wife of Newton C. Reutinger, of Chillicothe, Ohio, by whom she has one child, Clement H.

After severing his connection with the powder company Mr. Linkhart removed to Xenia, and was employed as janitor of the courthouse, in which capacity he served for four years. In the meantime he was elected township clerk of Xenia township, and served in that capacity for three years. At the end of his service as janitor he was appointed deputy sheriff under James A. John-

son, which office he held for four years. He was elected sheriff of Greene county in 1886, taking the oath of office in January, 1887, and was re-elected in 1888, holding the office until January, 1891. He thus served for four years, when, according to the laws of Ohio, he was no longer eligible to re-election. He then lived retired for a time, but in 1892 was made the Republican candidate for mayor. Two years later he was again nominated but both times was defeated. In 1896, however, he was again nominated and this time was elected and so capably did he administer the affairs of the office that he has been continued in the position by re-election to the present time.

Fraternally he is a member of Lewis Post, No. 347, G. A. R.; Xenia Lodge, No. 52, I. O. O. F.; Elks Lodge, No. 668; and he also belongs to the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church of Xenia. He was elected to the office of president of the Ohio League of Municipalities at Columbus, January 7, 1902, an organization formed to further the interests of the cities and their officers. He is today as true to his duties of citizenship as when he wore the blue uniform of the country and fought to protect the stars and stripes upon southern battlefields. The terms progress and patriotism might be termed the keynote of his character, for throughout his career he has labored for every public interest with which he has been associated, and at all times has been actuated by a fidelity to his country and her welfare.

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#### SAMUEL W. COX.

Samuel W. Cox, one of the older residents of Yellow Springs, was born in the township of Miami, in the first house that

was built within the limits of what is now known as the village of Yellow Springs. His natal day was December 5, 1833, and his parents were Samuel W. and Elizabeth (Jones) Cox. The latter's father, Dennis Jones, who was born in Wales, and emigrated to America, married in Loudoun county, Virginia, and came to Ohio at a very early day, locating in Clark county, where he lived and died. He had followed merchandising in Virginia. The father of our subject was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. The parents were married in Georgetown, D. C., where two children were born unto them. The father was a blacksmith by trade and followed that pursuit throughout his entire life. He was employed on the Chesapeake & Ohio canal during its construction and in 1827 he came to this state, spending his first winter in Clark county, later becoming a resident of Miami township, Greene county, his home being near the springs from which the village received its name. His farm is now known as the Kneff place. There Mr. Cox lived for seven years and on the expiration of that period he purchased a place near the village, upon which he remained until called to the home beyond, when he was seventy-seven years of age. At the time of the war of 1812 he joined the army, but remained at the front only a short time. He served as postmaster of the village of Yellow Springs, under the administration of James K. Polk, for four years, and was a stanch advocate of the Democratic party and its principles. His wife survived him for twenty years, passing away about seven years ago. Both were consistent and faithful members of the Methodist church and Mrs. Cox, the mother of our subject, was one of the twelve who organized the first Methodist church in

Yellow Springs. In their family were ten children, five of whom are yet living.

Samuel W. Cox learned the blacksmith's trade of his father, and followed that pursuit at Yellow Springs for forty-five years, when he retired. This in brief is the history of his business career and one must read between the lines in order to learn of the untiring activity, the good workmanship, his honesty in all trade relations and his unfaltering perseverance. All who knew him recognized these sterling traits in his business life and thereby he won a liberal patronage and eventually secured a comfortable competence which now enables him to rest from further labor in his pleasant home in the village of Yellow Springs. He has been a prominent factor in public life here and for the past fifteen years has filled the position of treasurer of the village. He has also been a member of the school board and for seventeen years has been treasurer of Miami township. In matters of citizenship he has always been loyal and faithful and this has been manifest not only in public office, for at the time of the Civil war he joined the army for one hundred days' service as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry, and on the expiration of that term he re-enlisted as a member of Company K, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He participated in a number of battles and skirmishes and was at length discharged in Columbus, Ohio, holding the rank of sergeant at the time he was mustered out.

Before he went to the war Mr. Cox was married. It was on the 4th of December, 1855, that he was joined in wedlock to Mary J. Rice, a daughter of Edward and Alviza (Sparrow) Rice. By this union were born

four children, all of whom are deceased, Cora J. having died at the age of eleven months, Edward W. at the age of nineteen years, Mary F. when nineteen years of age, and Franklin R. in infancy. Mrs. Cox was born in Maine, and in 1851 came with her parents to Ohio. Her father was superintendent of the construction of Antioch College, and afterward became treasurer of the institution, continuing in that position for about three years. He then went to Oxford and built an addition to the college there. Throughout the greater part of his business career he was a carpenter and contractor, successfully carrying on the work which he had chosen as a life vocation. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cox, when about eighty years of age, and his wife passed away about twenty-two years ago. Both held membership in the Christian church and were people who enjoyed in a high measure the confidence and respect of their fellow men.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox have long been members of the Methodist church, in which he has served as trustee for many years. They have a large circle of friends in Yellow Springs and throughout the surrounding country, and are highly esteemed by all with whom they have been brought in contact. Throughout his entire life Mr. Cox has resided in this locality and at all times his allegiance to public welfare has been a marked trait in his career.



#### SAMUEL FRANKLIN WOODWARD.

Samuel Franklin Woodward, of Osborn, is now living a retired life, although for many years he was identified with agricult-

ural pursuits. He was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1830, and is a son of John and Mary (Foster) Woodward. The family is of English lineage and the ancestry can be traced back to one of six brothers. Five of these brothers were over six feet in height and were in the King's Guard. The one who was under six feet came to America, settling in Massachusetts, and was the founder of the family in the United States. John Woodward, who was born in Massachusetts, removed to Vermont when a young man and there operated a farm until 1809, when he took up his abode in Cortland county, New York. Seven years later he removed to Crawford county, Pennsylvania, settling in Spring township, where he purchased land and became a prominent, influential and well-to-do agriculturist. When he was a young man he served for one year with the Green Mountain boys in the Revolutionary war under that brave and intrepid officer, Colonel Ethan Allen. He married into the Washburn family, which is still one of the prominent and well known families of Vermont.

To John Woodward and his wife was born a son named for his father, John. His birth occurred near Rochester, Vermont, in 1795, and he removed with his father to the Empire state when but fourteen years of age. After his parents removed to Pennsylvania he lived for a year in Genesee county, New York, and then joined his father and mother in the Keystone state. Becoming a farmer there, he accumulated some money and became the possessor of one hundred and fifty acres of land. In politics he was a Republican from 1856, when that party was first organized, and held sev-







MRS. S. F. WOODWARD.



S. F. WOODWARD.





eral township offices, while his religious faith was with the New Light, or Christian, church. He remained upon a farm until he reached the age of four-score years, when he sold his property and for two years lived with his daughter in Winneshiek county, Iowa. He then spent nine years with his son, Samuel F. Woodward, and then went to live with another son at Girard, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred February 24, 1889, his remains being interred in Spring township, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, where he had lived for so many years. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mary Foster, and was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1794, there remaining until she was eight years of age, when she accompanied her parents to Crawford county, where she was married to John Woodward in 1819. She possessed great activity of both mind and body, and was particularly skillful in any kind of housewifely arts, including weaving. She possessed much natural skill as a mathematician and in her life displayed many graces of character and kindly acts which endeared her to all who knew her. She entered into eternal rest in 1856, at the age of sixty-two years. Her father, George Foster, was born in the north of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, was a farmer by occupation and was married near Belfast.

Unto John Woodward and his wife were born six children, of whom Mrs. Mary J. Nicholson, the eldest, died in Hamilton county, Iowa; Charlotte, who became Mrs. Huntley, died in Erie county, Pennsylvania; John, who was a lieutenant in the Pennsylvania militia, is now living in Erie county, that state; Caroline is the wife of H. P.

Nicholson, a resident of Winneshiek county, Iowa; and George died in 1863, six months after his marriage. He had great talent as a portrait painter, and had he lived would doubtless have become famous in that line. His own portrait, painted by himself, now hangs in his brother's residence in Osborn as an evidence of his remarkable talent.

Samuel Franklin Woodward was the fifth of the family in order of birth. He received a common-school education, and displayed more than the ordinary talent for learning. He seemed to have inherited his mother's mathematical ability and at the age of nineteen he began teaching in his own township. In the summer months he attended Kingsville Academy in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1853. While in school he never had but one fellow pupil who was his equal in mathematics, and he earned much of his tuition money by acting as teacher of mathematics and surveying. In 1853 he filled the chair of mathematics in his alma mater for four and one-half months during the absence of the regular professor, and he is still one of the best mathematicians in the county. Among his fellow students in college were J. C. Burrows, who is now representing the state of Michigan in the United States senate; J. B. Burrows, now a lawyer of Painesville, Ohio; also S. W. and A. W. Chapman, E. H. Gilkey and many other prominent men who have attained eminence in national fame.

In 1854 Mr. Woodward started westward, journeying by way of the canal to the Ohio river, thence proceeding down the latter river by steamer to Maysville, Kentucky. He had intended stopping at that place and

teaching, but was dissatisfied and soon afterward made his way to Iowa, where he remained two months. During that time he invested some money in real estate, buying government land in Black Hawk county. Two or three years later he purchased more land lying in Webster county, Iowa, and at one time he owned over four hundred acres, but has since disposed of all of it. After two months spent in Iowa Mr. Woodward returned to Pennsylvania and in August, 1854, went to Montgomery county, Ohio, on the opposite side of Mad river from Osborn, in this county. There he began teaching, remaining in Montgomery county until 1859, when he located in Osborn, where he followed educational work until 1860. On the expiration of that period he became principal of the school at Fairfield. In 1862 Mr. Woodward began dealing in fruit trees and successfully followed that business for twelve years. During the first five years he traveled with his men and always came in at the end of the week with the largest sales. His motto was: "One thing at a time and that well done." He was very successful, and by honest dealing made an excellent reputation for himself and the firm. In one day he delivered seventy-three thousand dollars' worth of goods and received sixty-five hundred dollars and twenty-three cents, in cash. He has done from twenty to sixty thousand dollars' worth of business in one year. In 1874, feeling that the oversight of so large a business was too severe a strain, he retired and invested his money in real estate. On the 1st of April, 1875, he broke ground for his large fine brick home, which is of modern architectural design. He oversaw the erection of this building and on the 24th of November he moved into the house,

which is one of the finest in this section of the county, costing about ten thousand dollars. It is surrounded by a beautiful and well kept lawn, and the house in the interior is designed in white walnut. He also has a very select library of many choice volumes.

On the 10th of November, 1856, Mr. Woodward was united in marriage to Mary C. Sloan, a native of Wayne township, Montgomery county, Ohio. She was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1833, and was only a year old when her parents came to Ohio, the journey being made in a one-horse covered wagon. Mrs. Woodward received a good education, and at the age of eighteen years began teaching, but, not finding the work congenial, she discontinued it after nine months. She was a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Crook) Sloan. Her father was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, in that part which was afterward cut off to form Dauphin county. He was a son of John Sloan, a native of that county, of Scotch-Irish descent. In 1833 he came to Wayne township, Montgomery county. Alexander Sloan followed his father's occupation—farming,—but being a natural mechanic, able to make anything out of wood, he became a fine cabinet-maker, and also did the carpenter work upon his farm at Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. In 1834 he also came to Ohio, locating near his father, where he continued agricultural pursuits for a number of years and then turned his attention to loaning money. Elizabeth Crook, his wife, was born in Somersetshire, England, and came to America when four years of age. She was the mother of seven children, five of whom are now living:



James S., who resides upon the old homestead farm in Wayne township, Montgomery county; Elizabeth S., who resides with our subject; Lucinda R., now Mrs. Powell, of Champaign county, Ohio; and William H., who is a farmer of the same county. Mrs. Woodward has always manifested considerable poetic ability and talent, but she never devoted her time to literary work until 1880, since which time she has given much attention to the writing of poetry. She has published a book of miscellaneous poems entitled, "Roses and Thorns," and has another book almost ready for publication, called "Darkness and Dawn." She writes upon local and national themes and many of her poems have elicited the highest commendation from capable critics. She has a broad mind and deep sympathy added to her artistic temperament, and her literary work is of a very high character. We take pleasure in publishing at the end of this review one of her poems that gives a glimpse of the old educational institution of learning of the pioneer days, and thus possesses historic value. The reader will see that the merit of the poem is so great that no "apologies" should be made to Woodworth for its copying his metre. It is the equal of "The Old Oaken Bucket" in pathetic description, and will carry the memory of all of our older readers back to the days when they went to the "deestrick" school in the log house of the early days, with its hewed log benches, succeeded later by rough lumber benches. Mrs. Woodward was a "scholar" in the log schoolhouse she so fittingly describes, and the Rev. D. Berger, of Dayton, Ohio, was there one of her teachers.

In his political views Mr. Woodward is a Republican, having supported the party since its organization. Prior to that time he was a member of the Free Soil party. For five years he served on the Republican central committee, and at various times has been a delegate to the county and state conventions. He was also a member of the first school board of Osborn, and for twenty consecutive years filled that position with the exception of a brief period of two years. He was also clerk of the board at the time of the building of the schoolhouse. He served as a member of the first town council of Osborn and continued in that position for fifteen years. In 1890 he was a member of the state board of equalization. He has always been very active in politics but of late years has largely left political work to younger men. Mr. Woodward is a Rationalist, while his wife is a Spiritualist. He is a Mason, having attained the Royal Arch degree, while with the lodge at New Carlisle he is connected. He has been three times a delegate to the grand lodge and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity of Osborn. Mr. Woodward may well be called a self-made man, as his advancement in life has come as the direct result of his earnest and capable efforts, his judicious management and careful investments. He stands to-day a strong man; strong in his individuality; strong in purpose and in his good name; and his wide acquaintance in Greene county has gained for him many friends who hold him in the highest regard for his many excellencies of character.

The following is the poem written by Mrs. Woodworth:

## THE OLD LOG SCHOOLHOUSE.

(With a mental apology to the spirit of Samuel Woodworth).

How oft' like a dream of the golden-hued morning,

The visions of childhood rise up to my view,

And backward I hie me to youth's radiant morning,

When life was all brightness and skies were all blue;

The sweetest and dearest of all youthful pleasures,

With fondness and love I remember them still,

Came to my young life when I carried my treasures—

My books—to the schoolhouse on top of the hill.

The dear old log schoolhouse,

The time-honored schoolhouse,

The schoolhouse that stood on the top of the hill.

I loved the old schoolhouse, though woodsy and homely,

With long high-backed desks standing back 'gainst the wall,

With little high windows to let in the sunlight,

And long, narrow benches with no backs at all.

The tall spreading trees, which were scattered around it,

Their tops stretching skyward, I gaze on them still,

And many the pleasures we gleaned from the streamlet—

The streamlet that ran by the foot of the hill.

The beautiful streamlet,

The clear limpid streamlet,

The streamlet that ran by the foot of the hill.

When lessons were ended, and lunch we had taken,

We'd play base and blackman, and have rarest fun;

Or, gather in groups, and tell stories and riddles,

And swift flew the moments till school hours begun.

Blest years of my childhood! O, halcyon school days,

Though long years have flown, how I cherish you still;

The fondest and sweetest of memory's pleasures,

Cling 'round the old schoolhouse on top of the hill.

The dear old log schoolhouse,

The time-honored schoolhouse,

The schoolhouse that stood on the top of the hill.

The old \*pig-pen tree, how we loved to explore it,

And wonder how long since its life first begun;

How long since its branches first swayed in the breezes,

And lifted its head to the life-giving sun.

Though life has been checkered by many a sorrow,

Fond mem'ry turns back to the old places still,

Though gone the old land-marks, I fondly remember

The dear old log schoolhouse on top of the hill.

The time-honored schoolhouse,

The dear old log schoolhouse,

The schoolhouse that stood on the top of the hill.

The old spelling matches, O how we enjoyed them,

'Twas Anna and David, and Mary and John

Were always first chosen; we vied with each other,

And great was the generous rivalry shown.

Our spelling quartet has been scattered and broken,

And one has passed on, but we think of him still;

We greet him no longer—his form lies enshrouded

Far, far from the schoolhouse on top of the hill.

The dear old log schoolhouse,

The time-honored schoolhouse,

The schoolhouse that stood on the top of the hill.

My teachers in mem'ry all rise up before me,

I look in their faces—their voices I hear;

Their kind commendations when lessons were perfect,

Their generous praise which to each was so dear.

They all have passed on, and their mem'ry I cherish,

The old house is gone, yet I gaze on it still,

Like all mundane things, it was destined to perish,

The dear old log schoolhouse on top of hill.

The time-honored schoolhouse,

The dear old log schoolhouse,

That stood all alone on the top of the hill.

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\*An immense hollow tree in which pigs slept.

MARY C. SLOAN WOODWARD.  
Osborn, Ohio, June 5, 1902.

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DAVID B. WATT.

The occupation to which he was reared David B. Watt has made his life work, for he is still following farming and stock-rais-

ing in Xenia township, owning a valuable tract of land of one hundred and fifty acres on the Jamestown pike, the rich fields, highly cultivated, bringing to him a good return for his labor.

Mr. Watt was born in this township, February 21, 1855, and is of Scotch descent. His parents, William and Sarah G. (Caruthers) Watt, were both natives of Scotland, and the former having spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native land, came to the United States when twenty-one years of age, spending a short time in New York city, where he worked at the carpenter's trade, which he had learned in the land of his birth. Continuing his westward journey he established his home in Bainbridge, Ohio, where he followed carpentering and building until 1849, when he came to Greene county, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in Xenia township. He purchased the farm of one hundred acres upon which our subject was born, and to that property he added from time to time. After some years he removed to Cedarville township, where he bought a tract of land upon which he remained for twenty-three years, when he retired from active business life and removed to Xenia, there to spend his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. He took up his abode there about 1884 and his death there occurred on the 6th of June, 1894, when he was seventy-nine years of age. Throughout the greater part of his active business life he had followed general farming and stock-raising and had prospered in his undertakings. Truly a self-made man, he came to this country with nothing but the tools which enabled him to work at carpentering, and as the years passed his industry and enterprise brought to him a very gratifying competence. A Republican



in politics, he took a deep interest in the growth and success of his party, doing all in his power to promote its advancement. About 1874 he was elected and served as county commissioner. In early life he was identified with the Whig party. Long a consistent Christian, holding membership in the Presbyterian church, for many years he served as one of its elders. He was laid to rest in Woodland cemetery, at Xenia, and his wife, surviving him about two years, passed away June 9, 1896, and was then laid by his side. She was in her seventy-ninth year at the time of her death. Before her marriage she was a member of the United Presbyterian church, but afterward placed her membership in the church to which her husband belonged. She was always active and interested in church work and her services in that regard were very valuable.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Watt were born ten children: Mary E., now the wife of D. H. Cherry, a resident farmer of Xenia township; Sarah J., the wife of Warren Johnson, of Wichita, Kansas, where he is engaged in the raising of fruit and vegetables; Margaret E., who died at the age of eighteen years; James B., who is engaged in the wholesale clothing business in Chicago; John C., a minister of the Presbyterian church, of Columbus, Ohio; Agnes G., the wife of R. H. Nash; David B., of this review; Robert C., who is a farmer and stock-raiser living near Cedarville, in Cedarville township; Emily H., who died at the age of four years; and Rosetta, who died at the age of eighteen months.

David B. Watt spent the first ten years of his life upon the home farm in Xenia township and then went with his parents to Cedarville township, where he remained for fourteen years, removing thence to his pres-

ent farm on the Jamestown pike, in his native township. While under the parental roof he had received ample training in the work of the farm, early becoming familiar with the labors of field and meadow and the best methods of caring for stock. In the public schools he had acquired a good English education and was thus well equipped for the practical duties of business life when he started out on his own account.

In 1880 Mr. Watt was united in marriage to Miss Annie Fleming, who was born in Franklin, Ohio, and removed to this county when about six years of age. Her parents were Joseph B. and Margaret (Bosserman) Fleming. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and was a tinner by trade, following that pursuit throughout the greater part of his active business life. He was also interested in the canning factory in Xenia. He is still residing in Xenia and is now connected with the Baldner Motor Company. The mother of Mrs. Watt is still living as is her grandmother. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children: William F., who is engaged in farming with his father; Robert Bigger and Jennie May. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and are widely and favorably known in this community. Throughout their married life they have resided upon their present farm which Mr. Watt purchased in the spring of 1880. Here he has one hundred and fifty acres of rich land and in the conduct of general farming and stock-raising he is meeting with creditable success. He has for twenty-five years made a specialty of raising Cotswold sheep, being the first to introduce the variety in this section of the state, and he usually keeps a number of imported sheep at the head of his flock. He has taken many premiums at the county

as well as the state fairs. In politics he is an active Republican, but is not an aspirant for office.

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F. M. KENT, M. D.

The state of Ohio with its pulsing industrial activities and rapid development has within its confines many men of marked ability and high character in the various professional lines. He whose name initiates this review has gained recognition as one of the able and successful physicians of Greene county, and by his labors, his high professional attainments and his sterling characteristics has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held by the medical fraternity and the local public. He makes his home in Spring Valley, but was born in Bellbrook, Greene county, August 31, 1864, his parents being George W. and Mary (Snodgrass) Kent. The father, who was probably born in Montgomery county, this state, was a tailor in early life and later purchased a small tract of land near Bellbrook, whereon he spent the greater part of his life, but his last days were passed in Spring Valley, where he died, when about seventy-three years of age. His widow is still living there. In their family were four children, of whom the Doctor is the youngest, the others being E. M., a grocer of Spring Valley; E. S., who is engaged in conducting a men's furnishing store in Dayton; Ida, the wife of Dr. W. H. Finley, of Xenia.

The Doctor spent his early life upon his father's farm at Bellbrook, where he continued until 1883. His early education, obtained in the district schools, was supplemented by study in the Normal School at Lebanon and at Yellow Springs, and when

nineteen years of age he began teaching, following that profession in Spring Valley and in Sugarcreek township for four years. He began preparation for the practice of medicine as a student in the office of Dr. Finley of Spring Valley, and in 1887 matriculated in the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, in which he was graduated in 1889. He began practice in Lowell, Ohio, where he remained for a year and a half, and had a good patronage from the beginning, but seeking a broader field of labor he came to Spring Valley and has here practiced with success, owing to his ability and close attention to his professional duties.

The Doctor was married at the home of the bride in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, June 3, 1891, to Miss Martha Graham, a daughter of the Rev. T. B. and Abigail (Taylor) Graham. She is a lady of superior culture and knowledge, who was educated in the common schools and at Adrian, Michigan, and afterward engaged in teaching school for several years. She was teaching in Bellbrook when she became acquainted with the Doctor. Her parents still reside at Richwood, Ohio. The Doctor and Mrs. Kent have three children, Kathleen, George Graham and Thomas Marion, all born in Spring Valley.

Dr. Kent votes with the Democracy and in 1893 was appointed a pension examiner and served for five years. He is a member of Spring Valley Lodge, No. 302, I. O. O. F., is its examiner, and in the present year, 1902, he became a member of Xenia Lodge, No. 668, B. P. O. E. In the line of his profession he is connected with the Greene County Medical Society and with the State and National Medical Societies and by the interchange of thought which forms a feature of those organizations he keeps in touch

with the progress which is continually carrying the science of medicine toward perfection. His life is a busy one, so frequent are the demands made upon his professional skill, and it is therefore well that he takes a deep and abiding interest in his work, in which he has attained a high degree of proficiency.

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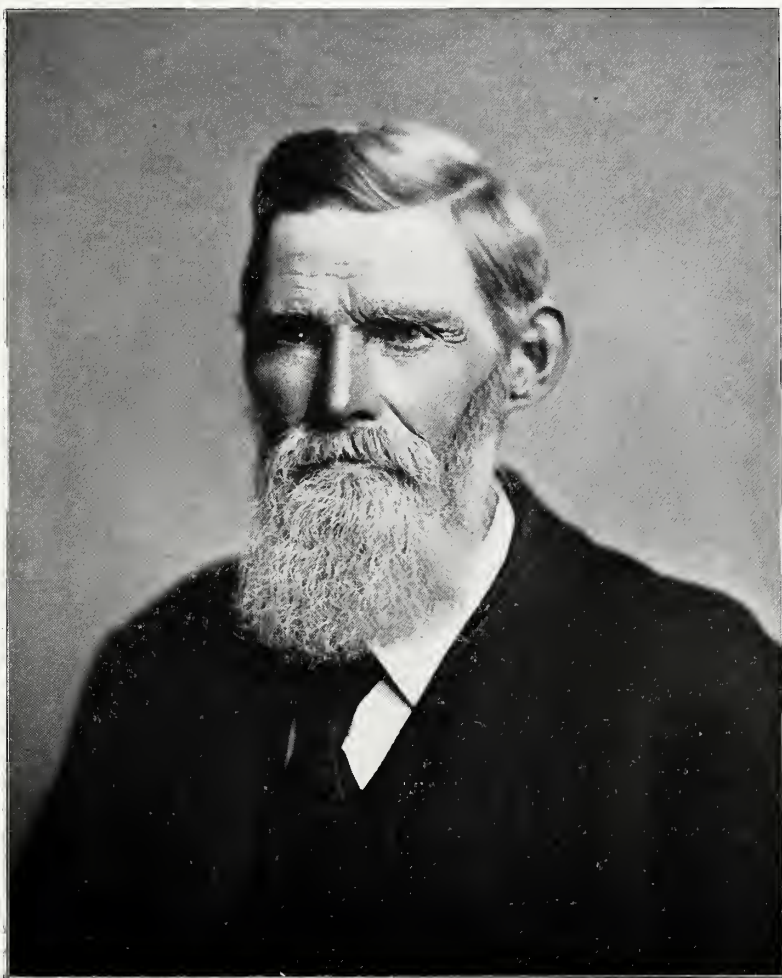
### MATHEW C. ALEXANDER.

Mathew C. Alexander, who is a representative of the farming interests of Greene county, was born in Xenia township, January 3, 1825, and is still living within its borders. His parents were John and Rebecca (Hook) Alexander. The father was born near Wheeling, West Virginia, and the mother was a native of the Old Dominion. The former came to Greene county with his parents, Mathew and Isabella (Kendall) Alexander. The family has ever been noted for loyalty in citizenship, a characteristic that has been manifested by valiant military service. The grandfather of our subject had two brothers who laid down their lives on the altar of their country at the battle of Brandywine in the Revolutionary war. John Alexander offered his services to the government in the war of 1812. After coming to this country he was married to Rebecca Hook and they took up their abode upon a farm, the cultivation of which claimed his attention throughout the years of his business career. He was industrious, energetic and reliable, and all who knew him entertained for him respect and confidence. His political support was given the Democracy, and both he and his wife were

valued and consistent members of the United Presbyterian church. His death occurred in 1865, and Mrs. Alexander survived for only about a year, passing away in 1866, at which time her remains were interred by those of her husband's, in the Xenia cemetery. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mathew Clark is the eldest, the others being: Mary L., the widow of Simpson Drake, and a resident of California; James H., who is living in Buchanan county, Iowa; John, deceased; Isabella, who is living with our subject; George, who has passed away; Charles G., who died of typhoid fever in the army while serving as a member of Company D, Seventy-fourth Ohio Infantry; and Josephine, who lives with her brother, Mathew.

In the common schools near his home Mathew Clark Alexander pursued his education, becoming familiar with the branches of learning which fit one for life's practical duties. He also received ample training in farm labor, early becoming familiar with the duties of the field and meadow, and he and his two sisters reside upon a part of the old homestead, where he operates two hundred and thirty-three acres of land in the eastern part of Xenia township. He has placed his farm under a high state of cultivation, devoting his energies to the raising of crops best adapted to this climate, and also to stock-raising, making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs. His business is well conducted and his careful supervision and capable management have brought to him success in his undertakings. He represents a worthy family that from pioneer days has been actively and honorably identified with the history of Greene county.





M. C. ALEXANDER.



## JAMES H. DAUGHERTY.

Carlyle has said that "biography is the most interesting as well as the most profitable of all reading." It serves the two-fold purpose of honoring the living and perpetuating the memory of those who have at one time occupied a position of prominence and distinction in any of the avenues of life which contribute to the world's progress. James H. Daugherty was for some years an active factor in business circles in Greene county and his efforts were so discerningly directed that he won creditable success, while his uniform honesty and reliability gained for him an honored name.

A native of Greene county, he was born near Spring Valley, on the 14th of January, 1827, his parents being Michael and Lucinda (McReynolds) Daugherty. Being identified with mercantile interests he carried on a general store at Spring Valley in connection with his father for several years. After selling his interest in that enterprise he built a mill for the manufacture of linseed oil about two miles from Spring Valley. There he carried on an extensive and successful business, giving employment to a large force of operatives. He remained there until his retirement from active business life, in 1880, at which time he removed to Xenia, where his remaining days were passed. He had conducted all his business affairs with keen discernment and unfaltering honesty and his capable management and unflagging industry brought to him very creditable and desirable success. He became one of the prosperous residents of the county and the last six years of his life were spent in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

Mr. Daugherty was twice married. He first wedded Miss Pamela Goe, and unto them was born a son, Charles M. Later our

subject was joined in wedlock to Miss Cynthia Compton, a daughter of Henry Compton, who was a native of North Carolina, but had been brought to Greene county when eight years of age. The second marriage of Mr. Daugherty was celebrated on the 15th of August, 1860, and was blessed with two children, but Ella E. died at the age of eight months, while Rosa D. became the wife of F. N. Shaffer. Mr. Daugherty died in August, 1886. In his death Xenia lost one of its worthy citizens, for he was a man of sterling worth, possessed of characteristics that endeared him to many friends. His life was at all times guided by principles of an upright manhood, by reliability in business, by fidelity to every trust reposed in him, and when death came he left behind him an untarnished record.

## FRANK NEWTON SHAFFER.

The life span of Frank N. Shaffer covered but thirty-five years, yet within that time he attained an enviable reputation at the bar and developed a character of upright manhood that endeared him to all with whom he was associated and made his death one deeply regretted throughout the entire community as well as in his own household. Mr. Shaffer was born in Xenia, on the 3d of September, 1865, and was a son of the Rev. J. F. Shaffer. He was reared amid the refining influences of a good Christian home and his boyhood's training left its impress upon his life. He acquired his literary education in the public schools of Xenia and Wittenberg College, of Springfield, Ohio, in which he was graduated on the completion of the regular course with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For one year thereafter he engaged in teaching school in Missouri, but with a desire to become a member of the



legal profession he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and after completing his studies there was admitted to the bar of Ohio in June, 1888, upon passing a successful examination. He located for practice in Xenia, and here in his native city Mr. Shaffer soon won a good clientage. He possessed strong mentality, keen analytical power, was logical in argument, forceful in his presentation of a case and won a position of distinction at the bar.

On the 25th of September, 1888, Mr. Shaffer was united in marriage to Miss Rosa D. Daugherty, a daughter of James H. and Cynthia (Compton) Daugherty. They became the parents of one daughter, Louisa B., a bright little girl, whose birth occurred January 5, 1895. It was on the 17th of September, 1900, that Mr. Shaffer was called to his final rest and the community mourned the loss of one of its valued and representative men. He was popular in social circles because of his unfailing courtesy, his deference to the opinions of others and his deep and never failing interest in his fellow man. He was always found on the side of progress and improvement and was a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as deacon. Faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation, he will long be remembered by those who knew him as a man of genuine worth, deserving of the highest regard.

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LEWIS A. KEMP.

Lewis A. Kemp is enjoying a well earned rest after years of active labor in the fields. He is an honored retired farmer liv-

ing in Bellbrook where he has many warm friends who esteem him highly for his genuine worth. He was born on a farm two miles east of Dayton, Ohio, in Montgomery county, July 30, 1825, and is a son of Isaac and Margaret (Herring) Kemp. The father was born in Frederick county, Maryland, about 1786, and the mother's birth occurred near Basil, Switzerland, about 1798. When three years of age she was brought to America, the family locating in Frederick county, Maryland. Her father was quite unfortunate in that he had his barn destroyed by lightning and seven years later he had another barn burned in the same way. He also experienced difficulty in obtaining possession of property because of a law which forbade a foreigner to hold land. Therefore he left the south and made his way to Greene county, Ohio, about 1805. Here he purchased a section of land on Beaver creek. The same year Ludwig Kemp, the paternal grandfather of our subject, arrived in Ohio and purchased a tract of land near Dayton, to which he removed his family in the spring of 1806. Isaac Kemp was then not quite twenty-one years of age. He remained in Ohio until the following autumn, when he returned to Maryland in order to attend school there. Later he engaged in teaching and during the war of 1812 he was in Maryland at the time two drafts were made, but was not physically able for service. About 1813 he returned to Ohio and entered into partnership with his father in the distillery business. In 1823 he was married on the Herring farm, in Beavercreek township, to Margaret Herring, whose father gave him sixty acres of land near Dayton, and upon that tract he built a hewed log house, making it his

home throughout life. Later, however, the house was covered with weather-boarding, and otherwise modernized. Five children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Kemp, but only three reached mature years, including Lewis A. and his twin brother, Jacob H., who for a few years engaged in the grocery business in Dayton, and later became a farmer of Beavercreek township, Greene county. He married Ellen LaFong, who is still living in Beavercreek, but the brother of our subject, died in January, 1900, leaving three children. The other brother, John D. Kemp, became a practicing physician after graduating from the Baltimore University. He taught school in order to earn the money that enabled him to complete his college course, together with that furnished him by the subject of this review. He married Harriet Holdeman at Emporia, Kansas, having known her, however, in Montgomery county, Ohio. Establishing an office in Dayton, he there successfully practiced until April 17, 1884, when he departed this life, leaving one child. While practicing in Vandalia, he was elected to the lower house of the state legislature by the Democratic party, serving for two terms, covering four years. He was then elected to the state senate to represent Preble and Montgomery counties and was an active and valued member of the assembly, leaving the impress of his individuality upon the legislation enacted during his service. He was also a director of the Southern Asylum at Dayton, filling that position at the time of his death, which resulted from an injury caused by his horse running away. He was then about fifty-four years of age, having been born in 1830. Thus it is that Lewis A. Kemp is the only surviving member of the family. He is well

known, not only in Bellbrook, but throughout Montgomery and Greene counties, where he has a large circle of friends.

During his boyhood Mr. Kemp remained upon the home farm, attended the county schools and there studied surveying. He afterward engaged in teaching and later was for some time a student in the schools of Dayton. He afterward resumed his work as an educator and followed the profession altogether for about twelve years, beginning when he was twenty-one years of age. At length, however, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, operating his father's farm, and through a long period he successfully carried on business along that line. When he had acquired a considerable competence he resolved to enjoy a good rest from labor and well does he merit this retirement, for in former years his career was one of unflagging industry, enterprise and unfaltering honesty.

On the 24th of March, 1859, in Montgomery county, Lewis A. Kemp was married to Hester Ann Taylor, whose birth occurred on the farm where their marriage was celebrated. They remained in Montgomery county until 1875 when Mr. Kemp came with his family to Greene county, having purchased two hundred and four acres of land near Bellbrook. He also, however, retains possession of one hundred and twenty-four acres in Montgomery county. Six children have been born to this marriage: Stephen A., who resides near Emporia, Kansas, where he is engaged in cattle raising, was married in that state to Mrs. Ida Stanford. John died at the age of three years. Josephine is the wife of W. E. Strain, of Greenville, Ohio, and has two sons. Lewis Augustus is engaged in the

cattle business at Emporia, Kansas. Addie is the wife of Walter Weller, of Montgomery county, and has one daughter. Horace S., who is operating his father's farm in Greene county, was married near Emporia, Kansas, to Ida David, and has two children. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in September, 1890, at the age of fifty-seven years and eleven months and was laid to rest in Bellbrook cemetery. On the 15th of June, 1896, Mr. Kemp was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary E. Harris, nee Brown, of Bellbrook. She was born in Sugarcreek township, a daughter of George and Matilda (Peoples) Brown. She was first married March 14, 1874, to Clinton Harris and they had three sons, Claude, of Sugarcreek township; James Leroy, also of the same township, who married Catherine Avey and has one child; and George E., who married Ethel Vaughan and lives in Dayton.

Since casting his first presidential vote for Cass in 1848, Mr. Kemp has been a staunch Democrat. He was appointed to serve for three years as school commissioner of Montgomery county. The probate judge wished to re-appoint him but sent him word that he would not give the office to a Val-landingham man, whereupon Mr. Kemp returned the message that he was for Val-landingham and therefore did not get the office, but he had the satisfaction of knowing that he had stood firmly by his belief. He served for two terms as township trustee and one year as assessor of Mad River township. He has been a member of the school board for fourteen years, was township clerk of Mad River township, filling the office at the time he removed to Greene county. For eighteen years he has been a member of the school board of Bellbrook.

#### C. H. KYLE.

Professional advancement in the law is proverbially slow. The first element of success is, perhaps, a persistency of purpose and effort as enduring as the force of gravity. But, as in any other calling, aptitude, character and individuality are the qualities which differentiate the usual from the unusual; the vocation from the career of the lawyer. Possessing all the essential characteristics of the successful lawyer, C. H. Kyle has advanced to a prominent position in the legal fraternity of Greene county. He makes his home in Xenia and is numbered among Ohio's native sons, for his birth occurred in Cedarville, Greene county, April 30, 1858, his parents being James and Maria J. (Tarbox) Kyle; the former a native of the Buckeye state, and the latter of Maine.

Judge Samuel Kyle, the grandfather of our subject, came to Ohio in 1804 and located in what is now Cedarville township, Greene county, removing to this state from Kentucky. He was one of the most extensive and prominent farmers of this section of the state, owning and operating twelve hundred acres of land. He was also a surveyor in the early days and was actively connected with surveying the county, his efforts contributing in no small degree to the progress and improvement of the community. In public affairs he was most faithful, reliable and capable, as is indicated by thirty-five years' service as associate judge. He left the impress of his individuality upon the judicial history as well as upon the improvement of the county along material lines and passed away at the age of seventy-eight years.

James Kyle, the father of our subject,



followed farming throughout his entire life, being for many years a representative of agricultural interests in Cedarville township, but later he retired, living in Xenia in the enjoyment of the fruits of his farm labor. He died September 4, 1897, aged seventy-seven years. His wife died in 1860. He had three children: Dr. J. M. Kyle, a Presbyterian missionary of Brazil, South America; Mary Ellen, who died in 1865 at the age of seven years; and C. H., the subject of this review.

C. H. Kyle pursued the greater part of his education in the schools of Cedarville, but afterward entered Wooster University, at Wooster, Ohio, an institution under the care of the Presbyterian church. He there pursued a classical course and won the degree of Master of Arts in 1879. After his graduation he began the study of law in the office of Judge Munger, of Xenia, who directed his reading for two years, and on the expiration of that period he became a member of the senior class of the Cincinnati Law School, in which he was graduated in 1882 with the degree of LL.B. When he completed his law course and had been admitted to the bar he came to Xenia in 1883, and for almost twenty years has been a practitioner at the bar of Greene county. He is actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community, and one which has long been considered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. His reputation as a lawyer has been won through earnest, honest labor, and his standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability.

On the 9th of August, 1886, Mr. Kyle was married to Emma J. McMillan, of

Xenia, a daughter of James and C. Mary McMillan, the former a retired merchant of this city. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle has been blessed with three children, as follows: James Porter, Mary Olive, and Ruth McMillan, all attending the public schools of Xenia. The parents hold membership in the Third United Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Kyle is one of the trustees. For a number of years he has also been a member of the board of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is one of the board of directors and the attorney for the Citizens' National Bank of Xenia. His clientage has become of a distinctively representative character and claims his entire attention, and in the legal profession he has advanced to a position prominent among the most skillful lawyers in his district.

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#### JOHN R. RIDENOUR.

In an analyzation of the life, the work and the character of John R. Ridenour it is evident that undaunted enterprise, indomitable purpose and resolute principles have ever been potent elements in his career and have been the means of advancing him to a prominent position in the county in which he makes his home. He is now serving as postmaster of Alpha and there conducts a grocery store, being a well known factor in mercantile interests of that place.

Mr. Ridenour was born in Beavercreek township, July 20, 1835, and is a son of Henry and Mary Ann (Hyland) Ridenour. His father was born in Martinsburg, Berkeley county, West Virginia, in November, 1804, and the mother was born in Washington county, Maryland, near Hagerstown.

Henry Ridenour came to Ohio in the year 1828, at which time he located in Seneca county, where he engaged in farming. After two years, however, he returned to Maryland and was there married in March, 1830. Immediately afterward he brought his bride to Ohio and this time settled in Knox county, but in the spring of 1833 he removed to Greene county, taking up his abode near where the village of Alpha now stands. Here he engaged in the operation of rented land until 1855, when with the capital he had acquired through his own efforts, he purchased sixty-five acres of land. To this he afterward added and at the time of his death was the owner of a good farm of ninety-five acres. He gave his political support to the Democratic principles as advocated by Jackson until 1856, when he espoused the cause of the new Republican party and was one of its staunch adherents throughout his remaining days. His death occurred December 8, 1880, and his wife, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, died March 1, 1876, their remains being interred in Beaver cemetery. In their family were three sons and two daughters: Anna P., a resident of Xenia; John R., of this review; Upton H., who was killed in a runaway accident in December, 1862; Thomas Jefferson, of Osborn, this county; and Mary E., who is living in Xenia.

After acquiring a common school education, John R. Ridenour devoted his entire time to farm work until he entered the army. He attempted to enlist in 1862 but did not pass muster and it was not until the 2d of May, 1864, that he was received as one of the defenders of the Union in the field of battle. In June, 1863, he had become a member of the National Guard in the township and was mustered in at Camp Denni-

son in the following May as second sergeant of Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry. The regiment participated in the battle of New Creek and was engaged in scouting and guard duty. In September, 1864, Mr. Ridenour was mustered out and returned home, resuming the quiet pursuits of the farm, where he remained for a year and a half. After his marriage he then purchased property near the fair grounds at Xenia, continuing to engage in the tilling of the soil there until 1886, when he sold that farm and bought land in the western part of Beavercreek township, making his home at that place for three and one-half years. On the expiration of that period he came to Alpha and in September, 1889, began the erection of the building which he now occupies as a store and postoffice.

On the 30th of September, 1874, Mr. Ridenour was wedded to Miss Sarah J. Prugh, of Montgomery county, Ohio. She is a member of the Methodist Protestant church and is a most estimable lady. Mr. Ridenour belongs to the Grand Army Post, to the Old Guard of Dayton, and is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he has been a stalwart Republican. He became a resident of Alpha in September, 1889, and the following November was appointed by Benjamin Harrison as postmaster, serving continuously until Cleveland's administration. During the McKinley administration, Frank Merrick was appointed to the position, but on account of the criticisms which his administration invoked, he was removed and Mr. Ridenour was again appointed and has served continuously since September, 1898. In 1871 he was elected justice of the peace and for three terms filled that position. He

also filled out an unexpired term as township clerk, while for one term he was township trustee. In public office he has ever been found faithful, capable and trustworthy. He is public-spirited in an eminent degree. National progress and local advancement are causes both dear to his heart. Kindness, amiability and courtesy not only characterize his social relations but are a marked factor in his business life.

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### WILLIAM V. RHOADES.

William Vinicum Rhoades was born November 10, 1811, in Burlington county, New Jersey, and was a grandson of John Rhoades, a native of England, who, on crossing the Atlantic to America, took up his abode in New Jersey. He had a family of three sons, James, Stephen and John, and two daughters, one of whom became the wife of Charles Parker, of South Amboy, New Jersey, and their son, Joel Parker, was one of the governors of that state. The other daughter married William Vinicum, an attorney, for whom William Vinicum Rhoades was named. Stephen Rhoades married Elizabeth Cooper, who was of Holland lineage, and their children were Isaac, William V., Jacob, Martha, Abigail, Elizabeth, Lavisa and Margaret. In the fall of 1816, Stephen started with his family from New Jersey to Ohio, making the journey by wagon to Pittsburg. At that point their goods were transferred to a boat bound for Cincinnati, while the horses were driven overland to the same place. Later they removed to Warren county, Ohio, where at the age of fourteen years, William V. Rhoades began to learn the trade of wagon and plow

making under the direction of Joseph Giffins, at Ridgeville, completing a three years' apprenticeship there. He afterward worked for three years for Isaac Dunwiddie at Centerville, and then came to Xenia, where he entered the employ of Robinson & Lucas. Soon after, however, he began business on his own account on West Water street in a building a little west of Galloway street, and almost opposite the Barr property.

On the 22nd of January, 1833, William V. Rhoades was united in marriage to Elizabeth Gowdy, a daughter of Robert and Nancy Gowdy, the wedding being celebrated at the home of the bride at the corner of Detroit and Water streets, the officiating minister being the Rev. John Steel, of the Associate Reformed church, and they were attended by Alexander Zimmerman and Martha Gowdy. Their first home was a little frame house which stood about a block east of Detroit street, on Main street, where William Horner's grocery is now located. With the exception of a few years spent in St. Paris, Champaign county, they lived all their married life in Xenia. Eleven children were born unto them, of whom two died in infancy. Elizabeth Ariminta was born July 8, 1834, and was married December 4, 1861, to Fred E. Hubbard, removing to Delaware county, Ohio. Robert Gowdy was born March 6, 1837, and was married to Sarah Abigail Roberts, September 17, 1867, their home being now in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mary McBride, born September 3, 1839, became the wife of David Sherman, November 8, 1876, and they now reside in Xenia. James Marion was born February 1, 1841, and at the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company F, Thirty-fourth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, known as Piatt's First Zouaves. He died in the hospital at



Murfreesboro, March 23, 1863, and was buried in the national cemetery there. Sarah Margaret, born March 6, 1847, resides in Xenia. John Brown was born February 20, 1849, and married Adelaide Bell Dolson, January 13, 1874. For several years he was agent for the American Express Company at Xenia but is now living in Columbus, Ohio. Charles William, born January 19, 1854, was married June 5, 1883, to Mary Frankenburger and is now living in Peru, Indiana. Eliza Alice, born August 9, 1856, was married January 22, 1880, to James Perry Howell, of Xenia. Albert Clinton, born December 28, 1861, wedded Mary Belle Haines, March 14, 1888. For the past eight years he has been connected with the F. C. Trebein Company of Xenia and Trebeins. They reside on a farm formerly owned by John Eavey, just outside of the city limits on the Wilmington pike. William V. Rhoades, the father of this family, was engaged in the manufacture of wagons and plows in Xenia for more than fifty years, being a leading representative of its industrial interests and an honorable business man whose integrity and reliability were above question. He was a life-long Democrat and died April 10, 1889, while his wife, Eliza Gowdy Rhoades, passed away February 6, 1890.

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#### JUDGE JOSEPH N. DEAN.

Joseph N. Dean is now serving for the second term as judge of the probate court of Greene county, and is one of the leading members of the bar of his district. He makes his home in Xenia, and is numbered among

the native sons of this county. There his birth occurred in Jasper township, August 22, 1844, his parents being Joseph and Hannah (Boggs) Dean, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio, while both were of Scotch-Irish extraction. The paternal grandfather of our subject was one of the honored pioneers of this county. Coming from Kentucky in 1812, accompanied by his wife and eleven children, they settled in what is now New Jasper township, and there all of the children were reared to mature years and married and had families of their own, averaging eleven children each. There were thirty-six members of the family who served in the Union army, and all continued through the term of enlistment, and returned home, with the exception of one, who died at the front. Thirty of the number are still living—honored veterans of the war which preserved the Union.

Joseph Dean, the father of our subject, accompanied his parents to Ohio and throughout his entire life followed farming, although in early life he had learned both blacksmithing and shoemaking, which pursuits he followed for a few years in connection with farming. He was one of the most prosperous farmers of the county and was a natural mechanic, having particular ability along that line. He could do anything required about the farm, and his efficiency in this direction enabled him to keep his place in first-class condition. In his family were nine children who reached mature years, while two died in infancy. The father passed away at the age of seventy-eight years, nine months and twenty-three days, while the mother was called to her final rest when she had reached the age of seventy-nine years, one month and four days.



JOSEPH N. DEAN.





The Judge was the eighth in order of birth in their family of eleven children. He acquired his early education in the schools of New Jasper township and when seventeen years of age he offered his services to his country, enlisting on the 17th of August, 1861, as a member of Company B, Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Hayworth and Colonel Cranor. He was mustered in at Columbus and the regiment was first assigned to the command of General Garfield. The first battle in which he participated was at Prestonburg, Kentucky. Later the regiment was assigned to the Fourth Army Corps, under Gordon Granger, and with that command Judge Dean participated in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and various engagements of the Atlanta campaign, including the battle of Atlanta. Later he met the enemy in a battle at Lovejoy Station and Jonesboro, and on the 17th of October, 1864, he was mustered out. He was wounded in the face at Chickamauga, and was again hit by rebel lead at Lookout Mountain, where he aided in capturing three pieces of artillery. He was recommended for the commission in recognition of his gallantry and bravery on that occasion.

After his return home Judge Dean continued his education, becoming a student in Smith College, at Xenia, while later he was a student in Iron City College, at Pittsburg, where he completed his literary course and was graduated in 1867. He then began reading law under Hon. R. F. Howard at Xenia and for a time devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, but wishing to make the practice of law his life work, in 1876 he entered the Cincinnati Law School, in which he was graduated with the class of 1879.

Immediately afterward he opened an office in Xenia and has since been a member of the Greene county bar. In 1882 he was elected prosecuting attorney and served in that capacity for six years. His preparation of cases is most thorough and exhaustive; he seems almost intuitively to grasp the strong points of law and fact, while in his briefs and arguments the authorities are cited so extensively and the facts and reasoning thereon are presented so cogently and unanswerably as to leave no doubt as to the correctness of his views or of his conclusion. No detail seems to escape him; every case is given its due prominence and the case is argued with such skill, ability and power that he rarely fails to gain the verdict desired. In 1896 he was elected probate judge and filled the office so acceptably that he was re-elected in 1899. He is thoroughly familiar with the law, which comes into play in the probate court and his decisions have been strictly fair and impartial, winning him high commendation.

On the 17th of July, 1867, Judge Dean was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Cleaver, of Clinton county, Ohio, a daughter of James Cleaver, of Wilmington, Ohio. She died on the 1st of July, 1874, leaving one son, Walter P., who is now deputy probate judge of Greene county. On the 7th of June, 1888, Judge Dean was again married, his second union being with Mary Gaumer, a daughter of Jonathan and Mahala Gaumer, of Muskingum county, Ohio. Three of her brothers are electors and in the family eight became teachers. Two have also been connected with the legislature, one is a member of the house and the other of the senate. Mr. and Mrs. Dean hold membership in the First United Presbyterian church of Xenia, as does his son. The

Judge also belongs to the Union Veterans' Legion and the Grand Army of the Republic. He is likewise a member of the Association of Ex-Soldiers and Sailors, of which he was one of the organizers and has served as its president. He was a member of the Committee of One Hundred and did most effective work in the cause of temperance, especially at the time of the memorable election of 1902, when it was definitely decided that Xenia should be free from the curse of the saloon. His loyalty in citizenship is of the same kind that prompted his enlistment in the hour of his country's peril. At the bar he has achieved success through honorable efforts, untiring industry and capability and in private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from kindness and geniality, deference for the opinions of others and from true nobility of character.

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#### A. H. BEAL.

A fine farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres is the property of A. H. Beal and is located in Sugarcreek township, not far from Xenia. Mr. Beal was born in Caesarscreek township, May 2, 1837. His father, George Beal, was a native of Pennsylvania and married Rachel Driscoll, who was born in this state and was of Irish lineage. With his parents the father came to Ohio in his boyhood and the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Beal was probably celebrated in Clark county, although they began their domestic life in Greene county, where all of their children were born. Throughout the years of his business career the father carried on agricultural pursuits. He reached the very advanced age of eighty-two years, passing

away in 1875. He had had but a limited education in his youth but he made the most of his opportunities and possessed that sterling honesty and worth of character which everywhere wins respect and confidence. He voted with the Democracy. In the family were thirteen children, one of whom died at the age of thirteen years, while five of the number are still living.

A. H. Beal was the eleventh in order of birth and his youth was spent upon the home farm where, since old enough to handle the plow, he took his place in the fields assisting in the cultivation of various crops. In the winter months he managed to acquire a good education in the public schools. He worked for his father until he had received enough to purchase a small farm of eighty-eight acres adjoining the old homestead and then he was married, seeking as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Keziah Jane Ary, the wedding taking place on the 30th of March, 1859. The lady resided near Paintersville, where she was born June 27, 1836, her parents being John and Margaret (Turner) Ary. Her father came to Ohio from Virginia. Her mother was of English descent and they were married in Greene county.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Beal they began their domestic life upon his farm which continued to be their home for six years, when he sold that property and purchased one hundred and sixty-six acres of land in Greene county. At different times he has purchased tracts of sixty, fifty-four, eleven and six acres, and in 1891 he removed to his present farm. Here he is successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits; his fields are well tilled and all modern equipments are found upon his place, showing the owner to be a man of progressive

spirit, who follows modern methods in caring for his property.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beal have been born seven children: Elias, who married Flora Hampton, is the assistant cashier in the bank at Bowersville. Samuel Lewis married Effie Black, who died, leaving four children. Emma became the wife of Samuel Hollingworth, who resides near Burlington, in Clinton county. Charles Elmer married Julia Darst, by whom he has four children, and their home is in Jefferson township. Melville F. married Della Compton and resides in the village of Spring Valley, and Clinton P. completes the family. Mr. Beal was reared a Democrat and yet endorses the party. His wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant church. They are widely known in Greene county as worthy representatives of agricultural interests and their sterling characteristics are such as to obtain for them the warm regard of all with whom they have been associated.

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### JOHN A. HARNER

John A. Harner, who is engaged in general farming in Spring Valley township, has a well improved tract of land four miles southwest of Xenia. He was born on the Little Miami river, near Bellbrook, August 31, 1836, his parents being John and Magdalena (Haines) Harner. His paternal grandparents were George and Sarah (Koogler) Harner, and the former was born in Germany, whence he sailed for America when about fourteen years of age. He probably located first near Cincinnati and afterward removed to a place called Round Bottom, coming thence to Greene

county at a very early date in the history of the development of this portion of the state. John Harner was born in this county in 1805 and was familiar with the early progress and improvement. The forests stood in their primeval strength and little was done to reclaim the land for purposes of civilization, but as the years progressed the settlers wrought many changes here, laying broad and deep the foundation for the present development and prosperity of the county. John Harner acquired a fair common school education and served as captain of a militia in the days when mustering was in vogue. When quite young he was married, and in connection with his father-in-law he engaged in the operation of a mill and distillery, conducting the business in Bellbrook. There they erected a flouring mill which they operated until about 1848, when Mr. Harner retired from the business and began farming upon rented land. At different times he rented various farms, for he was in limited circumstances and did not have the money with which to purchase land. He had ten children and the sons remained at home, all farming together.

John A. Harner, whose name introduces this record, continued with his father until thirty-two years of age. His early life was one of toil but he formed habits of industry and economy, which have proven of value to him in his later career. He was married February 13, 1868, to Miss Eliza Lantz, who was born in the first courthouse in Greene county, near Harbine Mills, August 8, 1844. She was a daughter of John and Catherine (Rhoades) Lantz, who removed from Maryland to Greene county at an early day. In 1865 our subject and his brothers purchased two hundred and twenty-four acres of land, upon which John A. Harner



now resides, and after his marriage he took up his abode here. A small portion of the land had been cleared and a portion of the present house had been built, but Mr. Harner has since made two additions to the home. The first settler upon the place was William Hamilton, who sold the property to Robert Hamilton, from whom the Harner brothers purchased it. Our subject has erected a good bank barn, forty-two by eighty feet, but he found this inadequate and built another one, thirty-six by sixty-eight feet. He has a hog pen, thirty-six by twenty-five feet, and all the necessary out-buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. About 1884 he and his brothers dissolved partnership, Mr. Harner purchasing the interests of the others in the farm upon which he makes his home.

Four children have been born unto our subject and his wife: Vinton L., who died in August, 1869; Maggie, who married Albert Thornhill, and resides in Xenia; John H., who married Hattie Stillings and is a farmer residing in Spring Valley township with his wife and one child, Horace Irving; and Jessie, at home.

Mr. Harner was reared a Whig and was only four years old at the time of the presidential election of 1840. He can remember William H. Harrison, who was then the candidate of the Whig party. In 1860 he voted for Lincoln and has since been a Republican, unswerving in his advocacy of the principles of the party. He had one brother, William P., who was a soldier of the Civil war. He belonged to Company F, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Infantry, and laid down his life on the altar of his country at the battle near Spottsylvania Court House, his remains being interred in the soldiers' national cemetery near there. Mr. Harner

is a self-made man. He had few advantages in youth but he possessed a resolute spirit, unfaltering purpose and strong determination. Steadily he has worked his way upward and to-day he is one of the prosperous farmers of Spring Valley township, having a very desirable property, which is the visible evidence of his life of industry.

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#### WILLIAM MARTIN BARBER.

W. Martin Barber, a native of Greene county, was born May 6, 1820, in what was then Ross township, but is now Cedarville township, his parents being John and Sarah (Martin) Barber. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and at an early day came to Ohio, settling in what was then Ross township, Greene county. His father had purchased a large tract of land in this township and divided it among his sons. He, too, became a resident of the county, living here for many years, where he was eventually called to his final rest. John Barber served the country in the war of 1812 and throughout the greater part of his business career carried on agricultural pursuits. After the death of her husband Mrs. Barber removed to Cedarville, where she passed away at an advanced age. Both were loyal members of the Associate Reformed church, and in their family were eleven children, of whom W. Martin was the second in order of birth. Only two of the number, however, are now living, the other being Esther, wife of James Townsley.

W. Martin Barber obtained his education in an old log school-house in his native township and though his privileges in that direction were somewhat limited, his train-

ing at farm labor was not neglected. About 1841 he removed to Cedarville, where he engaged in the operation of a sawmill, continuing in that industry for many years. The mill was situated in the village and he engaged in its operation until about ten years ago, since which time he has lived a retired life, enjoying a well merited rest. In his business affairs he prospered as the result of his untiring activity, his enterprise and capable management. He also owns a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Cedarville township, which he has managed for a number of years.

Mr. Barber has been twice married. For his first wife he chose Nancy Townsley, their marriage being celebrated February 9, 1848. She was a daughter of Enos Townsley, a farmer and an early settler of Cedarville township. Her death occurred May 4, 1855, and four children were left to mourn her loss: Emmazetta is the wife of L. J. Bull, of Cedarville, and they have three children—Carl, Frank B. and Ralph. Mary J. is the wife of Charles M. Crouse, who is engaged in the hardware business in Cedarville. Henry M. is the superintendent of the straw department of the paper mill at this place and is a member of the building committee of the courthouse for this county. Nancy is the wife of James H. Andrew, a retired grocer, of Cedarville. For his second wife Mr. Barber chose Mary M. Mead, a native of Morgan county, Ohio, and a daughter of Holmes and Mary Ann Mead. Her father was born in Vermont and the mother's birth occurred in New Jersey. Mr. Mead followed farming all his life. At an early day he came to Ohio and here became identified with agricultural pursuits. His last days, however, were spent in Kansas. The second marriage of Mr. Barber oc-

curred November 20, 1861, and by this union two children have been born: Carrie J. and Lulu. The latter is at home and the former is now the wife of W. L. Marshall, who is engaged in the livery business in Xenia. They have four children: Harry, Arthur B., Mary L. and Alfred L.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Barber was made a member of the Volunteer Company of Xenia, was stationed at Fort Chase at the time of the Morgan raid, but was only on duty for a few days. In politics he was a Democrat during early life, but for the past ten years has voted the Reformed ticket. For several terms he served as a member of the council at Cedarville, and whatever tended to advance the welfare and upbuilding of the town has proved of interest to him and has elicited his co-operation. For over a half-century he has been a member of the United Presbyterian church and his life has been in constant harmony with its teachings and principles. Mr. Barber is now past the age of eighty-two years, and to him is tendered the veneration and respect which should ever be given to one of advanced years. His life has been characterized by industry, by perseverance, by loyalty in citizenship and trustworthiness in all relations, and therefore his example is one worthy of emulation, and one which should ever awaken respect.

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#### J. HOMER HAWKINS.

Upon the farm which he now occupies in Xenia township J. Homer Hawkins was born on the 20th of November, 1864, and here his entire life has been passed as a representative agriculturist of Greene county.

He is a son of James and Catherine (Cromwell) Hawkins and the father was also born on the farm occupied by our subject. The grandfather was Mounts Hawkins, and at an early day the family lived in the Shenandoah valley of Virginia. Mounts Hawkins was an own cousin of David Crockett, the famous scout and explorer. Leaving Virginia he emigrated westward and became one of the pioneer settlers of Greene county, Ohio. He engaged in farming in Xenia township and purchased the old home place, to which he added from time to time until he had one thousand acres, the greater part of which was originally covered with timber, but he cleared away the forest trees and developed a very valuable farm. He wedded Mary Allen, a daughter of Davis and Elizabeth (Antrim) Allen, who were also from Virginia. It was in 1814 that the grandparents of our subject arrived in Greene county, and the thousand acres of land were purchased for five thousand dollars. Both Mounts Hawkins and his wife spent their remaining days in this county.

Their son, James Hawkins, was reared amid the wild scenes of the frontier and assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm from the wild forest land. Throughout the years of his business career he carried on agricultural pursuits, making his home upon the place where his birth occurred. He married Catherine Cromwell, a native of Maryland and a daughter of Richard and Susan (McLaughlin) Cromwell, also natives of the same state. The father was a farmer and stock-raiser and followed those pursuits until his death, which occurred in Maryland, when he was forty-six years of age. He had served his country in the war of 1812. For nearly ten years after the father's death the Cromwell family re-

mained in Maryland and then the mother brought her six children, of whom Mrs. Hawkins was one, to Greene county, Ohio. James Hawkins was a prosperous and progressive man and provided a good home for his family. He became a very extensive land owner and his realty holdings brought to him a good financial return by reason of the care and labor he bestowed upon the fields. He was a member of the First Reformed church of Xenia and served as one of its elders for many years. In politics he was a Democrat. His death occurred in December, 1882, when he was sixty-two years of age, and thus the community lost a valued and representative citizen and his family a devoted husband and father. His widow still survives him and yet resides upon the old home farm with the subject of this review. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children: Joseph C., who died in childhood; Mary Belle, at home; Carrie, also at home; Sallie C., who spends most of her time in Atlanta, Georgia; Mounts, who died in infancy; Flora, who died at the age of seventeen years; Frances C., the wife of L. F. Cramer, an insurance man of Osborn, Greene county; Ann Maria, who died in infancy; and J. Homer. Of this family Frances C. was married in 1881 to L. F. Cramer, of Franklin county, Pennsylvania. Their children are: Winnefred, a student in Wittenberg College, of Springfield, Ohio; Ralph, a student in the high school of Osborn; Catherine, who is also taking the high school course; Joseph Carl, who died at the age of three years; and Marguerite, at home.

J. Homer Hawkins pursued his early education in the public schools of Xenia and later became a student in Xenia College, after which he entered upon his business



career as a farmer and stock-raiser, having gained practical knowledge of the business during the days of his youth, when he was not occupied by his school work. He is engaged in the operation of two hundred acres of rich and valuable land, and the fields are under a high state of cultivation. He is also a successful stock-raiser, making a specialty of short-horn cattle, Poland China hogs and Percheron horses. He takes a deep interest in everything tending to promote the welfare of the agricultural class and render their labors more effective and profitable, and is to-day the president of the Greene County Farmers' Institute.

In November, 1891, Mr. Hawkins was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Fisher, a daughter of Andrew Fisher, a meat packer and dealer of Xenia. To them have been born two children: James, born March 7, 1894, and Edith M., born April 27, 1899. In his political views Mr. Hawkins is a Democrat and has been a member of Xenia township board of education for the past seven or eight years, while for fourteen years he has been a deacon in the Reformed church, in which he holds membership.

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#### SAMUEL MOSES MALLOW.

From pioneer times down to the present the Mallow family has been represented in Greene county and the name figures on the pages of history in connection with agricultural interests and with many lines of progress and improvement, which have lead to the substantial upbuilding of this portion of the state. Mr. Mallow of this review is now residing in Caesarscreek township. He was born May 6, 1831, in what is now New Jas-

per township, his parents being George and Elizabeth (Fudge) Mallow. The family is of German lineage but was founded at an early date on American shores. Both of the parents of our subject were natives of Virginia, the father having been born in Rockingham county. They were married in Warren county, Ohio, having taken up their abode in this portion of the state during its primitive development. After their marriage they lived in New Jasper township, where they spent their remaining days, the father passing away in 1861 at the age of seventy-one years, while the mother's death occurred in 1865, their remains being interred in Boots' cemetery of New Jasper township. Mr. Mallow was a Whig in his political views and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran church. They had six children but only two are now living, Henry M., the youngest of the family, being a resident of Warren, Indiana.

Samuel M. Mallow, of this review, was the fifth in order of birth. He is indebted to the common school system of New Jasper township for the educational privileges which he enjoyed in early youth. At first he attended school throughout all sessions, but in later years, when he was old enough to assist in the work of the farm, he pursued his studies only through the winter months, and when nineteen years of age put aside his text books. He continued on the old family homestead until November 6, 1851, on which date was celebrated his marriage to Miss Amy H. Adsit, who was of English lineage. She was born in Dutchess county, New York, as were her parents, Hiram and Susan (Butts) Adsit, the former born June 4, 1807, and the latter on the 19th of August of the same year. Their mar-

riage was there celebrated December 3, 1829, and in 1833 they emigrated westward, Mrs. Mallow being at that time only ten months old. They first settled in Spring Valley township but after a short time Mr. Adsit purchased about one hundred acres of land, constituting the farm upon which our subject now resides. From this tract he cleared the heavy timber and continued the work of improvement and cultivation until his death, which occurred September 2, 1847, when he was forty years of age. His wife long survived him and passed away in 1896 in her ninetieth year. He was buried in the Baptist cemetery of Caesarscreek township and his wife in the cemetery in Xenia. She was a member of the Reformed church and by her marriage had become the mother of four children, of whom three are now living: Daniel B., who resides in Warren, Indiana; Silas, of Jamestown, Ohio; and Mrs. Mallow.

After his marriage Samuel M. Mallow rented land for two years and then with the money which he had acquired through his own efforts he purchased his present farm, which has been his home continuously since. He has one hundred and sixty acres of land which is under a high state of cultivation. He built the dwelling and barns upon the place and has made other substantial improvements, which indicates his progressive spirit and his enterprise. His farm work has been to him a profitable source of income and he certainly deserves great credit for what he has accomplished. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mallow has been blessed with two children. George Fudge, the elder, married Josephine Smith and resides in Xenia township. They have one child, Opal. Susan is the wife of Charles McKay, of Clinton county, and they have three chil-

dren, Bernard, Amy C. and Lena M. Mrs. Mallow belongs to the Reformed church and is a most estimable lady. To the men and measures of the Republican party Mr. Mallow gives his support and has held the office of trustee in Caesarscreek township. He has good business ability, is prudent and earnest, and owes his success not to genius but to the due exercise of his own good judgment.

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#### HON. JOSEPH B. CUMMINGS.

Joseph B. Cummings is one of the distinguished and honored residents of Greene county, having gained prominence in political as well as in business circles. He stands to-day a strong man, strong in his honor and his good name, and his value to the community by what he has done in behalf of the county is widely recognized. His birth occurred May 31, 1841, on a farm in Caesarscreek township, where he now resides. His father, Thomas B. Cummings, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1814, and there spent the days of his boyhood and youth, coming to the west when twenty-two years of age. He engaged in teaching in his native county in early life, but believing that he would have better business opportunities in the new and growing west he walked from Philadelphia to Pittsburg and then proceeded by boat to Cincinnati, arriving at that place with only fifty cents in his pocket. He then made his way into the interior of the state and formed the acquaintance of a man who proved to be Mr. Weaver, of Greene county, and a neighbor of David Marshall, an uncle of Mr. Cummings. The latter accompanied Mr. Weaver to Greene county, and after a



J. B. CUMMINGS.





few days accepted a position as teacher of a school. He taught about twenty years in Caesarscreek township, in the meantime having purchased a farm of fifty-five acres, of which only about two acres had been cleared, while a log cabin constituted the only improvement upon the place. Mr. Cummings continued clearing his land while engaged in teaching. At length he abandoned that profession and by industry and perseverance and capable management became the owner of a very valuable farm, extending its borders from time to time by additional purchases until by the close of the war he was the owner of five hundred acres of valuable land. He gave a part of this to his children, also sold a portion of it, but at the time of his death retained possession of two hundred and forty-two acres. Mr. Cummings was twice married. He first wedded Mary E. Boots, who died on the 1st of October, 1861. She was a descendant of the Peterson family of Caesarscreek township. By that marriage there were eight children: Mary, who died at the age of sixteen years; Joseph B.; Sarah J., the wife of William Conklin, of Xenia; James M., who is a resident of Indiana, and who served in Company A., Second Ohio Light Artillery in the Civil war; Thomas Jefferson, who served in Company E, Second Ohio Heavy Artillery, being on Ship Island during his entire service, and is now deceased; Martha, the wife of Henry C. Long, of Jasper township; and Ada, who died at the age of three years. After the death of his first wife the father was married on the 11th of September, 1862, his second union being with Miss Mary E. McNair, who still survives him and is living with John Cummings. The mother of our subject was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but the father

and his second wife belonged to the Reformed church. He served as a justice of the peace and took a very active part in politics, upholding the principles of the Republican party. His death occurred November 22, 1895, at the age of eighty-one years and after almost a half-century's residence in Greene county.

Joseph B. Cummings, whose name introduces this review, obtained his education in the district schools near his home and remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he enlisted at Dayton, Ohio, September 22, 1861, in response to President Lincoln's call for aid in preserving the Union. He was mustered in on the 28th of the same month as a private of Company E, First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Liberty Gap, Chickamauga and minor engagements. At Chickamauga on the 19th of September, 1863, he was wounded in both hands and the left lung. The regiment was in the very thickest of the fight, and, having sustained these injuries, Mr. Cummings was sent to the hospital at Chattanooga and afterward to Nashville, Tennessee. In May he was ordered to Washington, D. C., and there was made first sergeant of Company H, Nineteenth Regiment of the Veteran Reserve Corps. He was stationed at Rochester, New York, during the famous draft riots in that state, and in that state was honorably discharged October 15, 1864.

Mr. Cummings at once returned to his home and on the 14th of February, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Ann Humston, a daughter of H. G. and Elizabeth (Ford) Humston, both of whom are now deceased. Three children have graced this

marriage: Mary, born September 26, 1867, is an instructor in Greek and occupies the chair of modern languages in the Tusculum College, in Tennessee. She was educated in the Xenia Female Seminary and in Antioch College. Ina, born October 9, 1870, is the deceased wife of T. O. Mason, of Xenia, and left one son, Joe. Thomas, born July 26, 1876, married Mamie M. Wise, and they reside with his father. They lost one child, Marie, but have two sons, Donald and Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings hold membership in the Reformed church, and he maintains relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Lewis Post, G. A. R. He is also identified with the Union National Legion. In politics he is a very prominent Republican and is recognized as a leader of public thought and action in his district. He was elected township clerk, in which position he served for six years, was land appraiser and for twelve years was justice of the peace. In 1894 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, where he proved an active working member. He served on a number of important committees, including the committees on county affairs, the military, Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home, and of the last named he was chairman. In 1895 he was re-elected and his course was such as reflected credit upon his constituents, for he labored earnestly and indefatigably for the welfare of those whom he represented. His life has been devoted to his family and his friends, his business and to the support of those principles which he believed to be right. His unswerving purpose, his unquestioned fidelity, his unfaltering honesty and his unchanging way have commanded the highest respect of all. He has been a

leader in the cause of liberty, of freedom and of progress and his hearty cooperation has ever been given to that which tends to elevate mankind.

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#### JAMES COLLINS GALLOWAY.

The name Galloway is closely associated with the history of Xenia and Greene county. The pioneers of the Greene county branch of this family came from Lexington, Kentucky, in 1797, and settled upon the banks of the Little Miami river about four miles north of Xenia, near Old Chillicothe, now Oldtown. This family is of Scotch origin and they are known to have lived in the southwest part of Scotland, in the district composed of Wigton and Kirkcudbright of to-day. During the era of the persecution of the Christians in Scotland they migrated across the Irish sea and settled in County Antrim, Ireland. This is known as the Galloway district and it was from this place that the family of seven brothers—George, Samuel, John, William, James, Peter and Thomas,—yearning for civil and religious liberty, set sail for the new world. They made a settlement in the province of Pennsylvania early in the eighteenth century near the famous spring of the noted Indian chief Logan, in what is now Cumberland county.

George Galloway, one of these brothers, was born in Scotland about 1700, emigrated to Ireland to avoid religious persecution, coming thence to America and founding a branch of the family in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. He married Rebekah Junkin, a native of Scotland, and died August 3, 1783. In their family were five sons and four daughters: William, Joseph, John,



Samuel, James, Jane, Margaret, Martha and Sarah.

Of this number James Galloway was a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner. He was born May 1, 1750, and married Rebekah Junkin, who was born October 2, 1759. They were residents of Greene county, Ohio, at its organization, having settled near Old Chillicothe (now Oldtown) in 1797. The former died near Xenia, August 6, 1838, and the latter August 31, 1812, their remains being interred in Massies Creek burying ground, four miles east of Xenia. In their family were eight sons and two daughters: George, James, Joseph, William, Samuel, Andrew, Anthony, John, Rebecca and Ann. Rebecca became the wife of George Galloway and they were the parents of James Collins Galloway.

George Galloway was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1784, and was the son of Joseph Galloway. His brothers and sisters were John, William, Jane, Isabel, Joseph, Jr., James, Sophia, Ann Eliza, Agnes and Elizabeth. He married Rebecca Galloway, who was born near Lexington, Kentucky, October 7, 1791, and died February 25, 1876, at Xenia, Ohio. Her husband, George Galloway, died at the same place January 29, 1857. Their children were James Collins, Madison, William, Ann, Martha and Eleanor.

James Collins Galloway was born in Xenia township, Greene county, Ohio, June 30, 1817. He was a man of broad mind and liberal education for the period in which he lived. He was closely associated with the educational interests of the county, and the common school system was materially promoted through his efforts. He was a strong abolitionist, an earnest Christian and organized the first Sabbath school for freedmen

in the county. In politics he was a Whig in early life, and when the Republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its ranks. In religion he was a Seceder and later a Presbyterian. On the 18th of November, 1841, James Collins Galloway and Mary Ann Kendall were married by Rev. James R. Bonnar. She was born in Xenia township, May 12, 1822, and was a daughter of William and Eleanor (Jackson) Kendall. Her father was born at Stoney Creek, Kentucky, in 1795, and was a son of Robert and Nancy (Wilson) Kendall. Robert Kendall was born October 12, 1752, and died on the 12th of October, 1843. His wife, who was born in 1770, died February 18, 1852. Their children were William, John, James, Francis, Milton, Newton, Martha, Ann, Isabel and Nancy. Of this family William Kendall died near Xenia, August 6, 1879. He had married Eleanor Jackson, a daughter of Robert Jackson, a granddaughter of David Jackson and a great-granddaughter of Dr. Joseph Jackson. The last named was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1690, and about 1762 emigrated to America, his children having preceded him. Of his large family Hugh, Robert and David were full brothers, while Andrew, a half brother, was the father of Andrew Jackson, who became president of the United States in 1829. Dr. Jackson died in 1768. His son, David Jackson, was born in Ireland in 1730, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and lost one of his hands in the battle of Trenton on Christmas day, 1776. He died in 1811. The third child born unto him and his wife Elizabeth was Robert Jackson, the father of Mrs. William Kendall. He was born at Newtown, Limavady, County Derry, Ireland, in 1758. He had two brothers and

one sister: Hugh, James and Mary. Robert Jackson came to America with his father and his family in 1762 and in 1786 was married to Elizabeth McCorkle, a beautiful girl and the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier killed in battle. She was born in Scotland and had two brothers, one of whom was killed in the Revolutionary war and the other was killed by accident. Both Robert and Elizabeth (McCorkle) Jackson spent their last days in Greene county, Ohio, and were buried in Massies Creek burying ground. He died September 26, 1828. There were two sons and eight daughters in their family: David, Robert, Margaret, Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Rachel, Martha, Nancy and Eleanor. Of this family Eleanor Jackson became the wife of William Kendall. She was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, March 15, 1800, and died June 6, 1888, near Xenia. Their children were Robert, Clark, Henry, Mary Ann, Eliza and Caroline. Mary Ann became the wife of James Collins Galloway. He died in Xenia, November 28, 1899, and his wife died in the same city, September 10, 1892. They were the parents of four children, all yet living: Clark Madison, born April 20, 1843; Alethia Ellen, March 27, 1846; Rebecca Alice, December 28, 1851; and William Albert, April 8, 1860, all born in Xenia township.

Clark Madison Galloway, M. D., A. M., enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days' service in the spring of 1864, and during that term was in West Virginia. He afterward re-enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and took part in the battle of Nashville where Hood's veteran army was destroyed by General Thomas.

He was present when Johnston surrendered to General Sherman at Raleigh, North Carolina. At the close of the war he was mustered out of service and returned home. His preliminary education had been acquired in the public schools and in 1866 he continued his education as a student at Xenia College. In 1869 he entered Miami University, in which he was graduated in 1871, after which he began teaching, being professor in Greek, Latin and mathematics in Xenia College. For four years he was one of the instructors in that institution and during the summer months he also taught in its summer normals. In 1875 he entered the Medical College of Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1877. He then located for the practice of medicine and surgery in Xenia and is now associated with his brother, Dr. W. A. Galloway. He took a special course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1879. He is now and for ten years has been secretary of the Xenia board of United States pension surgeons; was coroner of Greene county for eight years; a member of the board of education of Xenia for twelve years; was physician and surgeon to the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Xenia from 1888 until 1891; and is assistant surgeon of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company; was a member of the board of health for two years; and for a similar period represented the first ward in the city council of Xenia. In 1891-2 he was medical director of the Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, and is a member of Lewis Post, No. 347, G. A. R., and Nathaniel Greene Chapter, S. A. R. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian and in political belief a Republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic Lodge of Xenia, No. 49, and in the line of his profes-

sion is a member of the Greene County and Ohio State Medical Societies.

Alethia Ellen Galloway is a graduate of and received her degree of M. E. L. from Xenia College in 1864. In the same year she was married by the Rev. R. D. Harper, D. D., to William J. Parrett, of Lyndon, Ross county, Ohio. They have two children living: Carrie Dell, who was educated in Wooster University; and Clark Sherman, who was graduated in the same institution in 1897 and was married January 23, 1902, in Springfield, Ohio, to Sylvia Jones.

Rebecca Alice Galloway is a graduate of Xenia College of the class of 1873, at which time the degree of M. L. L. was conferred upon her. She taught for one year in the Osborn public schools; two years in Xenia College; attended Antioch College for one year; taught for two years in the public schools of Yellow Springs; and from 1888 to 1896 in the public schools of Xenia. She is a past regent of Catharine Greene Chapter, D. A. R.; a member of the Woman's Club of Xenia; is Ohio Federation secretary of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs; and a member of the Xenia Library Association. On the 6th of February, 1896, she became the wife of Henry Harrison Eavey, the marriage being performed by Rev. J. C. Ely.

William Albert Galloway, B. S., M. D., was educated in Antioch College, being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. On his graduation from the Medical College of Ohio, in March, 1890, he became associated with his brother, Dr. Clark M. Galloway, and has practiced continuously to this date. He was married April 2, 1891, in Newark, Ohio, by Rev. E. B. Jones, to Maude Evelyn, only daughter of William C. and Evelyn (Spitzer) Lyon. Her father

was lieutenant governor of Ohio from 1888 to 1890. Three children have been born to them: Evelyn Helen, born February 8, 1893; William Lyon, born March 29, 1895; and Elizabeth Mary, born May 21, 1902. Dr. W. A. Galloway was appointed a member of the State Normal and Industrial board of trustees at Wilberforce University by Governor Bushnell in 1896, and has been president of the board continuously since. He belongs to Xenia Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M.; is corresponding secretary of Nathaniel Greene Chapter, S. A. R.; vice president of the Ohio Society, S. A. R.; and in his church relations is a Presbyterian. From 1899 to 1902 he was physician to the Greene County Infirmary and Children's Home; is surgeon to the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad; is a member of the Greene County, Ohio State and Mississippi Valley Medical Associations; and is a frequent contributor to medical and other journals.

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#### OTTO A. WILSON.

Otto A. Wilson, who is now living in Fairfield, is well known in Democratic circles in Greene county, taking a deep and active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and upbuilding of his party. He is now serving in the position of township clerk. He was born in the village of Fairfield, August 7, 1867, and is a son of William W. and Sarah (Greiner) Wilson. His paternal grandfather, William Henry Wilson, was a native of Ireland and emigrated with his family to the new world, after which he served as ensign of the Fifth Company of the Seventy-fourth Regiment of the Militia of Pennsyl-



vania, being appointed to the position in 1811, the commission being signed by Governor Simon Snyder. This document is still in the possession of our subject. Mr. Wilson also has a commission in his possession signed by President James Monroe, appointing William H. Wilson as the first surveyor of Clark county, Ohio. In 1816 the grandfather purchased a tract of land bordering for one hundred feet on Market street, in Springfield, Ohio, and this was in possession of the family for over eighty years, being sold but a short time ago. He died while yet a young man, passing away in 1823. His remains were interred in Springfield, Ohio, but later were transferred to the family lot in Fairfield. He was the father of three children: Mrs. Emily Smith, who died in Fairfield in 1889; Catherine, who became Mrs. Bressler, of Fairfield, and died in July, 1890; and William W., the father of our subject. The mother of these children passed away in 1868.

William W. Wilson was born in Springfield, Ohio, July 20, 1823, and pursued his education in the public schools there until he was twelve years of age, when he went to Bath township, Greene county, to live with Arthur Johnson, and in that locality he completed his education. In 1846 he began to learn the cabinet-maker's trade, in Dayton, Ohio. He would walk to Dayton on Monday morning and return on Saturday evening, making the journey on foot each way, a distance of fifteen miles. After he had completed his trade he returned to Fairfield, where he opened an undertaking establishment and cabinet shop, continuing business along those lines until the close of the Civil war. He then entered into partnership with D. K. Wolf, under the firm name of Wilson & Wolf, and opened a general

store in Fairfield, but the partnership continued only a short time, Mr. Wilson becoming sole owner of the business which he conducted successfully until a few years prior to his death, when on account of ill health he sold out. He started in life with no capital and by hard, earnest, honest work he accumulated considerable property and became a wealthy man. At the time of his death he owned a house and lot in Fairfield, where he lived, a farm in Bath township, Greene county, another farm in Clark county and a business block and a house and lot in Springfield, Ohio, all having been acquired from his own earnest exertions. In politics he was a lifelong Democrat, and served as township trustee for a number of years, while for a few years he was justice of the peace, proving a capable and efficient officer. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he was a regular attendant upon its services until his health failed. Mrs. Wilson was ill for about eighteen months prior to her death. During the last six months she was unable to leave her bed. She passed away November 6, 1901, at the age of sixty-seven years, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Fairfield cemetery. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were born two children, the daughter being Cornelia, the wife of F. D. Johnson, a resident of Cheyenne, Wyoming, in the United States mail service.

Otto A. Wilson, of this review, pursued his education in the schools of Fairfield and acquired a teacher's certificate, but never engaged in teaching. He always lived with his father and assisted him in his work and after his father's health failed assumed the management of the business. He is, however, a painter by trade and followed that pursuit for a number of years, working in

some of the western cities. For a time he was employed in the shipyards at Seattle, Washington.

On the 27th of September, 1894, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Cora Miller, a native of Bath township, and a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Miller. In his political views Mr. Wilson is a stanch Democrat, and in 1895 was elected on that ticket to the office of township clerk, in which capacity he is still serving. During the campaign of 1896 and those succeeding he has been a member of the central and executive committees, and has served as clerk of both committees. He has also for several times been a delegate to the county and state conventions and is unswerving in his allegiance to the party. His wife is a member of the Reformed church, while he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. They have one of the finest homes in Fairfield. It is heated by hot water, is modern in every respect and was built in an attractive style of architecture, Mr. Wilson himself drawing the plans for the place. He also owns a farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres of very valuable land in Bath township and this brings to him a good rental, adding materially to his income. Mr. Wilson has spent his entire life in this locality and is widely known as a gentleman of genuine worth, of reliability in business and one whose genial manner and social disposition has gained him many friends.

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#### JOHN R. SMITH.

A farm of one hundred and fifty acres situated in Sugarcreek township is the property of John Riley Smith, a well known agri-

culturist of Greene county, who throughout his entire life has engaged in the tilling of the soil in this portion of the state. His birth occurred about four miles from Xenia on his father's farm on the Columbus pike at what is called East Point, in a stone house which is still occupied as a residence. His natal day was November 18, 1839, and he is a son of John G. and Sophronia (McFarland) Smith. The father was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, and when only two years old was brought by his parents to Ohio, the family making the journey on horseback and bringing with them their farming utensils. Mr. Smith was born on Christmas day in 1810 and the year 1812 witnessed their emigration westward. The family settled at Cedarville but at a later date returned to Maryland. When two years had passed, however, they came once more to Ohio. The grandfather, Jonathan Smith, owned a small farm of ten acres on which he made his home until his death, which occurred about 1845 when our subject was six years of age. His wife, Mrs. Barbara Smith, lived to a very advanced age. John G. Smith, the father of our subject, spent the greater part of his youth in this county amid its frontier surroundings and scenes and assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm. After arriving at years of maturity he married Sophronia McFarland, who was born in this county, her parents being Arthur and Martha (Claypool) McFarland. The young couple then began their domestic life upon a farm which Mr. Smith rented. They became the parents of nine children, of whom our subject was the third in order of birth. Four of the number are still living, the others being Jonathan M., George McHenry and Howard Scott, all residents of Madison

county, Ohio. The father departed this life when about seventy years of age.

Only very limited educational privileges did John R. Smith receive on account of ill health. He remained at home until about twenty-two years of age and then began to earn his own livelihood. For two years he rented land and in 1880 he purchased his present farm, comprising about one hundred and fifty acres. This he has improved with modern equipments and accessories and its neat and thrifty appearance indicates to the passerby the enterprise and progressiveness of the owner.

On the 1st of February, 1877, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Smith and Miss Henrietta Maria Bonner, who was born in Xenia township, Greene county, March 1, 1840, a daughter of Stith and Maria (Mercer) Bonner. Her father was born in Dinwiddie county, Virginia, in 1791, and the mother in Hamilton county, in 1800. Both had come to Greene county in childhood and were here married. The paternal grandfather, Frederick Bonner, arrived here in 1803 before the admission of the state into the Union. He purchased a large tract of land just south of Xenia where the Orphans' Home now stands. One of his grandsons, William F. Pelham, donated twenty-five acres of this land to the Soldiers' Home. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Smith was Edward Mercer, who built the first brick house ever erected in Greene county. It stood on the farm owned by Robert Mendenhall. Mrs. Smith began her education in a log school-house and later spent a year and a half as a student in the Xenia Seminary. By her marriage she has become the mother of one son, Jesse Clyde, who was born on the home farm, March 9, 1880. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of

the Methodist Episcopal congregation at Gladys Chapel, and since casting his first presidential vote for Lincoln in 1864 Mr. Smith has been a Republican. Since 1866 he has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Xenia, and his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of that fraternity which is based upon mutual helpfulness.

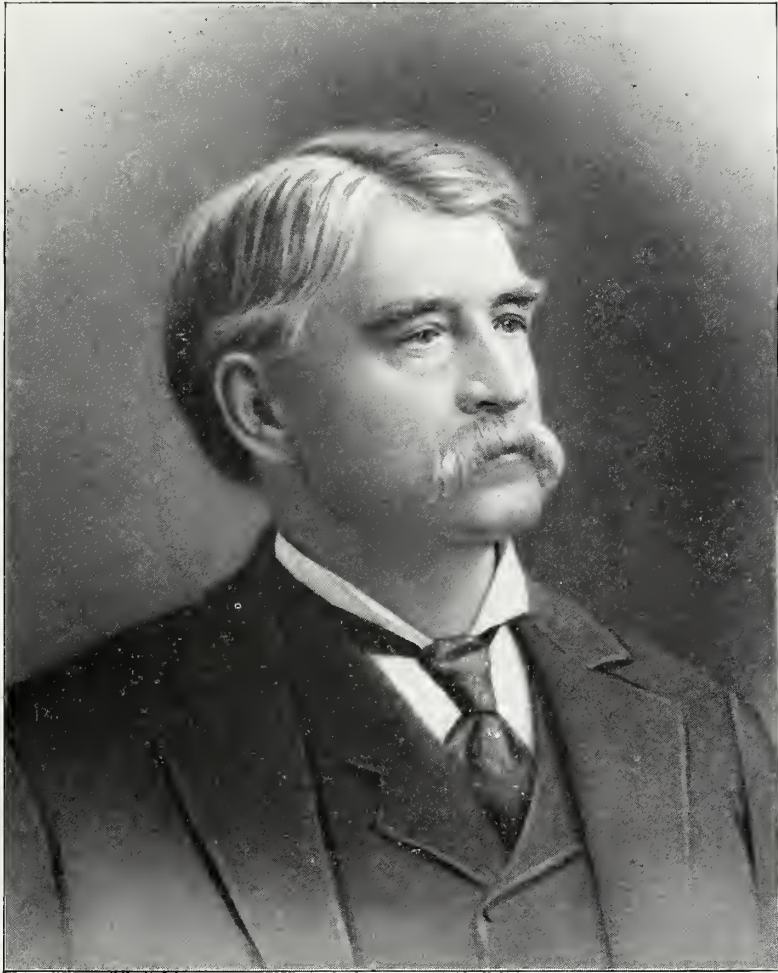
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### JAMES E. GALLOWAY.

There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable gentleman whose name initiates this review, since his mind bears the impress of the historic annals of the state of Ohio from the early pioneer days, and from the fact that he has been a loyal son of the republic and has attained to a position of distinctive prominence in the thriving little city where he was born and where he has maintained his residence during the greater part of his life, being one of the revered patriarchs of the community. He, however, spent a quarter of a century upon the Pacific coast during the most interesting epoch in its history,—that following the discovery of gold in California. No family has been more closely or honorably connected with Greene county than the Galloway family, which, through more than a century, has been identified with the improvement, progress and upbuilding of this portion of the state.

James E. Galloway was born in what is now the very heart of Xenia, January 3, 1825. His father, James Galloway, came to this county in 1797, being one of the first settlers to establish a home here. Ohio then formed a part of the Northwestern Territory and had not yet been admitted to the union





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of the new republic. The grandfather was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and was of Scotch-Irish descent, his ancestors having come to this country from the north of the Emerald Isle. He loyally served as a soldier under General Washington in the Revolutionary war. He was an expert shot and was designated to engage in hunting in order to supply the regiment with meat. He served for several years, participating in many battles, yet was never wounded. Emigrating westward to establish a home upon what was then the frontier, he first took up his abode in Kentucky and participated in the battle at Blue Lick. In 1797 he came to Greene county, and was probably the most influential resident of the county at an early date. He served as the first county treasurer, and his influence was most marked in laying the foundation for the future development and prosperity of this portion of Ohio. He became a prosperous agriculturist and remained a resident of Xenia township until his death, which occurred in 1838, when he was eighty-eight years of age.

The father of our subject also bore the name of James Galloway. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and after arriving at years of maturity married Martha Townsley, a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of ten children, but our subject is now the only surviving member of the family. Further mention is made of the parents in the historical section of this volume.

James E. Galloway, whose name introduces this record, acquired his early education in Xenia in a private school taught by Thomas Steele. He afterward pursued a classical course in a school taught by the

Rev. Hugh McMillan, a minister of the Covenanter church, who was very thorough in his methods of instruction, and in addition to the common branches of learning taught the languages. Later Mr. Galloway entered Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1844, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. On completing his education he went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he secured a clerkship in a wholesale dry-goods house, serving in that capacity for five years, but the discovery of gold in California changed his plans and in the spring of 1849 he started for the El Dorado of the west, going up the Missouri river to St. Joseph, whence he drove a six-mule team across the plains. At first there were five wagons and seven men in the train, but later the strength of the party was augmented until there were eighteen men, who traveled together for protection. The original party of seven had purchased a stock of goods which they intended to take to California, but at Salt Lake City their mules gave out and so they auctioned off their goods until they had but a small remnant left. That they sold to Bishop Hyde, taking notes payable in three or four months. Mr. Galloway and another man called on Brigham Young with the notes and sold them to him with a thirty per cent discount. At that time most of the Mormons were living in wagons, for they had not yet built homes in the city afterward to become famous as a Mormon stronghold. At this place Mr. Galloway saw California gold for the first time. He took in payment a five-dollar gold piece which the Mormons had minted, worth about four dollars and a quarter. After four months of travel across the hot sandy stretches and through mountain passes he and his party arrived



in California on the 14th of September, 1849. While en route they had seen Indians several times, but were not molested save at Grand Island, where the red men stole a mule from the party. There were over a thousand Sioux Indians who passed their camp on their way back from a fight with the Pawnees.

After arriving in California Mr. Galloway and another man opened an auction house in Sacramento, there conducting business for two years, selling sometimes in twenty or thirty minutes several thousand dollars' worth of horses, mules and oxen. They did a general auction business at Sacramento, which place was then called Suter's Fort. After two years Mr. Galloway went to Marysville, where he remained for ten years, establishing a wholesale grocery and general mercantile business, selling to the mountain merchants who had their places of business on the streams, where mining camps had been established. In 1860, however, our subject sold his store and went to San Francisco, where for a number of years he engaged in the brokerage business, handling mining stocks of all kinds. He continued this until 1866, when, after seventeen years' residence in California, he went to Montana, making his way in June of that year by steamship to Portland, Oregon, whence he proceeded up the Columbia river to Walla Walla, Washington, and from there proceeded across the mountains with three others on pack horses and mules, carrying provisions, and crossing two spurs of the Rocky Mountains. After about a month's travel he arrived in Montana, landing at Bear Town, then a mining camp. When he had been in the territory about three months he was nominated for the legislature and although not eligible to

run, a lawyer there told him to go ahead, as the only copy of the organic act in the territory was in the pocket of a judge one hundred and fifty miles away. Mr. Galloway was nominated by the "self-risers," as the old Californians were known, and his opponent was a "tenderfoot." Mr. Galloway ran far ahead of his ticket and was elected. While traveling to the convention, fifty miles away, he stopped at a house for supper and was told that he might stay all night, but for two years he had not slept in a bed and, instead of accepting the offer, he and his companion went out doors and slept on a straw stack.

After being elected Mr. Galloway removed to Helena, for he was prospecting in that locality at the time. The legislature met at Virginia City and to that place he went by stage coach. There were twenty-five members of the house and thirteen members of the council and it was to the latter body—corresponding to the state senate of to-day—that Mr. Galloway was elected. His district covered a territory about forty miles wide and one hundred and forty miles long. When the members of the legislature reached Virginia City there were no boarding places and with several others he had to sleep on the floor of the bar-room covered up with his blanket. Later he and others slept on the floor of the council chamber, and in the morning they would slip their blankets under the benches occupied by the spectators. Mr. Galloway remained in Montana for about four years, prospecting part of the time. He afterward went into a wholesale commission house at Helena as a clerk, and during that time drew the largest salary of any man in the state, having full charge of the business. He was offered a partnership, but declined, as he desired to

return home. Prices were very high in those days. Brooms sold for twenty-four dollars a dozen; nails at fifty dollars a keg; sirup at five dollars a gallon, and sugar at forty cents a pound, and all these were the wholesale rates.

After twenty-five years' residence on the Pacific coast Mr. Galloway returned to Xenia and has since lived a retired life, although he was at one time a director in the First National Bank of this city. He has made several trips to California, going at different times by way of Nicaragua, the Panama route and Mexico, and in other parts of the country he has also traveled extensively. He is connected with the Beta Theta Pi, a Greek letter fraternity. In politics he was originally a Whig, and afterward became a Republican, and although he was very active in political circles at an early day, he always refused to hold office, save that of state senator. His life history, if written in detail, would furnish many a chapter of thrilling interest. His has been an eventful career in which many experiences have relieved his history from monotony. Reared amid the scenes of frontier life in Ohio, connected with the early development of the Pacific coast, he is now enjoying a well merited rest and is accounted one of the honored and respected residents of Greene county.

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#### ALBERT M. STARK

For many years Albert M. Stark was a well known figure in mercantile circles in Xenia and was so widely and honorably known that no history of this county would be complete without the record of his life.

His father, William T. Stark, came to Greene county from Lexington, Kentucky, in the year 1814, and almost immediately became a factor in the business life of Xenia. He was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and was a son of John Stark, who subsequently removed to Lexington, Kentucky. It was there that William T. Stark completed his education and learned the trade of a silversmith, which he followed during the greater part of his life. In 1829 he was appointed postmaster of Xenia and served in that capacity continuously until 1841, his first appointment coming from President Jackson. He held various official positions of trust and was an honored and influential resident of the community. In 1814 he married Miss Lydia Miley, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and afterward removed to Cincinnati. Her parents settled in Columbia, Hamilton county, Ohio, immediately after leaving the Keystone state, and subsequently Mrs. Stark became a resident of Greene county. By her marriage she became the mother of eleven children. William T. Stark departed this life in 1858 and his wife survived him until 1872, having lived with her children in Xenia after her husband's death. They were among the early and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the family has ever been noted for industry, integrity and honor.

Albert M. Stark, whose name introduces this record, was born in Xenia June 4, 1822, and acquired his education under the direction of Thomas Steele, one of the most popular and efficient teachers of the city. When a boy he was employed in the store of Canby & Walton, where he received his first business training. He there remained

until 1838, when his services were sought by J. C. McMillen, with whom he remained as a salesman for some time and finally was admitted to a partnership in the business, this relation being maintained for twenty years. He was also one of the founders of what became one of the largest mercantile houses of Xenia, that of Stark, Lytle & Cooper.

In 1862, however, Mr. Stark put aside business cares and enlisted as a Union soldier in the One Hundredth and Tenth Ohio Infantry, and owing to his business qualifications he was immediately made quartermaster, the appointment coming from Governor Tod. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac and operated in West Virginia with the Sixth Corps. On the 12th of January, 1863, Mr. Stark was captured by the rebels at Winchester and experienced all the horrors of life in Libby prison, where he was confined for fifteen months. He was the only prisoner who survived the tortures of that loathsome den for so long a time. Of the three who were captured at the same time, his two companions died in the hospital and Mr. Stark was paroled from the hospital, September 12, 1864. In the following January he rejoined his regiment in front of Petersburg and had great satisfaction in witnessing the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox, knowing that it practically ended the war for the preservation of the Union. His regiment was then sent to Danville, Virginia, on to Richmond, and a few days later was ordered to Washington, where it participated in the most celebrated military pageant perhaps of the century, known as the grand review.

On the 1st of July, 1865, Mr. Stark was mustered out of service at Columbus and

immediately thereafter returned to Xenia, where he resumed business relations. He was one of the oldest grocery merchants of Xenia at the time of his death and enjoyed an extensive and profitable patronage. He was also for a number of years the president of the building and loan association, and for fourteen years he was president of the school board. Through a long period he also acted as a member of the city council, and in each public position which he was called upon to fill he discharged his duties with marked loyalty and capability. By Governor Hayes he was appointed a trustee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, in which capacity he remained for six years. Governor Bishop reappointed him to that position and for a third term he was appointed by Governor Foster. He was elected appraiser of real estate of the west half of Xenia in the spring of 1889 by a large majority. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and to the Grand Army of the Republic, and took a very deep and helpful interest in the latter order. He was also a charter member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Xenia and enjoyed the distinction of being its first presiding officer.

On the 19th of February, 1851, Mr. Stark had been united in marriage to Miss Mary Ward, who was born May 2, 1832, a daughter of James H. Ward, one of the highly respected pioneers and merchants of Middletown. This union was blessed with two living children, William and Walter C., who are residents of Xenia. Mrs. Stark still survives her husband and resides at No. 134 West Main street. It was on the 8th of February, 1895 that Albert M. Stark was called to his final rest, his remains being in-



tered in the Woodland cemetery. He was long a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and a distinguished and worthy citizen of Xenia.

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### JOHN S. TURNER.

Almost thirty years have passed since John S. Turner became a factor in mercantile circles in Bellbrook, where he began business on a small scale. He has steadily increased his stock to meet the growing demands of his trade and now has a store which would be a credit to a place of much greater size. His business reputation, too, is unassailable, for his enterprise and honorable methods have commended him to all.

Mr. Turner was born in this village November 5, 1850, his parents being James and Nancy (Snodgrass) Turner. His boyhood days were passed in this village, where his father had located when yet a young man. The latter was married in Sugarcreek township and engaged in real-estate dealing.

In the common schools our subject acquired a fair education, fitting him for life's practical duties. For a few years he clerked in Bellbrook and thus gained a knowledge of mercantile methods which have proved of value to him in the control of his business enterprise. Soon after his marriage he began business on his own account, and he now owns not only a large stock of general merchandise, but the building in which he is carrying on business. He also has an excellent residence in the town and a farm of one hundred and ninety acres of valuable land west of Bellbrook, situated on the trolley line. These investments have been made as the result of his success as a mer-

chant. As the years have passed he has prospered in his undertaking, for the people have reliance in his business methods and also patronizes him because of his reasonable prices.

On the 5th of June, 1874, Mr. Turner was united in marriage in Sugarcreek township, to Miss Martha J. Cunningham, a daughter of James and Sarah (Stratton) Cunningham. Four children have been born to this union: James, who is a graduate of Wittenberg College of Springfield, Ohio, and is employed by the Ffos Gas Company, of Springfield, was married to Miss Maude Butt, of that city, and there they make their home. John, who is a farmer of Sugarcreek township, married Miss Helen Pease, of Bellbrook, and they have three children. Harry M., who on the 1st of January, 1902, was admitted in his father's business, married Ethel Barnett, of Spring Valley. Grace, the only daughter, is yet a student in school.

Mr. Turner is a leading and active representative of the Democratic party and since 1881 has continuously filled the office of township clerk, while since 1878 he has been village clerk. He has also been treasurer of the school district since 1884 and is a citizen whose devotion to the best interests of the community is above question. He co-operates in every movement and measure for the general good and his labors have not been without result in promoting the progress and prosperity of Bellbrook.

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### ANTHONY VARNER.

Anthony Varner, now deceased, was born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, and later removed to Washington county, Maryland. In early manhood he married

Catherine Kline, a native of Washington county and the year 1857 witnessed their arrival in Greene county, Ohio. The work of progress and improvement was in its incipency, much of the land was still uncultivated and there was little promise of rapid development, but the family cast in their lot with the early settlers and Mr. Varner took an important part in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present prosperity. There were thirteen in the party that made the trip to the west, Mr. Varner and his family being accompanied by his two brothers and their families. Three weeks had passed ere they reached their destination. They first located in Dayton, where they remained for about a year and a half. On the expiration of that period they took up their abode in Beavercreek township, Greene county. Here Mr. Varner purchased ninety acres of land which is still owned by his daughter. With the exception of a small tract of four acres the entire farm was covered with timber. There was an old log cabin upon the place, but no other improvements, and with characteristic energy our subject began to clear away the trees and place the field under cultivation. He built a larger and more substantial log house and also built barns, but all these are now a thing of the past, save the mere shell of one of the old buildings.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Varner were born six children: Mira, who became the wife of William Burrous; Elizabeth and Eleanor, who were next in order of birth; John, who lived all his life upon the old homestead and died in 1892 at the age of seventy-nine years, his remains being interred in Mount Zion cemetery; Andrew C.; and Susanna.

Andrew C. was born in Maryland, Oc-

tober 21, 1819, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, in 1827. He remained a resident of this state until 1849, when he went to Piatt county, Illinois, where he has since lived upon the farm which he purchased at the time of his removal there, it having been his home now for more than a half a century. His education was acquired in the common schools of Beavercreek township and in Xenia. While pursuing his studies in the latter place he walked each day back and forth to the school, a distance of six miles. He afterward engaged in teaching school, being employed in nearly every school in his township and continuing in some of them as many as five terms. He was married to Miss Iva Paxton, and unto them was born one son, George D. The mother died and he afterward married Miss Emily Painter, of the well known Painter family of this county. It was soon after that they removed to Illinois. In their family were seven children: Mrs. Ella Dubson, Clara M., William, Jeremiah, Mary, Andrew C. and Richard. Of this number William was born April 12, 1863, in Monticello township, Piatt county, Illinois, where he was reared and educated, but in 1893 came to Beavercreek township, Greene county, Ohio, where he engaged in the operation of the old Varner homestead. He is still living there and is one of the enterprising, wide-awake and progressive farmers of the community. On the 21st of February, 1899, he was married in Xenia to Miss Sarah Jane Hartsock, who was born in Douglas county, Illinois, a daughter of Ephraim and Sarah Jane (Rice) Hartsock, both of whom are now deceased. Three children have been born of this marriage,—Charles William, Frank Arlie and Irene.

Susanna, the sixth member of the family, became the wife of Smith Fithian, a native of New Jersey, who came to this county when a small child. After he had attained years of maturity he removed to Illinois, where he married Miss Varner. His death occurred January 17, 1890.

Anthony Varner, whose name introduces this review, served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812 and was ever a loyal and patriotic citizen, interested in all that pertained to the welfare of his community. He died in 1859 in his seventy-fourth year, after more than thirty years' residence in this county, and is yet remembered by some of the oldest settlers. His wife passed away twenty years prior to his death. Both were loyal and devoted members of the Lutheran church and enjoyed the high regard of many friends. Their remains were interred upon the farm which Mr. Varner had purchased and improved. He was a Democrat in his political views and was always true and faithful to his honest convictions, and well does he deserve to be mentioned among the honored pioneer settlers of Greene county.

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#### MATHEW ALEXANDER BICKETT.

Mathew Alexander Bickett, who resides about two miles east of Xenia, was born in Xenia township, January 19, 1831, and is a son of William R. and Isabella (Alexander) Bickett. His father was born in the Coaquilla Valley, Pennsylvania, about 1796 and was a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Reed) Bickett. The grandfather was born in the northern part of Ireland where he spent the most of his life and where all but two of his children were born. On coming to America the family settled in Pennsylvania,

where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring a few years later. In the year 1818 William R. Bickett started with the remainder of the family, of whom he was the youngest, for Ohio. They made the trip with a six-horse team and passed the first winter with Robert Hamell, a brother-in-law, who had come to Ohio the previous year as a teacher. In the spring of 1819 the Bickett family purchased one hundred and fifty acres of timber land and in connection with his brother John, the father of our subject built a log cabin, which was the family home for many years, the sons living with their mother. It was a productive district in which they located, the work of progress and civilization being scarcely begun. Wild game of all kind was plentiful, including deer, as well as turkeys and other smaller game. Mr. Bickett bore all the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life, but was at length enabled to overcome all obstacles and secure for himself a comfortable home. In 1827 he was united in marriage to Isabella Alexander, and unto them were born six children: Adam R., a resident of this county; Mathew A.; Mary Jane, who became the wife of Solomon Foust, who died a few months later, leaving her with a son, Edward; Elizabeth Isabella; Lydia Ann, who died at the age of twenty years; and W. Harvey. The father of this family passed away in 1865 and the mother died in April, 1885, at the age of eighty-three years, their remains being interred in Xenia, Ohio. They were the members of the Second United Presbyterian church and people of the highest respectability. Mr. Bickett bore an important part in clearing and developing the land and thus largely promoted the progress of the county.



In the common schools near his home Mathew A. Bickett pursued his education and to the development of the home farm he contributed his share of labor until about the time of his father's death. On the 30th of May, 1865, he married Miss Caroline E. Kendall, who was born in Xenia township, a daughter of William and Eleanor (Jackson) Kendall. Her father was a native of Kentucky and a son of Robert Kendall, while her mother was born in this state and was married in Xenia township. The Kendall family is of Scotch-Irish lineage and unto the parents of Mrs. Bickett were born six children, of whom four are living: Robert, a resident of Xenia; Henry, of Xenia township; Eliza, the widow of Wilson Dallas, who resides near Dayton; and Mrs. Bickett. The deceased were: Mary Ann, the wife of James Galloway; and Rev. Clark Kendall, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, who died at Xenia. The father was a soldier of the war of 1812 and both he and his wife were consistent Christian people, who held membership in the United Presbyterian church. The marriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed with seven children. Clark K., of Xenia township, married Margaret Turnbull and has two children, Mary Eleanor and Joseph Turnbull. Charles A. is at home. William Albert married Margaret Harper and resides in Xenia township. Annie M. and Eleanor I. are with their parents. John W. is a minister of the United Presbyterian church, located at Greenfield, Ohio. David Cameron, at home, completes the family.

The family home is an attractive one, noted for its hospitality. All the buildings upon the farm have been erected by Mr. Bickett and stand as monuments to his enterprise and thrift. He has a large barn,

forty by sixty feet, and a corn crib, forty by nineteen feet. He makes a specialty of the raising of shorthorn cattle and finds this a profitable source of income. His efforts return to him golden harvests and the farm is neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating his careful supervision. Beginning life without means he has added to his possessions till he owns about two hundred acres at present. He is a Republican in politics, but not an aspirant for office.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bickett are members of the Second United Presbyterian church and are worthy representatives of honored pioneer families. Their own records reflect credit upon the untarnished family names and they have a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the community who esteem them for their genuine worth, genial manner and kindness. As a business man Mr. Bickett sustains an unassailable reputation for reliability and trustworthiness.

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#### HALLIE Q. BROWN.

There are perhaps few ladies in all this land who have as wide a reputation or more extensive acquaintance than Miss Hallie Q. Brown, whose career has been one of marked benefit to her fellow men. Her activity has always been along lines of improvement and of benefit for those with whom she has come in contact. The highest and the lowliest in this land and in Great Britain have acknowledged her power as an elocutionist, while many have reason to feel grateful to her for what she has accomplished. Wilberforce College, of Greene county, Ohio, owes much of its success to her efforts in its behalf and through her in-



*Hallie Q. Brown.*





fluence its labors have extended to a wider scope, assisting many in the development of their talents and capabilities and thus enabling them to become men and women of strong force of character and helpful lives.

Perhaps the account of Miss Brown's early life can not be better given than in the words of a contemporary historian who has said: "A traveler passing by a country farmhouse a few miles from Chatham, Canada, not many years ago, might have seen a little girl of eight or nine summers mounted on a colt, without girth or bridle, her hair given to the winds, dashing up a lane to pasture. There he would have seen her dismount and hastily perform the duties of dairy-maid, first calling each cow by name and playfully inquiring as to the health of each. The milking finished, he would have seen her jump upon a tree stump or felled log and deliver an address to the cows, the sheep and the birds. She had a separate speech for the larger animals and special addresses for the lambs, the ducklings and the other auditors that happened to be present. Having exhausted her own vocabulary she began a conversation in the language of the cow, the horse, the sheep, the goose, the rooster, until each was imitated, and then, bidding adieu to the "congregation," she remounted her steed and cantered home again. That was her daily morning program, secret and unobserved. It was for this that she rose earlier than the others of the household until one morning a farm hand saw her by chance, himself unobserved, and her secret was a secret no longer. This little girl was Hallie Q. Brown. Who can say but that propitious fate had her then in training to develop her powers which have since carried her east and west, upon her mission of amusement, instruction

and beneficence to tens of thousands in two hemispheres?"

Miss Brown was the youngest of six children. Her father died at the age of eighty years, in 1882, but her mother lives with her at Wilberforce, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Jere A., their eldest child, is now living in Cleveland, Ohio. He has served in the state legislature of Ohio, and now holds a position in the government service at Washington, D. C. Mrs. Bell Newman, the next younger, is now deceased. Mrs. Annie E. Weaver resides at Farmland, Indiana. Mary Frances is deceased. John G., also deceased, was a graduate of Wilberforce University and gave great promise of being a noted lecturer and speaker, but death terminated his career in his early manhood.

Hallie Quinn Brown was born in Pittsburgh and during her early girlhood accompanied her parents to Chatham, Canada, where she acquired her preliminary education, later continuing her studies in Wilberforce College, of Ohio, where she was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science with the class of 1873. Among her classmates were Mrs. Mary F. Lee, wife of Bishop B. F. Lee; and Samuel T. Mitchell, afterward president of Wilberforce University. Her broad mind and earnest thought had grasped the situation in the south, and realizing that there was a mighty field of labor, she entered upon educational work in that portion of the country. Her first school was on a plantation in South Carolina, where she endured the hardships and rough life uncomplainingly, and continued her work of teaching the children of various plantations and also instructing the aged ones to read their Bibles, thus bringing into many a life the great comfort which the reading of the

word brings to all the true followers of Christianity. Later she was in charge of a school on the Sonora plantation in Mississippi, where she found that her labors were largely hampered by two vices—the use of whisky and tobacco—and since that time she has labored earnestly to abolish those two evils. Her fame as an instructor spread and her services were secured as a teacher in Yazoo City, but on account of the unsettled state of affairs in the south in 1874-5, she was compelled to return to the north.

Later a successful teacher in Dayton, Ohio, for four years, she was then obliged to give up educational work on account of her health, and has since devoted her attention largely to lecturing and public reading. She started out upon a lecture tour in behalf of her alma mater, Wilberforce College, and the first year's service proved her ability in that direction. Then in order to better present her work from the platform she took a course in elocution and again started out upon her travels, meeting with still greater success. For several years she traveled with the Wilberforce Grand Concert Company, an organization for the benefit of Wilberforce College. She has lectured and read throughout the length and breadth of this land in all the leading cities, and every place has been favorably and enthusiastically received.

In 1894 Miss Brown went abroad and lectured in England for six years. Among the different lecture courses on which she appeared was that of the renowned Westbourne Park Institute. She has lectured and recited in all the leading cities of Great Britain, and was connected for some time with Lady Henry Somerset in temperance work. She was entertained by Queen Vic-

toria, July 7, 1899, tea being served in St. George's Hall, the hall of the Garter, Windsor Castle. She appeared and spoke at the entertainment of the Princess of Wales, the present Queen of England, this entertainment being given for the poor of London at the time of the celebration of the Queen's diamond jubilee. She has been entertained and dined by the most noted ladies and families of England and Scotland, and during Queen Victoria's jubilee year she was the guest of the Lord Mayor of London and his wife, and later by the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, and journeyed with them in a private car to London, where special seats near Westminster Abbey were reserved for them from which to view the procession and ceremonies. She was also in attendance at the funeral of Gladstone, the ticket of admission being furnished to her by a member of parliament.

Miss Brown belongs to the Royal Scottish Geographical Society of Edinburgh, to the British Women's Temperance Society, to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, to the King's Daughters, and was a member of the International Congress of Women. Miss Brown went to England in behalf of the Douglass Memorial Hall, which was required for the accommodation of the large and increasing library of the university. She lectured also on temperance and various other subjects, and gave many readings, her splendid and exceptional gifts as an elocutionist winning the highest praise. Hers has been a life permeated by the true missionary spirit, carrying truth and help into many districts where it has been so greatly needed, and presenting facts in such a clear, understandable way that her auditors have gone away convinced. It is impossible to give any correct estimate of

her work, the influence of mind upon mind, and of soul upon soul being an incalculable force, the worth of which is only recognized in eternity, but in this land and in Great Britain thousands have reason to be grateful to her and to speak of her in words of loving praise.

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SILAS O. HALE.

Among those who in public office have advanced the general welfare through faithful performance of duty is numbered Silas Opdyke Hale, who is clerk of the court of pleas in Greene county. He was born in Bellbrook, Sugarcreek township, this county, March 9, 1858, his parents being Silas and Miriam (Opdyke) Hale, who were also natives of Greene county. The father was born near Bellbrook, August 26, 1803, and was a son of John and Sarah (Bowen) Hale, natives of Maryland, whence they removed to Kentucky and in 1802 removed to Ohio, locating in what is now Sugarcreek township, Greene county, where the grandfather successfully carried on business, being engaged in both farming and tanning. He was one of the honored pioneers of this portion of the state and took an active part in the early development and progress of Greene county. In 1838, however, he removed to Kosciusko county, Indiana, where he died in 1845. By two marriages he had twelve children.

Silas Hale, the father of our subject, obtained a common-school education, and when old enough began work in his father's tanyard, where he was employed until seventeen years of age. He was then apprenticed to the cabinet-maker's trade in Wilmington, Ohio, and after mastering that

business returned to Bellbrook, where he engaged in cabinet-making for ten years. Later he established a general store, which he conducted almost up to the time of his death, being one of the enterprising, wide-awake and reliable merchants of the town. For more than forty years he was township treasurer and was appointed postmaster of Bellbrook by Franklin Pierce, in which office he served continuously until Grover Cleveland's first administration, a period of over thirty years. No public official of the county has ever enjoyed to a higher degree the confidence and good-will of the public or more truly deserves the respect accorded him. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hale were born ten children, who in order of birth were as follows: Dorinda, John, Henry and Frank, twins, Angeline, Mary, Bowen, James, Melancthon and Silas O. Four of the sons, John, Henry, Frank and Bowen, were in the Civil war and Bowen died at Camp Chase in April, 1862. The parents were both members of the Methodist Protestant church and were people of genuine worth, true to every principle which tends to the development of an upright character. Mr. Hale died in 1889 at the age of eighty-six years, but his widow, a lovely Christian lady, still survives him at the age of eighty-eight years and is living with her son, Henry H. Hale, in Xenia.

In the schools of Bellbrook Silas O. Hale acquired his early education, which was later supplemented by study in the National Normal University at Lebanon, where he pursued a scientific course. He prosecuted his studies during the summer months while in winter he engaged in teaching. Entering upon his business career he first learned the carpenter's trade in Bellbrook under the direction of Harman Brothers,



but followed this only a short time, when he began teaching in Sugarcreek township. He was very successful as a teacher, having the ability to impart clearly and concisely to others the knowledge he had acquired. On the organization of Sugarcreek township high school Mr. Hale was selected as the first principal and was also made superintendent of the township schools, which position he held from 1892 until he entered upon the duties of the office of clerk of the common pleas court of Greene county, Ohio, in 1900. He was one of the organizers of the Ohio State Township Superintendents' Association, and was its first president. Afterward he was secretary and treasurer for several terms, resigning the position when elected clerk of the courts. He served on the executive committee of the Greene County Teachers' Association for one year and presided over the Teachers' Summer Institute. He was then elected president of the Teachers' Association and as such again conducted the Teachers' Summer Institute, which was declared one of the most popular ever held in Xenia.

On the 29th of November, 1881, Mr. Hale was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Gibbons, a native of Greene county and a daughter of Thomas Gibbons, of Bellbrook. Her father was a native of Ireland, but for many years resided in Bellbrook, where he spent his last days. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hale have been born one child, Minnie Miriam, now a student in the high school of Xenia.

Socially Mr. Hale is connected with Spring Valley Lodge, No. 302, I. O. O. F., and with Xenia Lodge, No. 668, B. P. O. E., and of the latter he is a trustee. In politics he has always been a stanch Republican, deeply interested in the welfare

and growth of his party. He has held different official positions, having been treasurer of Sugarcreek township for ten years and also treasurer of the village of Bellbrook several terms, as well as a member of the city council of Bellbrook. In 1899 he was elected clerk of the courts on the Republican ticket and in 1902 is again the candidate of his party for that office, his second nomination being a public acknowledgment of his capability during the first term of service. For several years he was an active member of the county central committee and was on the executive committee for one year. Mr. Hale attained to a prominent position in educational circles and is now accounted one of the most faithful and skillful officers of the county. In all life's relations he has been found true to the trust reposed in him and has well merited the good name which he enjoys.

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#### GEORGE CONFER.

George Confer, a retired farmer residing in Yellow Springs, is a native of Washington county, Maryland, his birth having occurred near Hagerstown, on the 8th of February, 1827, but since the age of seven years he has lived in Ohio, coming at that time to this state with his parents, George and Elizabeth (Bowman) Confer. The father was born in Maryland and followed the occupation of farming as a means of providing for his family. In 1834 he came to Ohio, locating in Greene county, his farm comprising one hundred and fifty acres of land in Miami township, a small part of which had been improved. He erected some new buildings, making many excellent improvements upon the farm,

which is still in possession of the family. There he lived and died, passing away at the age of seventy-two years. He was a member of the German Reformed church and in early life gave his political support to the Whig party and on its dissolution became a Republican, but the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him. As the years passed his diligence and business ability brought to him success, so that he was enabled to give to each of his children a good home. His widow survived him twelve years and died in the city of Xenia. She was also born in Maryland and was a member of the Lutheran church. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, three of whom are still living: Hannah, who resides near Spring Valley; William G., now deceased; George; Susan, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; and Elizabeth, who is the widow of Richard Partington and has one son, Edward. Her home is near Spring Valley, Greene county.

To the district school system of Miami township George Confer is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He assisted his father upon the home place and after the death of his parent, in 1857, he and his brother began farming for themselves and were thus engaged for two or three years. The partnership was then dissolved and George Confer purchased more land adjoining the farm which his father had given him in Miami township. There he engaged in the tilling of the soil and stock-raising for thirty-three years and in 1891 he removed to the village of Yellow Springs, where he has since lived a retired life.

On May 2, 1861, George Confer was married in Miami township to Ann John-

son, whose birth occurred on the 15th of April, 1841, in Greene county. She is a daughter of James and Catherine (Ehrler) Johnson. The father was a native of Kentucky and at an early date came to Ohio. The mother was born in France, but when a young girl was brought to the United States, settling with her father in Clark county, Ohio, and with him she remained until her marriage. Afterward Mr. and Mrs. Johnson settled upon a farm in Miami township, Greene county, where the mother died in 1849. Mr. Johnson afterward married again and his death occurred in 1890, both passing away in Miami township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Confer were born six children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Mary Etta is the wife of Joseph Vernanda Shoemaker, who resided at Goes Station, in Xenia township, where he is conducting a grocery store. They have one child, Cora May, who is the wife of George Hall, of Dayton, by whom she has a daughter, Dorothy. George Albert, the second member of the Confer family, resides upon his father's farm on the Dayton pike, in Miami township, where he is engaged in the cultivation of the fields and in the raising, purchasing and sale of stock. He married Miss Anna Fogle and they have five children: Vernanda, Earle, Raymond, Verna and Georgia. Arthur U. resides upon the home farm in Miami township. He married Miss Clara Miller and they have three children, Florence, Chester and Harry. William W., who is also living upon the home farm, wedded Miss Zella Fogle and they have two children, Edith and Esther. Howard T., a blacksmith at Goes Station, married Nora Ginneman and their children were Harold, Mildred and two that died in

infancy. Susie, the youngest member of the Confer family, is the wife of John Conrad, a grocer of Springfield, Ohio, and they have one son, Herman.

In his political views Mr. Confer is a Republican and for one term he served as supervisor of his township, while for eight or nine years he was a director of the public schools. He belongs to the Reformed church and take a deep and active interest in everything tending to promote the general welfare, along all lines of substantial progress and improvement.

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#### NOAH SIPE.

Noah Sipe is the oldest resident of Bath township, having lived here for more than eighty years. He has witnessed great changes as time has passed and man has wrought for the upbuilding and improvement of this portion of the state. The forests which stood in their primeval strength during his boyhood days have been cut down to be replaced by fields of waving grain, while here and there homes have been builded and are now occupied by a prosperous and contented people. Towns and villages have also had their era of prosperity and improvement and to-day Greene county in its splendid development is the work of many enterprising pioneers among whom is numbered Noah Sipe, who resides on a farm on the Fairfield and Yellow Springs pike in the eastern part of Bath township, where his birth occurred in a little log cabin, December 28, 1820.

His parents were Christian and Catharine (Carpenter) Sipe. The father was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, and was a son of Henry Sipe, a native of Ger-

many, who, on crossing the Atlantic to the new world, settled in the Old Dominion, where he spent his remaining days. In the county of his nativity the father of our subject was reared and educated and served as a private in the war of 1812. For two years thereafter he remained in Virginia, and about 1814 came to Ohio, settling first in Clark county, where his brother Francis had earlier made his home. When two years had passed he went to Cincinnati to see a man who had entered a half section of land. This he purchased, paying about nine hundred dollars out of the sum of one thousand dollars which he had accumulated while in the east. This land was all heavily wooded, but soon the sturdy strokes of his ax removed trees upon the place and the land was cultivated. In the latter part of his life he purchased a fine farm near Yellow Springs where he lived retired upon the place where both the father and mother of our subject died. The latter was born in Virginia and came to Greene county in 1812. She was a daughter of John Carpenter, who was also a native of the Old Dominion, and on coming to Greene county with his family settled about one mile west of the present home of our subject. Christian Sipe died in 1855, at the age of sixty-five years, while his wife passed away in 1860, when about sixty-five years of age, both being interred in Yellow Springs cemetery. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in his political views the father was a Jacksonian Democrat. Of this marriage were born seven children: Amy, the wife of Eli Routzong, who is now deceased; Noah, our subject, being the second in order of birth; John, who died in early youth; Manuel, who is also deceased; Sarah, the wife of Lewis



Cosler; Elizabeth, deceased; and Mary Y., who has also passed away. As the years passed the father cultivated a very good home for his family. He became the owner of four hundred and eighty-eight acres of valuable land. He was a tanner by trade and in early life followed that pursuit, but during the greater part of his business career devoted his energies to farming.

Noah Sipe pursued his education in the township schools but his advantages in that direction were somewhat limited. The building was a log structure and the school was conducted after the subscription plan, the tuition being one dollar and fifty cents for three months. The spelling book and the arithmetic were about all the books required and the methods of teaching were very primitive as compared with those of the present day. At the age of eleven years Mr. Sipe began to follow the plow and throughout his active business life he devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. His practical experience in youth enabled him to successfully carry on farm work after he had attained to man's estate.

In the year 1848 Noah Sipe was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Wiant, a native of Champaign county, Ohio. In 1856 Mr. Sipe erected a brick house upon the old home farm, where he now resides. There was but one other house anywhere in the locality at the time the old home had been erected. The first structure was a log cabin, which was succeeded by a fine log house built when Mr. Sipe was a young lad, and is still standing, one of the mute reminders of pioneer days and an indication of the present progress and improvement of the county.

By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sipe have been born seven children: John, who now resides upon the old home farm with

our subject, married Mary Jane Wilson and unto them four children were born—Edgar W., Emmet Clifford, Ida May, and John, Jr. Artemis, who is the wife of William Strasburg, is residing in Springfield, Ohio, and they have three children—Ota and Reta, twins, and Maude. Jasper is the next younger. Walter, who lives on the old home farm with his father, which is also the place of his birth, married Johanna Hern, and unto them six children have been born—William, Walter, Mary, Frank, Charles and Catherine. He assists his father in the operation of the home farm. Ida, who married George Finfrock, resides in Boise City, Idaho. Joseph Douglas is now deceased. He married May Woodall and they made their home in Yellow Springs township. Their children were—Noah, Charles, Myrtle and Lizzie. Mertie, the seventh member of the family, married Ephraim Harshman and resides in Clark county. Their children are—Harry, Gladys, and Elmer, deceased.

In 1881 Mr. Sipe was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who in that year passed away and was laid to rest in the Yellow Springs cemetery. At the age of thirteen years she had become a member of the Baptist church and was ever a consistent Christian woman. For his second wife Mr. Sipe chose Sarah C. Scudder, who was born in Trenton, New Jersey. His landed possessions now comprise three hundred and seventy and one-half acres and he also owns a lot in the village of Osborn.

In his political views Mr. Sipe is a Democrat, but has never accepted office save some minor positions. For thirty years he has been school director and for twelve years was clerk of the school board. His son John has for three years been township trustee, elected on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Sipe has devoted his energies to general farming and stock-raising, and as the years have passed has met with creditable and gratifying success so that in the evening of life he is provided with all the comforts that go to make life worth the living as the result of his former toil. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a steward of the church at Yellow Springs. He takes a very deep and active interest in religious affairs and his life has ever been in consistent harmony with his profession. He has passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey and now receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded those who have advanced thus far. His history contains many elements well worthy of emulation, for he has ever lived an honorable and upright life, having been true in all his relations to his fellow men.

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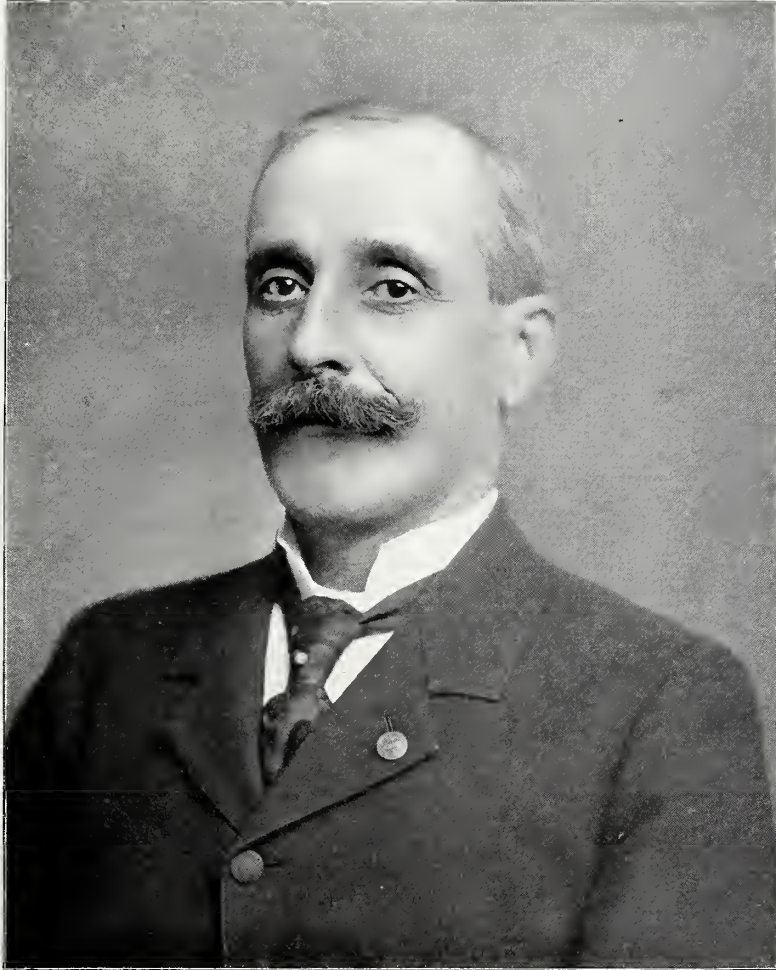
#### HON. ANDREW JACKSON.

The list of the leading citizens of Greene county contains the name of the Hon. Andrew Jackson, one of the representative and honored citizens of Cedarville. His record as a soldier, as an official and a business man has been so honorable that he has gained the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact. His unbending integrity of character, his fearlessness in the discharge of his duties and his appreciation of the responsibilities that have rested upon him have been such as to make him a most acceptable incumbent in the office of assemblyman and in that of sergeant-at-arms in the house. He is filling the latter position at the present time and is

one of the most popular men ever called to the office.

Mr. Jackson has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished. Many representatives of the family have attained state and some national importance in business affairs, in military life and in statesmanship. His great-grandfather was a brother of Andrew Jackson, the hero of the battle of New Orleans and later the president of the United States. Robert Jackson, the father of our subject, became prominent in public affairs of Greene county. He was commander of the militia forces of this county and in 1834 he represented this district in the state legislature. It was in the year 1805 that General Robert Jackson removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio, settling on Clark's Run, near a good spring, for in those days it was a valuable addition to a farm if there was a spring upon it. His place was three miles west of Cedarville on the Jackson pike and is now known as the Stevenson farm. He was a man of soldierly bearing and commanding appearance. His commission as general bears date 1831. He filled local offices, including that of county commissioner of Greene county, and was long a recognized leader in public thought and action. His death occurred when he was eighty years of age near Xenia. He was married, in December, 1819, to Miss Minerva J., a daughter of Philip Eddy, of Warren county and on horseback the bridal pair made their way to their new home in Greene county. An old bureau of cherry wood, which was a bridal present from her parents, is still in possession of our subject. Seven of the twelve children born of this marriage are still living.

Upon the home farm Andrew Jackson,



ANDREW JACKSON.





of this review, spent his early boyhood days. He was born on Christmas day of 1845 and received his education in the common schools. At the age of thirteen years he went to Xenia and accepted a position in the dry-goods store of Merrick & Company and while living in Xenia he attended school. For two years he held a position as book-keeper and served in that capacity until the fall of 1861 when he enlisted in the Union army, aroused by a patriotic desire to aid in the preservation of the Union. He was then a boy not yet sixteen years of age and the only son at home. Because of this his mother would not consent to his departure and got a writ restraining him from going to the front. He then went with his brother-in-law to Michigan and entering his school there took up the study of civil engineering, in which his brother-in-law was very proficient. While carrying on his studies Mr. Jackson formed a company from his class, composed of boys all larger than himself, and drilled them in Hardie's tactics. From that company several commissioned officers were drawn later in the war.

Returning to his home the following spring Mr. Jackson again became connected with commercial circles of Xenia, but the fires of patriotism burned strongly within him and once more he offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company H, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 8, 1862, the regiment being organized at Piqua. He took part in a number of engagements, among them being that of Tate's Ferry, in which the regiment lost over three hundred men. He was struck by a bullet in the left arm at the battle of Perryville but he never left his company and afterward participated in the en-

gagements at Stone River, Buzzard's Roost and those of the Atlanta campaign, including Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope Church, Marietta, Peach Tree Creek and the siege at Atlanta. While at Murfreesboro, in 1863, Mr. Jackson was detailed as chief clerk in the office of the brigade inspector, acting in that capacity until he was granted a furlough in 1864. He was at home but fifteen days when he endeavored to rejoin his regiment but could get no farther than Nashville, Tennessee. There he reported for duty and was made chief clerk in the inspector's office there. He handled and issued all the ammunition to the troops, placed the pickets at their stations and performed other very important duties. When the war closed he was mustered out June 5, 1865, and returned to Xenia.

Not long after this Mr. Jackson accepted the position of assistant engineer with the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, with headquarters at Dayton, and among other work which he did for that road was the supervision of the building of the bridge at Lima, Ohio, of which he had full charge, and which is a piece of splendid mechanical engineering. Soon after he was made general ticket agent of the Cincinnati & Zanesville Railroad, with offices in Cincinnati, and for six years held that responsible position, also acting as paymaster and engineer. In the meantime he had married and his wife's people desired that they should return and make their home in Cedarville, for the lady's parents were reaching an advanced age and wished to have their daughter near them, and desired Mr. Jackson to assist her father in the care of his property interests. Accordingly they became residents of this

town. Mr. Jackson spent three years in Mr. Dunlap's lumber camp in Michigan, where he had charge of the entire force of one hundred men and at the same time superintended the operation of his farm in this county. The lumber firm of which Mr. Dunlap was the senior member did the largest business in that line in Cincinnati and continued in existence for more than half a century. For some time the charge of the company's business in Cincinnati devolved upon our subject and he had full supervision of its immense trade in all its departments. Mr. Jackson is now interested in the breeding of stock, an industry which has claimed his attention for many years and is secretary of the building and loan association of Cedarville, which he organized six years ago.

On the 17th of March, 1868, Mr. Jackson was married in Cedarville to Miss Mary J. Dunlap, a daughter of James Dunlap, who came from Cincinnati to this county at an early day, settling in Cedarville township. He was in the lumber business in the former city, but lived retired here. He died at Cedarville, January 25, 1890, at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife passed away shortly after the marriage of our subject. Mrs. Jackson is a member of the United Presbyterian church and a most estimable lady. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children: Pearl, who is the wife of R. G. George, the cashier and paymaster of the Chicago Belt Railroad, by whom she has one child, Marion; Frank, who is township clerk of Cedarville township and manager of the opera house in Cedarville; Clara, a teacher in the public schools of Cedarville; and Fanny, at home. All were born on the home place in Cedarville township.

Mr. Jackson is a recognized leader of the Republican party in this county and his opinions carry weight in the councils of the organization. He was elected to represent his district in the sixty-eighth general assembly and filled the position so creditably that he was re-elected. He was chosen sergeant-at-arms in the seventieth, seventy-first, seventy-second, seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth assemblies. At the last election in 1902 he was the Republican caucus nominee by acclamation and received the entire vote of the assembly, both Democrats and Republicans,—a case unparalleled in the history of the state legislature. He is holding some local offices, has been a member of the school board for twenty-one years, is now serving as its clerk, and is also filling the position of justice of the peace of Cedarville. He was a member of the Ohio Chickamauga commission that erected monuments on the battlefield. This appointment was made under the act of May 4, 1891, by the Ohio assembly, whereby eight commissioners were appointed by Governor J. E. Campbell, these being: Generals John Beatty, Ferdinand Vanderveer, C. H. Grosvenor and Aquilla Wiley, Hon. J. S. Gill, Hon. Andrew Jackson, Private Frederick Wendall and Captain J. C. McElroy. This commission was the first in the field and erected fifty-two monuments which were dedicated September 19, 1895, at the time of the national dedication on the anniversary of the battle. The commission spent four years in its labors. Mr. Jackson has a wide acquaintance among the public men of the state, as well as in Greene county and enjoys in high measure the warm regard of all and the friendship of many of the distinguished citizens of Ohio.



## FREDERICK CHRISTIAN TREBEIN.

Frederick Christian Trebein, now deceased, was an influential and respected citizen of Greene county. The greater part of his life was spent in the vicinity of Xenia. His birth occurred in Dayton, Ohio, October 24, 1833. His parents were William and Christina Trebein, who had two children, a daughter, Mary, born in Germany, and Frederick, born in this country. The parents were natives of Germany, but came to Dayton early in the history of that city. William Trebein was one of the first four Germans who settled in Dayton. There Frederick C. Trebein spent his childhood and early manhood, and for his native city he always retained the greatest affection.

Mr. Trebein was self-educated and self-made. From chore-boy in a dry goods store he rose to be a partner in the business, and later owned and conducted a large dry goods store on Third street. His health failed after some time and it was necessary for him to give up a business that confined him so closely indoors.

In the early part of 1868 he came to Greene county, settling at what is now called Trebein's Station, where he engaged in the milling and distilling business. Mr. Trebein's interests were broad and he was regarded as one of the foremost business men of the county. He was industrious, resolute and persevering, and these qualities brought him success. He was a considerable property owner in Xenia and was identified with several of Xenia's largest industries. He was always a progressive and public-spirited citizen, and was a man who had the courage to stand up for his convictions. Simplicity and straightforwardness characterized his entire life.

On the 16th of November, 1869, Mr. Trebein was married to Miss Joan Ankeney, daughter of Samuel Ankeney, long an honored citizen of Greene county. There were two children: Bertha E., who resides with her mother; and Mrs. P. H. Flynn, whose husband manages and is a large stockholder in the Xenia and Buckeye Shoe factories. The family is identified with the Reformed church, to which Mr. Trebein was a liberal contributor. He also gave his support to many other measures for the public good, but always in a quiet way. At his death, which occurred June 4, 1900, he left many warm friends who sincerely mourn his loss. He had become recognized as an active and valued factor in business circles, and was also highly esteemed for his genuine personal worth. Since his death the family have removed to Xenia and now reside at No. 125 North Detroit street.

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WILLIAM McCLELLAND.

William McClelland, now deceased, was a well known representative of Sugarcreek township, who in a high measure enjoyed the esteem of his fellow men because his life was upright and honorable. He was born January 3, 1825, on the farm in Sugarcreek township, which is now the home of his widow. His parents were Captain Robert and Martha (McConnell) McClelland. The father was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was very prominent in political circles. He came to Greene county in 1802 and in 1806 purchased the old home farm comprising nearly three hundred acres of rich land, which he developed and improved until it was a very valuable farm. His death occurred in the year 1846.

William McClelland, whose name introduces this review, assisted his father in the work of the home farm during the period of his youth, also pursued his education in the district schools and enjoyed the pleasures such as were common to boys of that period. When he was twenty-one years of age he married Miss Jane Watt, of Beaver-creek township. She died about 1881, and on the 3d of July, 1883, Mr. McClelland was again married, his second union being with Miss Hannah M. Naughton, of Xenia. She was born in Hamilton county near Cincinnati, and was a daughter of James and Mary (Welch) Naughton. Her mother died during the infancy of Mrs. McClelland, who was then reared by a family living in Greene county, near Jamestown. After his marriage Mr. McClelland devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits and his fields were always well tilled, showing his careful supervision and his thorough knowledge of farming methods.

At the time of the Civil war he manifested his loyalty to the Union cause by becoming a member of a company known as the Squirrel Hunters. He afterward joined Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. When the regiment took part in the battle of New Creek, his company was engaged in guarding Piedmont and thus was not in the engagement. Mr. McClelland remained at the front for about four months and during the service was ill with the measles. He never afterward fully recovered his health and died on the 10th of March, 1901, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He voted with the Republican party, and although never a politician in the sense of office seeking, he kept well informed on the issues and questions of the day. In 1890 he was land

appraiser and also school director. For eight years he was director of the Greene county agricultural board and then resigned because the board determined to have horse racing at the county fairs. He did not object to speeding horses, in fact was very fond of a good horse and loved to test its speed, his objection to the racing at the fairs being on the ground of the gambling which was connected with it. Mr. McClelland long held membership in the Second United Presbyterian church and for thirty years served as elder, doing everything in his power to advance the cause of Christianity and promote the growth of the church. His life was one that was in harmony with principles of upright manhood and in which he had due regard for all his obligations to his fellow men. He was honorable, courteous, kindly and possessed a genial and friendly disposition, and thus his death was sincerely and deeply mourned throughout the community. Mrs. McClelland has long been identified with the United Presbyterian church.

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#### EDMUND HARRIS MUNGER.

Judge E. H. Munger is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Ohio, whose representatives have for a century been connected with the development and progress of this state, but further back can he trace his ancestry, for in an early epoch in the colonization of America his ancestors came to the new world. The Munger family is of English lineage and from the county of Kent in the year 1639 came one of the name, establishing his home in New England, where his descendants became active factors in the substantial up-

building and improvement of that section of the country.

Edmund Munger, the grandfather of our subject, was a general in the war of 1812 and for a time was in charge of the Ohio army, but after was superseded by General Hull, who took the troops to Detroit where he afterward surrendered them. General Munger was a farmer by occupation and was a man of marked ability along many lines. He had considerable mechanical talent, could shoe his own horse and repair his farm machinery and at the same time his mental talents and broad knowledge made him a leader of public thought and opinion. On coming to Ohio, he spent one summer on wild land near Belpre, in Washington county, where he cleared some of his land and planted a crop. Afterward he purchased an entire section—six hundred and forty acres—of what was known as the Simms purchase, south of Dayton in Montgomery county, in 1798. His new tract of land General Munger cleared and for many years made his home thereon. At first he lived in true pioneer style, his home being a log cabin, but as the years passed and he won prosperity, he added to his place all modern equipments and conveniences and erected a large brick residence. He was a man deeply interested in all that pertains to the promotion of the general welfare, was a leader in public thought and action, and was called to represent his district in the state legislature. In fact, he was one of the most prominent and influential citizens of his portion of the state. He would hold church meetings, singing societies and meetings of a similar character which tended to promote sociability as well as culture and morality among the people of the community. He donated the ground upon which a school

was built and was an active factor in advancing general progress. He died at his home on the old Simms purchase at the age of eighty-six years, while his wife reached the very advance age of one hundred years and four months.

Reuben Munger, the father of our subject, was reared to manhood on the old family homestead in Ohio, although he was born in New England. He was the fifth in order of birth in a family of twelve children, ten of whom reached years of maturity and reared families of their own. He received the ordinary common school advantages offered at that time and became a well informed man. His father established a circulating library and the children therefore had the opportunity of acquiring much knowledge in that way. He learned the trade of a builder and for many years was extensively and successfully engaged in contracting and carpentering. Like his father he possessed much mechanical ability and ingenuity, and could not only engage in carpentering, but could make carriages and wagons and even constructed threshing machines in that early day. He married Laura Harris, also a native of Montgomery county, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bingham) Harris, who were New England people, and removed to Ohio at an early period in the settlement of this state. Unto Reuben and Laura Munger were born three children, the eldest being the Judge, while the second son was John, who died at the age of nineteen years. The third child was Amanda, who died at the age of four years. John passed away in New Orleans, to which city he had been taken on account of his health, but he died the evening after his arrival. Although he always resided upon a farm, Reuben Munger never actively en-



gaged in agricultural pursuits. He lived to a very ripe old age, passing away in his ninety-sixth year, while his wife died at the age of seventy-four, at the old home on Montgomery county. Following her death, the father came to Greene county and spent his last days in the home of the Judge in Xenia.

Like most boys of the period, Judge Munger began his education in the common schools such as existed during his boyhood and was also instructed by a neighbor, the Rev. Mr. Hall, who taught him to read Latin. He took up the study of algebra and surveying independently and made for himself a set of surveying instruments. He also made a set of blocks to illustrate the law of cube root. After he had mastered the branches of learning taught in the neighborhood schools, he began teaching in the common schools and followed that profession for a number of years, alternating his educational work, however, by attendance at the Xenia Academy and the academy conducted by Mr. Barney in Dayton. Subsequently he pursued a collegiate course in Miami University at Oxford, and when in the senior year, together with sixteen of his classmates, he left that institution and went to Danville, Kentucky, completing his course of study there by his graduation in the class of 1848. The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon him and he was chosen to deliver the graduating address, taking as his subject *The Ideal*. Judge Munger earned the sum necessary to defray his expenses throughout the period in which he was obtaining his education, with the exception of the sum necessary for the last term of three months.

After his graduation Judge Munger re-

turned to his home and established a school for young men and women at Bellbrook, Greene county, conducting the same for nine months. He then began reading law with Joseph G. Gest, of Xenia, with whom he read for two years, after which he was admitted to the bar before the supreme court at Columbus, in 1851. He then went into partnership with his preceptor, a connection that was maintained for two or three years, when Mr. Gest retired from practice and Judge Munger purchased his library and admitted R. F. Howard to a partnership in the business. On the expiration of two years, this relation was discontinued and since that time Judge Munger has been alone in practice. For years he maintained a very prominent position at the bar of Ohio. His standing at the bar was a merited tribute to his ability. He threw himself easily and naturally into the argument with a self-possession and a deliberation in which there was no straining after effect, but with a precision and clearness in his statements and an accuracy and strength in his arguments which speak a mind trained in the severest school of investigation and in which the closest reasoning was habitual and easy. He has now largely retired from practice, for the years have brought him success and he is today the possessor of a handsome competence.

On the 3d of October, 1861, the Judge was united in marriage to Miss Emily A. Mather, of Suffield, Connecticut. The ancestry can be traced back to Richard Mather, the distinguished minister who was one of the first to proclaim the gospel in the new world. Charles and Mary Mather, the parents of Mrs. Munger, were natives of Connecticut and never came to Ohio. Her

mother is still living at the age of ninety-two years. Unto the Judge and his wife were born six children: Clara, the wife of Joseph Littell, of Indianapolis, who is a minister of the United Presbyterian church, by whom she has four sons; John C., who married Flora Barnes and is now a practitioner of law in Toledo; Laura, the wife of H. W. Ninde, a lawyer of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by whom she has four children; Edmund, who is a graduate of Brown University and is a musician of note, now studying music in the city of Vienna, Austria; Mary, who completed her musical education in Berlin; and Charles, at home.

Judge Munger served for three and one-half years upon the bench of the common pleas court. He was first appointed by Governor Hayes to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Winans, and later was elected to the same office. He never held other official positions save that of prosecuting attorney, in which capacity he served for seven years prior to the time when he went upon the bench. In politics he was originally a Whig, but joined the Republican party upon its organization. As the years have passed he has made judicious investments and is today the owner of four hundred and fifty acres of valuable land in Greene county. He is also a stockholder in the Xenia National, the Citizens' National, and the Dayton National Banks. His scholarly attainments, his statesmanship and reliable judgment, and his charming powers of conversation have enabled him to ably fill and grace any position however exalted, but he did not seek preferment in that direction, desiring rather, to give his undivided attention to the practice of law during the many years of his active connection therewith, and as has been truly said, "No political preferment, no mere

place can add to the power or increase the honor which belongs to the pure and educated lawyer."

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#### WILLIAM G. CONFER.

Among the honored residents of Yellow Springs was numbered William G. Confer, now deceased. He was born at Hagerstown, Washington county, Maryland, December 29, 1823, and was a representative of an excellent family, his parents being George and Elizabeth (Bowman) Confer, the former a native of France and the latter of Hagerstown, Maryland. George Confer emigrated to the United States with his father, who settled in Maryland, and in 1802 came to Greene county, Ohio, locating on the land which was for so many years the home of our subject. This farm of two hundred acres was secured from the government at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. The farm labors of the grandfather were at one time interrupted by his enlistment for service in the war of 1812, but with the exception of this period he followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life. The parents of our subject were married in Hagerstown, Maryland, and after residing in Ohio for a time they returned to the former state, which was their place of abode until 1834. In that year they again came to Ohio, where they spent their remaining days, the former dying in 1857, and the latter passing away in 1870. They were the parents of five children and were most highly respected people.

William G. Confer was a lad of fourteen years when he left his boyhood home in Maryland and accompanied his parents on their second removal to this state. Here he entered the public schools, pursuing his

studies in a log school-house in which were a puncheon floor, slab seats and greased paper windows. He remained upon the home farm until the death of his father and until after his marriage. That important event in his life occurred on the 29th of December, 1857, the lady of his choice being Mary Jane, a daughter of Philip F. and Jane (Wolf) Cost. Mr. Confer built a log cabin which he and his family occupied until 1866, when he was enabled to erect a more modern residence. In 1876 he built a large barn at a cost of several thousand dollars and numerous other structures on the premises, indicating in a marked manner the enterprise and thrift of the owner. In addition to the improvement upon the place Mr. Confer carried on successfully the work of tilling the soil and raising crops. He also invested considerable capital in the village of Yellow Springs, erecting the postoffice building here and also a livery stable.

Unto our subject and his wife were born five children. George B., their first born, died in October, 1887, at the age of twenty-eight years. Elizabeth J. is the wife of Jacob S. Cosler, a resident of Miami township, and they have five children, Elsie J., Lewis W., Mary F., Russell H. and Georgiana. Mr. Cosler is a farmer and a very prominent man. John P. resides upon the old home place engaged in the raising of Jersey cattle and in conducting a dairy. He wedded Mary Jacobs, a daughter of A. Jacobs, of Miami township, and they have two adopted children, Gertrude Alexander and Harry Gross. Frank resides at Yellow Springs and is agent for the Springfield Laundry. He married Maude Bailey and they have one daughter, Ruth. The fifth member of the Confer family died in infancy.

In 1894 Mr. Confer left the farm and removed to Yellow Springs, where he lived a retired life until his death, June 11, 1902. He was a member in good standing of the Reformed Presbyterian church in which he served as elder and deacon for many years, and to which his wife also belongs. He became identified with the church when fourteen years of age and his life was ever in consistent harmony with its teachings and principles. In politics he was a Republican and for two years he was a member of the school board of his district, while for several terms he served as supervisor. He remembered many interesting incidents of the early times. From 1809 until 1812 his father hauled flour from Cincinnati, six barrels making a load, and it required six barrels to pay for a barrel of salt. He saw the first ferry-boat plying from New Orleans to Cincinnati, it taking seventy-five days to complete that journey. In early life Mr. Confer became familiar with the hardships and trials incident to the establishment of a home on the frontier and bore his part in the work of development and progress here. He took a deep interest in the welfare and upbuilding of the county and throughout the long years of his residence here was ever known as a loyal and valued citizen.

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#### SIMEON P. MALLOW.

Simeon P. Mallow is one of the wide-awake young farmers of Caesarscreek township, and while no exciting chapters are found in his life history, he is known as a worthy citizen interested in all that pertains to the general welfare and at the same time providing comfortably for his family by the



exercise of good business judgment and unflagging industry. His home is on the Hussey pike and it was upon this farm that his birth occurred September 17, 1868, his parents being John and Hannah (Peterson) Mallow. His paternal grandfather was George Mallow, a native of Virginia, who became one of the pioneer settlers of Greene county, Ohio, where the parents of our subject were educated in the district schools, after which their marriage was celebrated in this county, where their sterling traits of character made them recognized as leading and representative citizens of the community. They became the parents of four children: Martha J., the wife of B. L. Lewis, who resides near Paintersville, this county; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of D. C. Spahr; Charles, who died in infancy; and Simeon, of this review. The father took an active interest in political affairs and espoused the cause of the Republican party. He served as trustee of his township for several years and was also town treasurer. Both he and his wife belonged to the German Reformed church and Mr. Mallow was called to his final rest in 1893 at the age of seventy-three years, while his wife died in January, 1887, at the age of sixty-four years, their remains being interred in the cemetery of Xenia.

In the district schools Simeon P. Mallow acquired his preliminary education, which was supplemented by study in the business college in Springfield, Ohio. Like most young men who start out in life for themselves he sought a companion and helpmate for life's journey, and on the 26th of November, 1891, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Ida M. Hook, who was born in Greene county, daughter of Clinton and Mary (Downey) Hook, the former a native of Greene county and the latter of Clinton

county. They now reside near Xenia. In their family were ten children, of whom seven are yet living as follows: Ida M., now Mrs. Mallow; Pearl, the wife of Samuel Snyder, a resident of Columbus; Georgia B., the wife of Harry Bales, who is now living near Xenia; Charles E., Bertha Fay, Lawrence and Homer, at home.

By their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Mallow have become the parents of five children: Eva Fern, who died in childhood; Chester L., Olive, Ralph O. and Lois Esther, who are still with their parents. The wife and mother is a member of the Methodist Protestant church of Paintersville, which Mr. Mallow also attends and supports.

Mr. Mallow operated the old home farm from 1888 to 1893, when after the death of his father he bought the interests of the other heirs and is now the possessor of a fine farm of three hundred and five acres, well improved with a good residence, barns and all modern conveniences. The fields return a golden harvest for the care and labor bestowed upon them. Mr. Mallow is also engaged in the raising of short horn cattle and this branch of his business is likewise profitable. He is a member of the firm of Mallow, Lewis & Long, who own and operate the New Jasper limestone quarry, comprising fifty-five acres, from which they ship building stone, having a switch from the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad. They also manufacture brick and tile, their plant having a capacity of twenty thousand per day. Politically Mr. Mallow is a Republican, and he takes an active interest in public affairs, has served as clerk and treasurer of his township, and is filling the latter position at the present time. He is known as an active and reliable business man, of a bright and jovial disposition, and his genial-

ity and courtesy have gained for him the good will and esteem of the entire community.

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JAMES A. GOWDY.

James A. Gowdy, who resides on the upper Bellbrook road in Greene county, was born March 25, 1852, on this farm, which has been in the family for about one hundred years. In early pioneer times when Greene county was just emerging from its wild condition into the light of civilization, the Gowdy family came to Ohio. John Gowdy was born in Connecticut in 1747 and was of Scotch-Irish parentage. He married Abigail Ryan, who was of Welsh descent, and about 1782 emigrated westward, locating first at the north bend of the Ohio river. Later owing to military troubles, he was compelled to remove to the military station at the falls of the Ohio and from there went to a settlement which afterward became Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. There the family lived until about 1809, when they came to Greene county, settling on a farm two miles west of Xenia on the upper Bellbrook pike. John Gowdy died about five years later, passing away November 7, 1814. His wife survived him for about twenty-four years and departed this life on the 6th of May, 1838. They had eleven children. The eldest, James Gowdy, was married three times, his first wife being Joanna Townsley, his second Sarah Brown, and his third Jane Purdy. His children were John, James, George, Joanna, who became the wife of William L. Finley, Samuel and Philander. Samuel Gowdy, the second of the family, married Isabelle Cowley and their children were John Ryan, Abigail, Martha, Samuel,

Frank, Robert Williamson and Diana Melvina. Jane, the third member of the Gowdy family, became the wife of Joseph Kyle and unto them were born the following named: Mary, Joseph Addison, Abigail, Catherine, John, James, Samuel, William and Martha. Martha Gowdy married John Jolly and their only child was James Gowdy Jolly. The next members of the family were Mary and Robert. John Gowdy, who followed in the order of birth, married Prudence Foglesong and their children were George Foglesong, Catherine, John, James, Charles, Sarah, Margaret, Albert and Thomas. Alexander married Eleanor Fitzgerald and their children were John Ryan, Ellen, Abigail, Sarah, Cyrus and Mary. Abigail, the next member of the Gowdy family, became the wife of Robert Stevenson, and their children were John, Thomas, Rachel and Abigail. Ryan Gowdy was twice married, his wives being sisters—Diana and Nancy Morgan, and his children were John, Mary, Ryan, Adelaide and Nancy. Sarah, the youngest of this family, became the wife of Peter Jacoby, and their children were Abigail, Mary, Jane, John, Ann, Henry, Rachel and Susanna.

Robert Gowdy, the grandfather of our subject, married Nancy Mackey, the fifth child of Alexander and Jane Mackey, who were married in Scotland and on coming to the United States settled near Lexington, Kentucky. Mrs. Gowdy was born January 1, 1785, and their marriage occurred August 26, 1806. On coming to Xenia they first lived in a stone house which stood on the southwest corner of Detroit and Third streets, where the coal yard of Eavey & Cozad is now located. Robert Gowdy was a tanner by trade and conducted his business at the place of his residence, on the west

side of Detroit street, between Water street and Shawnee creek. He served as captain and major in the war of 1812 and afterward held the commission as colonel in the state militia. Their children were Ariminta, Jane Ryan, John Alexander, Martha, Mary, Eliza, Abigail, Robert, Nancy Ann, Sarah, James Marion and Isabella. Of this number Ariminta died in 1831, and Martha, Nancy and James Marion died in infancy. Jane became the wife of Amaziah Pilcher; John married Sarah M. Bradford; Mary became the wife of John McBride; and Eliza of William V. Rhoades; while Robert married Emily Manor; and Sarah became the wife of John Lawrence Jolly; and Isabella of Jacob Fishell. Abigail was married to William Twiss. Robert Gowdy, the father of this family, died December 16, 1831, and his wife died during the cholera epidemic in 1849 on the 3d of August.

The parents of James A. Gowdy were Robert and Emily (Manor) Gowdy. He was born on the Cincinnati pike and spent his entire life in Greene county, where he passed away in October, 1894, at the age of seventy-five years, his remains being interred in Woodland cemetery. His wife died in June, 1883, at the age of fifty-eight years. Mr. Gowdy voted with the Whig party in early life and afterward became a staunch Republican. He served for two terms as infirmary director and in all matters pertaining to the general welfare he took a deep and active interest. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as a leader for many years. In their family were eight children: George E., a minister of the Presbyterian church, now living in Lebanon, Ohio; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of William Anderson, a United Presbyterian

minister; James A., whose name introduces this record; William F., a Presbyterian minister living at Pleasant Ridge; Charles B., who for many years was secretary and treasurer of the Xenia Shoe Company, and died in March, 1902; Luella, the wife of R. D. Williamson, of Cedarville township; Robert L., an attorney of Xenia; and Emily, who died at the age of six weeks.

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#### LEWIS SMITH.

The board of county commissioners in Greene county has been composed of a number of the leading citizens, men who have been unselfishly devoted to the welfare and progress of the community and who enjoyed the esteem and confidence of the best citizens of this portion of the state. Among the number who have capably served on the board was Lewis Smith. He came of an old Virginia family, his paternal grandparents being Jacob and Nancy Smith, both of whom were natives of the Old Dominion, but at an early date they emigrated westward and in Greene county established their home, casting in their lot among the pioneer settlers. It was upon the old home farm here that James Smith, the father of our subject, was born August 4, 1810. He was reared in the usual manner of lads of that period. The country was wild, the forest uncut, the streams unbridged and very little of the land was cleared. He assisted his father in the development and cultivation of the home farm until he decided to make some other pursuit his life work and learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for many years. He married Elizabeth Cane, who was born January 8, 1816, a daughter



of Robert and Sarah Cane. Mr. Smith died on the 28th of February, 1876, and his wife, surviving him for many years, passed away on the 20th of April, 1895.

Lewis Smith, whose name introduces this review, was born in New Burlington, Greene county, Ohio, May 5, 1837, and spent the days of his boyhood and youth there, obtaining his education in the public schools. Like his father he learned the blacksmith's trade and continued to work in the smithy until 1897, receiving a good patronage on account of his excellent workmanship and his honorable business methods. In the year mentioned he was elected county commissioner and served continuously in that office up to the time of his death, which occurred May 7, 1902. He was a member of the board that contracted for and built the new courthouse in Xenia at a cost of more than two hundred thousand dollars. He was complimented and commended for the active interest which he took in the welfare of the citizens of Greene county and his worth was widely recognized.

On Christmas day of 1860 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Smith and Miss Rachael Elizabeth Craft, a daughter of Allen Craft, who was a farmer but is now deceased. Unto our subject and his wife were born ten children, of whom nine are yet living, namely: Rena Bell, Minnie E., Hattie M., Wesley Allen, William Francis, Wayne Craft, Walter Le Roy, Harley Hays and Leslie Leonard. Socially Mr. Smith was connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the family is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church of New Burlington. In his political views Mr. Smith was a stanch Republican, never swerving in his allegiance to the party whose principles he believed

contain the best elements of good government. His life was quietly passed in the faithful performance of each day's duties, and while there were no exciting chapters in his history it yet contains many lessons that are worthy of emulation.

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F. E. McGERVEY.

The true measure of individual success is determined by what one has accomplished, and as taken in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, there is particular interest attaching to the career of the subject of this review, since he is a native son of the place where he has passed his active life, and so directed his ability and efforts as to gain recognition as one of the representative citizens of Xenia. He is to-day connected with many business interests which are of value to Xenia through promoting its commercial activity, whereon rest the prosperity and upbuilding of every town or city. He is to-day cashier of the Citizens' National Bank and is also a representative of many other important business concerns.

F. E. McGervey was born in this city on the 21st of January, 1856, his parents being James and Caroline (Brown) McGervey, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New Hampshire. It is supposed that the McGervey family is of Scotch-Irish origin. The parents of James McGervey died during his infancy and he was reared by a Pennsylvania Dutch family. In early life he learned the saddler's trade and in 1828 he emigrated westward, traveling by stage coach and becoming a resident of Xenia, which was then a thriving little

village. For more than sixty-seven years he conducted a harness shop in this place, continuing in business up to the time of his death. His excellent workmanship, his honorable treatment of his patrons and his unremitting diligence brought to him success and he gained, as result of his labors, a comfortable competence. He was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Brown, who had three sisters, and all of them, like Mrs. McGervey, celebrated their golden weddings, and each sister with her husband attended the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of all the others. The father of our subject passed away in 1895 at the advanced age of eighty-five years and his wife was seventy-nine years at the time of her death. They were the parents of eight children, but three of the number died in childhood. The others are as follows: Harriet is the wife of J. D. Watt, of Scotia, Nebraska. Mrs. Sarah M. Myers, now a widow, is the principal of the Woman's College at Fredericksburg, Maryland. James L. is connected with the firm of Jobe Brothers, merchants of Xenia. William R., who now resides in Kansas City, was the organizer of the Citizens' National Bank in 1881, and served as its cashier until 1896, when his health failed him and he removed to Kansas City, where he has since made his home. The youngest member of the family is the subject of this review.

Frank E. McGervey is indebted to the public school system of Xenia for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He entered upon his business career when only fifteen years of age, being first employed as bookkeeper and when seventeen years of age he was head bookkeeper of a large mercantile concern. Since that time he has been engaged in clerical work, although he has not

given his entire attention to it. In 1876 he entered the office of the county treasurer as deputy and filled that position for eight consecutive years. In 1884 he was elected county treasurer and served for two terms in that capacity. On the expiration of that period he entered the insurance and real estate business and is still a member of the firm of McGervey & Le Sourd. In 1897 he entered the Citizens' National Bank of Xenia as cashier and has since continued in that position, the success and high standing of the institution being attributable in no small degree to the efforts of the popular and efficient cashier. He also has other interests, being connected as a stockholder with leading enterprises here. He is the secretary and treasurer of the Gas Company and of the Electric Light Company.

On the 29th of January, 1880, Mr. McGervey was united in marriage with Miss Julia Dean, a native of Greene county and a daughter of David Dean of Xenia. She is the younger of two children, her brother, D. C. Dean, being the superintendent of the Xenia Gas Company. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McGervey were also born two children, but the daughter died in infancy, Walter E. is now acting as bookkeeper in the bank. Mrs. McGervey belongs to the United Presbyterian church and our subject holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has been chorister for a quarter of a century. He has always been identified with the musical circles of Xenia and is the director of the Association Chorus of this city, comprised of one hundred and twenty-five members. In politics he is a stanch Republican but has never consented to hold office, save that of county treasurer. He also belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association and for fifteen years has been

an active member of its board, taking a deep interest in all that pertains to the moral development and mental culture of the city as well as to its material upbuilding. His advancement has been continuous, his promotion coming to him in recognition of his capability, efficiency and accuracy. Well merited success now crowns his efforts, and he is honored and esteemed by all who know him.

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### JASPER N. WILSON.

Jasper N. Wilson, who follows general farming in the southeastern part of Bath township, was born May 28, 1850, in this township, and is a son of William and Elizabeth E. (Watts) Wilson. The father's birth occurred in Bath township October 14, 1812, his parents being William and Catherine (Heffley) Wilson. The former was a native of Kentucky and about 1800 came to Greene county, Ohio, while the grandmother arrived five years later, coming from Maryland, her native state. Soon after reaching Ohio the grandfather entered land from the government, thus becoming the owner of a tract in the eastern part of Bath township, which he at once began to improve. He was called out in service in the war of 1812 and there contracted disease which terminated his life. After his death his wife left the farm and made her home with her husband's father, Michael Wilson. There she died six months after the birth of her son William.

The latter lived with his grandparents in the old homestead until he was seventeen years of age. He then learned the blacksmith's trade at Byron, of Jacob Greiner, and after he had mastered the business he worked for one year as a journeyman. He

then purchased the shop and tools of his employer and conducted business there for eighteen years, after which he sold out and bought a little farm near the town, continuing its cultivation until 1855. He then traded the property for a larger farm about two and one-half miles from Byron and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1872. In May, 1834, he had married Elizabeth Watts, and unto them were born ten children, but only one of the number is now living. These were: William W.; Sarah, who died in infancy; Jacob, who was a member of the One Hundred and Tenth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers in the Civil war; Catherine, the wife of Jacob Wolf, but both are now deceased; Susan, the wife of Henry Coines, and they have also passed away; Elizabeth, who became the wife of John Lowe, and they, too, are deceased; Mary Elizabeth, the wife of James Ross; Virginia Alice; Jasper; and Annette, the widow of F. B. Bryan. The mother of this family died March 13, 1877. The father was a member of the Reformed church for nearly half a century and was one of the loyal adherents to the cause of Christianity. He held the office of justice of the peace at Byron for nearly two years and then resigned on account of the demands of his private business. In politics he was a strong Republican and in his farming operations and other pursuits he was very successful. After 1872 he lived a retired life in Fairfield until called to his final rest in 1881. Both he and his wife were buried in the cemetery at Byron.

Jasper N. Wilson was educated in the district schools, but when still quite young began to assist his father in the work of the field and meadow and was thus engaged until he was twenty-seven years of age. In the



spring of 1882 he removed to his present farm. In the meantime he had married, having in the spring of 1871 wedded Miss Ellen K. Hetsel, who is now deceased. Their children were: Bertha and Charles, who have passed away; Bessie, the wife of John Kendig of Bath township, by whom she has two children—Fay and Frank; William, who married Hattie Dillinger, by whom he has one child, Mabel, and their home is in Bath township; Clelland, who married Laura Reed; Ettie, now deceased; Susie, who is living with her brother-in-law, Mr. Kendig; and Lura, also deceased. The mother died in 1888 when about thirty-eight years of age and was laid to rest in the Byron Union cemetery. She was a consistent Christian woman who held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. On the 16th of August, 1892, Mr. Wilson was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary (Henman) Hansel, who had one child, Jesse, by her former marriage. By the present union there were three children: Ralph, who died in infancy; Raymond and Leslie, who are still with their parents. The family home is upon a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which Mr. Wilson is carrying on general farming and stock-raising. His fields are well tilled and annually he gathers good harvests. In his pastures are found good grades of stock and his business is carefully managed, so that he is to-day one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of his community.

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#### MANSEL J. HARTLEY.

The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplish-

ments, but rather to leave the perpetual record establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellow men. That Mr. Hartley occupies a notable position among the able lawyers of Ohio is shown by the many times his professional associates have honored him with official preferment in their fraternal organizations; and that the public accords him prominence is demonstrated by the liberal clientage which he now enjoys. It is therefore fitting that he be numbered among the leaders of the bar of Greene county, where for twenty-one years he has practiced continuously.

Mr. Hartley was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 9th of August, 1853, his parents being William P. and Eleanor E. (Johnson) Hartley, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Ohio. It is believed that the Hartley family is of English lineage but for many generations representatives of the name have resided in America, the original ancestor having come to the new world with William Penn. The Hartleys are still found in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. They were worthy people, identified with the Society of Friends, and their lives were in consistent harmony with the teachings of that sect. William P. Hartley came to Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1837, and is now residing within a mile of Quaker City. Throughout his active business career he has followed farming and now he is living in practical retirement at the age of eighty-one years, while his wife has reached the age of seventy-one years. They became the parents of three children, of whom two are yet living—Mansel J. and Anice H., the latter the wife of S. F. McBurney of Quaker City, Ohio.

In the public schools of Quaker City, Mr. Hartley of this review obtained his

early education and afterward engaged in teaching for four years in the district schools during the winter months, while in the summer season he worked upon the home farm. Not content, however, with the educational privileges previously accorded him he resolved to pursue a more advanced course and when twenty years of age he entered the freshman class of Bethany College of West Virginia, where he completed a classical course and was graduated in 1877 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was then chosen superintendent of the schools of Quaker City, where he remained for a year, and in 1878 was elected superintendent of instruction in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home in Xenia, serving in that capacity until 1880. While engaged in teaching he took up the study of law under the direction of Charles Darlington of Xenia, and in April, 1881, he was admitted to the bar, where he has practiced continuously since. He entered into partnership with B. Nesbitt, a relation that was maintained from 1886 until 1892, when on account of his age, Mr. Nesbitt practically retired and died shortly afterward. With the exception of that period of six years Mr. Hartley has always been alone in practice and the success that he has achieved is the merited recognition of his ability. He is well informed concerning the various departments of jurisprudence. The people do not trust their legal business in unskilled hands where they risk losing that for which they are in litigation, and when one secures a large clientage it is an indication that the people have faith in his ability. Although Mr. Hartley has made the practice of law his chief vocation he has also been identified with several corporations and important business enter-

prises. He is a director of the People's Building and Savings Company of Xenia; is a director of the Xenia, Cedarville, Jamestown & Wilmington Traction Company and its attorney; and is also attorney for the Springfield & Xenia Traction Company.

On the 11th of September, 1884, Mr. Hartley was united in marriage to Miss Laura H. Coffman, of Dayton, Ohio, and theirs is one of the hospitable homes of the city. Their circle of friends is very extensive and is continually growing as the years pass by. Mr. Hartley has been called to many positions of public trust and since 1881 has served continuously as school examiner of the city of Xenia. In 1879 he received from the state board of examiners a life certificate for Ohio. For two years, from 1889 until 1891, he was trustee of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home, having been appointed to that position by Governor Campbell. In 1892 he was nominated for a presidential elector on the Democratic ticket but there was a Republican landslide in Ohio that year. He was United States commissioner of the circuit court for the southern district of Ohio and in every position which he has been called upon to fill he has proved his loyalty to his country and his fidelity to the trust reposed in him. A very prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he has been a member of its grand lodge since 1888; is now one of its trustees and is an ex-officio trustee of the Odd Fellows' Home at Springfield. He also belongs to Xenia Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M., and for four years was worshipful master. His wife belongs to the Baptist church and to its support he contributes liberally. In the line of his profession he is connected with the State Bar Association of Ohio. He has made a close study of law,

never losing sight of any detail having bearing upon his case, and at the same time he gives to the more prominent points due importance. His knowledge of the law is exact, his preparation of the cases painstaking and his power before the judge and jury is acknowledged by all. He is a gentleman of very modest manner, yet of pleasing personality and his uniform courtesy and genuine worth have made him a great favorite in social as well as professional circles.

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### JOHN H. WOLFORD.

John H. Wolford is the honored mayor of the village of Cedarville and for many years has been identified with its industrial interest, conducting a blacksmith and carriage-making shop. He is a native of Washington county, Maryland, where his birth occurred December 27, 1848, and is a son of John and Mahala (Brewer) Wolford. The father was also a native of Washington county, where he lived and died. He was a shoemaker by trade and followed that pursuit throughout his entire business career. He died at the age of sixty-two years, his death occurring in 1884, and his wife passed away in 1873. Eleven children were born unto them, seven of whom are yet living, and all are natives of Maryland. In that state the subject of this review pursued his education and made his home until he was seventeen years of age, when he came to Greene county, Ohio, settling in Xenia, in 1866. There he continued to reside until 1882, since which time he has made his home in Cedarville.

Mr. Wolford learned his trade of blacksmithing and carriage-making in Xenia and

followed the dual pursuit during sixteen years of his residence in that city. Coming to Cedarville he opened his shop here and has since conducted the business with good success, his excellent workmanship and trustworthy business methods commending him to the public confidence and, therefore, to the public patronage.

Mr. Wolford has also been quite prominent in public affairs and is well fitted to be a leader of public thought and action. He became a member of the board of education of the village two years after his arrival here, and is thus identified with educational interests. For several years he served as its president and at all times has put forth every effort in his power to promote the cause of the schools. In politics he has always been a Republican, and upon that ticket he was elected mayor of the village, in April, 1896. He has been chosen to that office each term since, so that he is now serving the sixth year, the term of office expiring in April, 1902. No higher proof of his capability could be given than the fact that by popular suffrage he has been three times chosen for the office. During his incumbency many improvements have been made in the city, including the laying of cement walks. When William McKinley was governor of Ohio he appointed Mr. Wolford, in March, 1892, to the office of one of the trustees of the Dayton State Hospital, and he served in that capacity for four years.

In 1872, in Springfield, Ohio, Mr. Wolford was united in marriage to Miss America Mills, a daughter of Jacob Mills, who is now living retired in Springfield. Five children have been born of this union and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. These are: Bernice;



Ida, the wife of W. A. Turnbull, a farmer of Cedarville; Edna, who is the wife of Oliver Dodds, of Xenia; J. N.; and Ralph. All of the children were born in Xenia with the exception of the youngest, who is a native of Cedarville.

Fraternally Mr. Wolford is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Masons, his membership being in the lodges in Xenia. For twenty years he has resided in Cedarville and has become widely known not only in the city, but throughout the surrounding district. He is a representative of our best type of American manhood and chivalry. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overthrown the obstacles which barred his path to success and reached the goal of prosperity, while his genuine worth, broad mind and public spirit have made him a director of public thought and action.

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#### PROFESSOR E. H. COLVIN.

Professor E. H. Colvin, long associated with educational interests in this part of Ohio, and now living in Spring Valley, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, July 18, 1827, a son of James and Henrietta (Hayes) Colvin. The father, also a native of Clinton county, engaged in teaching for a brief period in early manhood and then turned his attention to farming, which he followed throughout his remaining years. His wife died in 1873, but he survived until January 16, 1897, when he departed this life in the county of his nativity. Of their family of three children, our subject is the second. Vincent Darius, the eldest, died in infancy, while Hally Carson is a farmer of Clinton county.

The boyhood days of our subject were spent upon the home farm, and he pursued his education through the winter months between the ages of eight and eighteen years, manifesting special aptitude in his studies. When fifteen years of age he successfully passed a teacher's examination and received a certificate, but on account of his youth could not obtain a position. In the fall of 1875 he entered the Friends College, at Wilmington, Ohio, where he completed the course and was graduated in the class of 1879. Through four years he had daily walked from his home to that school and had never missed a recitation and was tardy only three times, a record of which he has every reason to be proud. The same reliability and fidelity ever characterized his work as an educator. He won the degree of Bachelor of Arts and in the following September he was employed to teach the village school, in Ogdên, Ohio. During the greater part of his life he has devoted his attention to educational work and has won a high reputation as an instructor of superior ability. In 1884 he came to Spring Valley to accept the superintendency of the village school, remaining in charge for four years. He was then away for five years and during one year was teaching at Versailles, Darke county, Ohio. He was then again called to take charge of the schools of this place and remained as superintendent for six years, during which year the school made satisfactory progress and many excellent improvements in methods were introduced, rendering the work of the school-room much more effective in preparing the young for the practical duties of life.

On the 7th of August, 1884, Mr. Colvin was married to Miss Hannah Marie Haines, of Greene county, a daughter of

Samuel Haines and Mary (Bales) Haines. Mrs. Colvin is a native of this county and by her marriage she has become the mother of two children: Orville Carson, born in Versailles, Ohio, May 29, 1889; and Pearl Augusta, born in Caesarscreek township, Greene county, August 21, 1891. In 1899 Professor Colvin removed with his family to LeGrand, Iowa, and became principal of LeGrand Academy, remaining for a year, but the climate did not agree with his wife and daughter and he then returned to Ohio.

Professor Colvin was reared in the Democratic faith and has always supported the party by his ballot since attaining his majority. He was the Democratic nominee in Caesarscreek township for assessor, and although the locality is strongly Republican he failed only five votes of election. He belongs to the Christian church in Bethel, Clinton county, near where his father was born and in which he was a deacon. The professor became identified with the church when about sixteen years of age. His wife was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends, to which she still adheres. Professor Colvin is a member of Spring Valley Lodge, No. 302, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs and also of the encampment. He became so familiar with the proceedings of the fraternity that he could at one time give all of its unwritten work from memory. He became a charter member of Walter Coesey Council, No. 89, Junior Order United American Workmen, filled all the offices and is a past councilman. He is also a member of the department of Spring Valley, and belongs to Burlington Lodge, F. & A. M. He has invested in property, owning a residence in Spring Valley, a house and lot in Caesarscreek township, and the old family homestead,

which he purchased after his father's death. His influence and labors have been of marked effect in promoting the intellectual development of the community in which he makes his home and he and his family occupy a leading position in social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society.

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#### CHARLES W. WHITMER.

Charles W. Whitmer, a member of the Ohio bar practicing in Xenia, was born in Rainsboro, Highland county, on the 4th of July, 1852, and is of German lineage, although the family has long been established in America. Jacob Whitmer, the grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania and spent the greater part of his life there, but in his later years removed to Montgomery county, Ohio, where his death occurred. David Whitmer, the father of our subject, was the only son in a family of four children, and was the eldest of the number. His birth occurred in Pennsylvania, at the old family home there. The family name was originally spelled Wittmer, but later generations adopted the present form. David Whitmer entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in early life and for more than forty years was actively engaged in proclaiming the gospel tidings, having been connected with the Central Ohio conference. He officiated in different pulpits in central Ohio and for a time was connected with the Female College, of Hillsboro, but with that exception he was always in the ministry from early manhood until his death, although at the time of his demise he held superannuated relations to the church. He passed away at the age of

sixty-three years, on the 27th of June, 1887, in Xenia, and his widow is still living here.

Rev. Whitmer was twice married. He first wedded Hannah Fox, a native of Richmond, Indiana, and a sister of Judge Henry Fox, of that city. They became the parents of two children, the elder brother of our subject being William C. Whitmer, who is trainmaster of the northern division of the Panhandle Railroad at Columbus. The mother died in 1855 and was buried near Hillsboro, Highland county. She was a lady of more than ordinary literary ability and culture, and wrote quite extensively for magazines and periodicals of her day. After the death of his first wife Rev. Whitmer married Amanda C. Gardner, of Clinton county, and to them were born nine children, six of whom are yet living. Clarence is teller in the Xenia National Bank; Harry is connected with the firm of Whitmer & Hebble, insurance agents of Xenia; and George is train dispatcher on the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Cincinnati.

Mr. Whitmer of this review pursued his early education in the public schools, attended the high schools of Urbana, Ohio, and afterward was a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware. Before he was fourteen years of age he taught his first school and after completing his education he continued teaching in Greene county, being thus connected with educational work until 1884, when he was admitted to the bar. He had taken up the study of law with the firm of Alexander & Spencer, of Xenia, but at the time had no intention of becoming an active member of the legal profession, but after a few years time he entered into partnership with his former preceptor, Squire W. J. Alexander, with whom he was associated until the latter's death, which oc-

curred on Easter Sunday of 1898. Since that time Mr. Whitmer has been alone, engaging in general practice, having a wide and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence in its many departments. Strong in argument, logical in his reasoning and with a keen perception which enables him to readily determine the strong points of a cause, he has won many notable forensic combats, which proves that he has made no mistake in allying himself with the legal fraternity of Greene county.

On the 28th of November, 1876, Mr. Whitmer was married to Miss Libbie S. Cooper, a native of this county and a daughter of Samuel Cooper of the same county. Three children were born to them: Effie C., at home; Freddie, who died in infancy; and John Raymond, who is connected with the Miami Telephone Company, of Xenia.

Mr. Whitmer is attorney for the People's Building & Loan Association of Xenia; has been solicitor for the city for some time and in connection with the practice of his profession has for a number of years been engaged in the real-estate business, conducting a number of important property transfers. He is quite prominent and popular in fraternal circles, being a member of Xenia Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M.; of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 56, K. of P., of Xenia, and of the Uniformed Rank; Xenia Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Xenia Lodge of the Red Men; Xenia Lodge, No. 668, B. P. O. E. In politics he is a Republican, and for the past eight years has served on the board of equalization for the city of Xenia. In office as in private life he is trustworthy, reliable and energetic in the performance of duty. His chief attention, however, has been given to his law practice. His logical grasp of facts and principles and



of the law applicable to them has been a potent element in his success, and the remarkable clearness of expresison, an adequate and precise diction, which enables him to make others understand not only the salient points of his argument, but his every fine graduation of meaning may be accounted one of his most conspicuous gifts and accomplishments.

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CHARLES H. SULLIVAN.

Charles H. Sullivan, a farmer and stock-raiser of Sugarcreek township, is a western man by birth and possesses the true enterprising spirit so characteristic of this section of the country, leading to its rapid development. He was born in the city of Decatur, Illinois, January 24, 1876, and is a son of Taylor and Elizabeth (Wright) Sullivan. The mother was a native of Greene county, Ohio, and the father had been a resident of Illinois and Missouri, where he had followed carpentering. They were married in Greene county and during the infancy of our subject they returned to this place so that Charles H. Sullivan was here reared to manhood. The public school system afforded him his educational privileges. He was only six years of age when his parents died and he made his home with his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Charles Wright.

After arriving at years of maturity Mr. Sullivan sought a companion and helpmate for the journey of life and on the 12th of March, 1896, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth King, of Warren county, Ohio, in which place she was born October 28, 1876, a daughter of H. H. and Frances (Cooper) King. This marriage has been

blessed with two children, Ambrose and Mulburn. The young couple have the warm regard of many friends, having been so many years residents of this part of the state. Their social qualities have made their home a hospitable one and it is the resort of many who entertain for them high regard. Mr. Sullivan gives his political support to the Republican party, but does not seek public office, preferring that his time and energies should be given to his business interests and to the establishment of a good home for his little family. He is meeting with creditable success in his undertakings and is accounted one of the most progressive and prosperous of the younger farmers of this county.

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JOHN ORR.

Long connected with the educational and official interests of Greene county, John Orr was widely and favorably known and when he passed away the community mourned the loss of a valued citizen, one in whom patriotism, integrity and reliability were numbered among his chief characteristics. He was born in Chester district, South Carolina, on the 12th of August, 1820, and was of Scotch-Irish lineage, the family being founded in America by John Orr, the grandfather of our subject, who emigrated from county Antrim, in the north of Ireland, to the new world, taking up his abode in Chester district, South Carolina. There he lived for many years, but on account of the slavery conditions existing in the south he left that state and with a colony made his way to Indiana, settling near Princeton. At the same time another

colony from the same neighborhood settled near Cedarville, Greene county, Ohio. William Orr, the father of our subject, was also a native of South Carolina, and throughout his business career carried on farming. He spent the greater part of his life near Princeton, Indiana, and at length passed away at that place.

John Orr was the eldest of the five children born to his parents. He, too, was engaged in agricultural pursuits during his boyhood, and in the district schools acquired his early education, which was afterward supplemented by a college course in Hanover, Indiana. He was graduated at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in the class of 1845. After his graduation he began teaching and within a short time became president of a college at Macon, Tennessee, where he remained until a few years prior to the Civil war. Northern men were unwelcome in that section of the country at that time and he returned to Princeton, Indiana, where he was engaged in teaching for several years. He next came to Cedarville, Greene county, Ohio, and was principal of the public schools for several ensuing years. In 1863 he was elected clerk of the court of Greene county and filled that position for eighteen consecutive years, his term of service being unparalleled by any other incumbent of the office in recent years. He discharged his duties in such a prompt and capable manner that he won the highest commendation of the bar and of the general public and over the record of his official career there falls not the least shadow of wrong.

In 1850 Mr. Orr was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Kiloh, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and a daughter of John and Maria Kiloh. They were natives of Eng-

land and were making their home in Aberdeen at the time of their daughter's birth. When she was a maiden of nine summers they crossed the Atlantic to the United States and located in Cincinnati, where she married Mr. Orr. Eleven children were born of this marriage: May, the wife of Judge H. L. Smith, of Xenia; Eva, the wife of Thomas G. Brown, of Ironton, Ohio; William F., an attorney of Xenia; Charles, who is librarian of the Case library in Cleveland, Ohio, and is also a member of the state library commission; J. Frank, of Xenia; Annie, the wife of James R. Hale, of Cleveland; Rose, also of Cleveland; Gertrude, the wife of the Rev. Charles Rice, of Michigan; Blanche, the wife of E. W. Curry, of Cleveland; Olive, the wife of Clyde Horton, of the same city; and Harry E., also a resident of Cleveland. Mrs. Orr is also living in the same city at the age of seventy-one years.

In his religious faith Mr. Orr was a Presbyterian, belonging to a church of that denomination in Xenia. His political support was given the Republican party and the cause of education found in him a warm friend. For several years he was a member of the school board of Xenia and did all in his power to advance the standard of education here. He was himself a man of scholarly attainments and broad general culture and his wide information rendered his conversation not only entertaining, but instructive. He passed away December 30, 1883, at the age of sixty-three years, and his remains were interred in Woodland cemetery, Xenia, Ohio, but though nineteen years have since passed his memory is enshrined in the hearts of scores of his old friends and associates, to whose interests he was ever faithful, sacrificing his own rather

than theirs. Could his service as a capable official always be equaled the best interests of town, state and nation would always be conserved and the welfare of the country greatly advanced.

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MELVILLE F. BARROWS.

Melville F. Barrows, who is agency instructor for the New York Life Insurance Company, having supervision over twelve counties, is an enterprising business man, whose success is attributable to his own efforts. He is numbered among the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred in Xenia township, July 8, 1864, his parents being John I. and P. R. (Butler) Barrows, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ohio. The ancestry can be traced back to Sir Isaac Barrows of England, but at an early day the family was founded in the new world.

Isaac Barrows, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Massachusetts, but in early life removed to the Empire state, where he spent his remaining days, engaged in farming, in dealing in grain and in operating a sawmill. In his family were six children, including John I. Barrows, who acquired a college education and in early manhood came to Greene county, where he engaged in teaching school for a number of years. Later he followed farming for a number of years and when he sold his land became a dealer in agricultural implements in Xenia, where he carried on business for fifteen years. Severing his business relations with the city, however, he is now living in Xenia township, and is numbered among the highly respected citizens of his neighbor-

hood. When the Civil war was in progress his patriotic spirit was aroused and he offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company E, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until a short time before the cessation of hostilities, when on account of ill health he resigned. He was second lieutenant of his company and took part in a number of engagements.

In Xenia township John I. Barrows was married to Miss Providence R. Butler, a daughter of Joshua S. Butler, a native of Virginia, who came to Greene county at an early day. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Barrows were born two children: Melville F.; and Mamie E., who is living with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Barrows hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the schools of Xenia Melville F. Barrows obtained his education and later engaged in farming for a time in Xenia township, but later took up his abode in the county seat and accepted the position of a solicitor for the Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance Company, with which he continued for seven years. He then became identified with the New York Life Insurance Company as agency instructor for central Ohio, his territory embracing twelve counties. He is well versed in every department of life insurance and the different kinds of policies, and is most capably representing the corporation in the position which he now fills.

On the 14th of February, 1889, Mr. Barrows was married to Miss Lulu H. Kline, a native of Greene county, and a daughter of Emanuel Kline, a resident of Salem, Ohio. They have three children: Glenna M., John Freddie and Gracie E.



Mr. Barrows' name is upon the membership rolls of several civic organizations. He belongs to Xenia Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M.; Xenia Chapter, No. 666, R. A. M., and is a member of Trinity church of Xenia. His political support is given the Republican party, and he has served as a member of the city council. He has a very wide acquaintance in this city and the circle of his friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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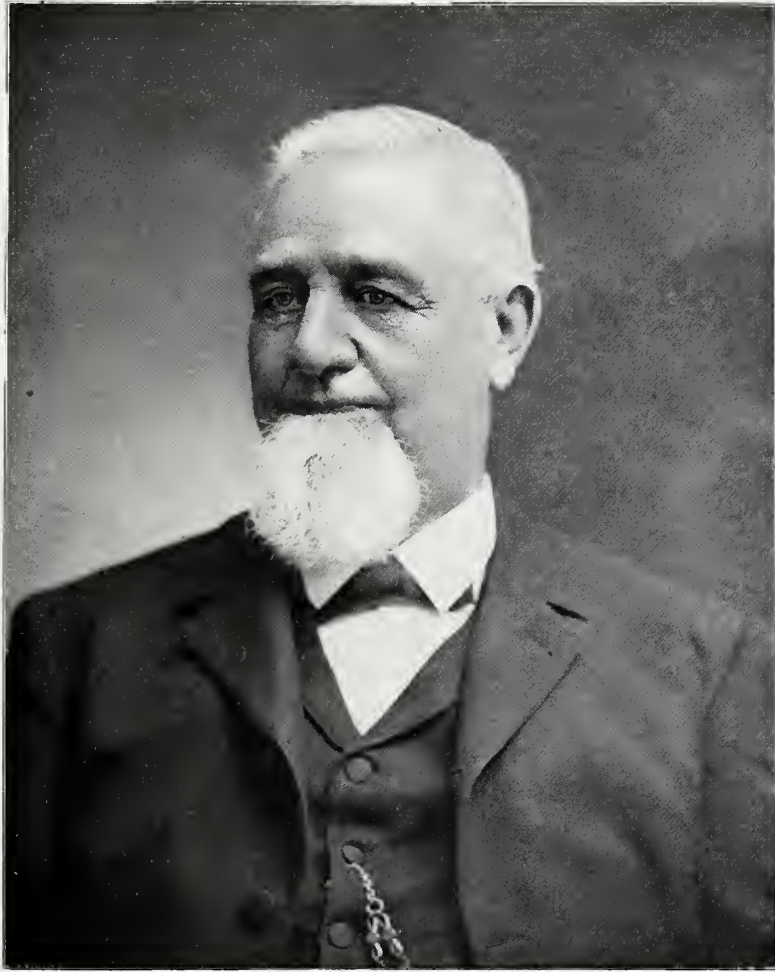
DANIEL H. MARSHALL.

Daniel H. Marshall, who has followed agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and is now living retired in Cedarville, was born in Clinton county, this state, on what is called Buck's Run, about three and a half miles from Burlington, April 23, 1828, his parents being Robert and Sarah (Huffman) Marshall. The father was a native of Virginia, born in June, 1801, and about 1812 became a resident of Ohio, so that he was reared here amid the wild scenes of pioneer life. Here he was married and about 1833 he removed with his family from the farm in Clinton county to Greene county, settling on what is known as the James Barber farm in Cedarville township. There he lived for four or five years, when he removed to Clark county. When several years had passed he removed to a small farm near his first home there, and afterward to the John Nelson farm in Clark county. His next home was three miles east of Clifton, and after seven years there spent he was called to his final rest. He was a mechanic and followed his trade

until about forty years of age, when he turned his attention to the cattle business, which was the means of bringing to him a livelihood until his death, which occurred in 1846, when he was forty-five years of age. In his religious faith he was a Methodist and in political belief a Whig. His wife survived until 1898, passing away at the advanced age of eighty-five. After the death of her first husband she married Elijah Harper, of Greene county, who was born at Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

Mr. Marshall of this review, was one of nine children: William, a retired farmer of Otter Bend, Indiana; Daniel H.; Solomon, a blacksmith and coal and grain dealer of Lafayette, Indiana; Jesse W., a farmer of Cedarville township; Delila, the wife of Thomas E. Stewart, a farmer of Clark county, who is also filling the office of justice of the peace; George W., who resides in Seattle, Washington; and three that died in infancy.

Mr. Marshall of this review accompanied his parents on their various removals during his youth and remained upon the home farm until he had attained his majority. He was then married and removed to a rented farm near Courtsville, Ohio, and also engaged in blacksmithing. In 1849 he emigrated to Iowa, settling in Louisa county, at Hope Farm postoffice, but he remained for only a short time, returning to Ohio by ox-team. He then located on a farm in Clark county, where he remained for a number of years, after which he came to Greene county, purchasing land in Cedarville township, upon which he remained until ten years of age when he retired from active business life. He had successfully carried on general farming and stock-raising and his unre-



D. H. MARSHALL.





mitting diligence and sound judgment in business matters had brought him prosperity, so that he is now the owner of over three hundred acres, although he has given away a good farm. He is thus enabled to enjoy a well earned rest at his pleasant home in Cedarville, which he bought in 1888.

On the 2d of December, 1847, Mr. Marshall was married in Cedarville township, to Nancy Harper, a cousin of George W. Harper. She was born in Greene county, a daughter of Elijah Harper. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall became the parents of two children. Charles F., who resides on the old home farm three miles east of Cedarville, married Ella Fogelson, who died leaving two children, Gertie May and Daniel W., and later he wedded Georgia Latham. William L. is proprietor of the Palace Livery stable of Xenia and is also connected with the Xenia Buggy Company. He married Carrie Barber, a daughter of W. M. Barber, and they have four children: Harry, Arthur, Mary and Alfred.

Perhaps Mr. Marshall has become best known throughout this section as an auctioneer, having been actively and successfully engaged in that business for fifty years. He finally retired from it on account of failing health, however, after teaching his son, William L., the business. Mr. Marshall served as a trustee of Cedarville for two terms and was also a first lieutenant in the National Guard of Ohio prior to the Civil war and afterward became captain of Company A during the Morgan raid. For about thirty-six years he has been a member of the Methodist church and has been steward for more than twenty years, his life being in harmony with his professions. He has been a resident of Greene county for many years,

and has taken a deep interest in its welfare and progress, advancing to a prominent position as a citizen of worth and as a successful farmer.

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#### TOWNE CARLISLE.

One of the best, most energetic and progressive men of Yellow Springs is Towne Carlisle, who is also classed among the representative citizens, taking a deep and helpful interest in all measures for the general good. He is numbered among the native sons of Greene county, his birth having occurred in Miami township, on the 26th of March, 1855. His parents were Jehu and Hettie (Batchelor) Carlisle. The father was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and in 1836, when about twenty years of age, came to Ohio. His birth occurred in 1816. He located in Miami township near Yellow Springs, and always carried on agricultural pursuits in order to provide for his family. He aided in erecting the first building at Yellow Springs, and until three or four years ago it still stood at the corner of Corry and Dayton streets, and was used as a Methodist Episcopal church. He was a member of that church and led an earnest Christian life. In politics he was a Democrat, but he never sought or desired office. During the last twenty years of his life he lived in practical retirement from labor and died at Yellow Springs at the advanced age of eighty-three years. His widow still survives him and now resides in Miami township. She was born March 26, 1816, at Yellow Springs on the property that is now occupied by the Old Folks Home. She was

a daughter of Robert Batchelor, who was a native of Pennsylvania and at an early day in Ohio's history came to this state, locating at Yellow Springs, where he died. In the family of Jehu and Hettie Carlisle were nine children, five of whom are living.

Towne Carlisle, the eighth in order of birth, acquired his early education in the public schools of the village of Yellow Springs and remained upon the old home farm until he had attained his majority, when he began learning the carriage-maker's trade, under the direction of T. B. Jobe, the present mayor of Yellow Springs. He was with him for three years and then engaged in the lumber business at this place in connection with J. H. Little. This partnership was maintained until 1890, when Mr. Carlisle became sole owner of the business which he has since conducted. He carries all kinds of lumber and has a large and growing trade, his liberal patronage already bringing to him a very gratifying income.

In 1876 occurred the marriage of Towne Carlisle and Miss Catherine Howard, a native of Greene county, and a daughter of John Howard, an early settler of Xenia township, where he engaged in farming until his death. Unto this marriage one son was born, Howard T., who is now twenty-two years of age and assists his father in the lumber business. He was educated in the public schools of Yellow Springs. The mother died in 1878 and was laid to rest in the Xenia cemetery amid the deep regret of family and many friends. For his second wife Mr. Carlisle chose Mattie Van Horn, who was born in Cedarville, and is a daughter of Edward Van Horn, a lumber contractor of Cedarville, now deceased. Unto the second marriage four children

have been born, but Edna, the eldest, died at the age of five years. The others are: Edward, who is attending school; and Mildred and Hazel, twins.

Mr. Carlisle is a Republican in his political views and since 1890 has continuously served as township clerk of Miami township, while since 1891 he has been a school director. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is a typical American business man, resolute, energetic and progressive, realizing that success will come as the result of earnest purpose, supplemented by untiring diligence. It is along these lines that he has won creditable prosperity and among the leading residents of Yellow Springs he deserves mention.

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#### FRANK P. BRYAN.

Frank P. Bryan, a well known resident of Fairfield, was here born in 1852, his parents being Henry and Lydia (Petty) Bryan, the former a native of Maryland, the latter of Pennsylvania. The father came to Ohio about 1845, settling first in Canton and then he came to Fairfield. He was a wagon-maker by trade and followed that pursuit until 1872, when in connection with John Louck, he embarked in the grocery business under the firm name of Louck & Bryan. This relation was maintained until 1876, when his son became Mr. Louck's successor in the firm and the name was changed to Bryan & Son. This relation was continued to the time of the death of the father, which occurred on the 5th of De-

cember, 1889, when he was seventy years of age. He lived an upright, honorable life and his integrity in business affairs was beyond question. He was married in Canton, Ohio, to Lydia Petry, and they became the parents of three children attaining maturity: Laura, the wife of L. C. Mitman, of Osborn; William H., a blacksmith, of Osborn; and Frank P.

The last-named is the youngest of the family and was educated in the schools of Fairfield. In early life he learned the painter's trade and followed that pursuit from 1872 until 1876, when he entered into partnership with his father. In 1879 he opened an undertaking business, being associated with Mr. Miller, also of Fairfield, until the latter's death, on the 11th of April, 1894. Since that time Mr. Bryan has been alone in the undertaking business. He still continued his ownership in the grocery store until 1895, when he sold out to D. P. Molter, and has since devoted his attention to his undertaking establishment.

In his political views Mr. Bryan is a Democrat. His father served for more than thirty years as township treasurer and was a member of the school board. After his death Frank P. Bryan was appointed his successor and continued to serve in that office until 1898. He has been a member of the town council of Fairfield for a number of terms and was also treasurer of the village for ten years. Socially he is connected with the Odd Fellows' Society, belonging to both the subordinate lodge and encampment, and has passed the chairs in both branches. He is a member of the State Funeral Directors' Association.

On the 21st of September, 1876, Mr. Bryan was united in marriage to Miss Annetta Wilson, who died October 30, 1900,

and was buried in the family lot in the Byron Union cemetery. She belonged to the Reformed church, of which our subject is also a member. He owns a house and lot in Fairfield, and is a well known resident of the town. He is a graduate of the Clark & Champion College of Embalming and is thus well equipped for the work he has undertaken. In manner Mr. Bryan is courteous and kindly and he is worthy of the friendship which he gains wherever he goes.

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#### JACOB M. ALLAMON.

Jacob M. Allamon, who is filling the position of engineer in the Steele Building of Xenia, was born fourteen miles west of Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio, on the 17th of September, 1862, and is a son of George McElroy and Elizabeth (Taylor) Allamon. The father was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, in 1817, and was there reared, coming to Ohio in 1837, when twenty years of age. He located in Ross county, Ohio, and afterward removed to Columbus, where he completed the wagon-maker's trade. He then returned to Ross county, where he engaged in business as a wagon-maker at what was known as Allamon Cross Roads, remaining there until 1865. He is now a resident of Washington Court House, and he married Miss Taylor, of Ross county, on the 14th of July, 1847, her birth having occurred in that county in 1825. Her parents were William and Nancy (Nessel) Taylor, the former a refugee from France, having left that country in order to keep from service in the army. He served his adopted country as a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a loyal citizen of this land.



Having taken up his abode in Ross county, Ohio, he followed the shoemaker's trade in an early day, before shoes were so largely manufactured by machinery, employing four or five assistants, at Bourneville. There he lived for many years and it was there that his daughter was married to Mr. Allamon. The father afterward took up his abode in East Lancaster, Ohio, where he died at the age of eighty ears. The mother of our subject died in 1883, in New Holland, Pick-away county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Allamon were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Jacob M. Allamon pursued his education in South Salem, Ross county, and at the age of seventeen he became an engineer, learning the business at New Holland. He was first in the employ of Haney Brothers, it being his intention to learn the milling business with them. He had to work in all departments of their mill and for two years he gave his entire attention to engineering. In 1892 he located in Xenia, and was employed by the National Cordage Company until 1895, when he became engineer for H. H. Hawkins in his lumber business. That relation was maintained until March, 1901, when Mr. Allamon accepted a position as engineer for the Xenia Ice Company in their artificial ice plant, in which the first ice was manufactured in Greene county. He tested the plant and built the first fire in the courthouse heating apparatus. On the 5th of December, 1901, he came to his present position as engineer of the Steele block, the largest block in Xenia.

On the 11th of April, 1892, Mr. Allamon was united in marriage to Katie Ringer, of Washington Court House. They had three children, but lost one. Alfred Milton, the first-born, first opened his eyes

to the light of day on the 29th of September, 1894, and died February 5, 1901. Charles and Missouri are still with their parents. Mr. Allamon is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, in the camp at Xenia, of which he has served as clerk, and is also a member of the present board of health of Xenia. His political support is given to the Republican party, in which he is quite active, usually serving as a delegate to the city and county conventions. Both he and his wife belong to the First Methodist Episcopal church, and they have many friends in Xenia, where they have long resided.

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#### JEREMIAH OVERHOLSER.

The name of Overholser is of Swiss origin and means "overseer of the forest." If in any way the subject of this review exemplifies the meaning of the family name it is because he is the overseer of a forest of fruit trees of his own planting, for he is a well known and successful horticulturist of Beavercreek township. He was born June 27, 1845, in York county, Pennsylvania, a son of Daniel and Mary (Hartman) Overholser. In December, 1853, the parents came with their family to Greene county, locating first in Xenia, and subsequently they removed to Alpha, where they have since resided.

In the common schools of Beavercreek township Jeremiah Overholser pursued his education and under the parental roof he remained until his marriage, which occurred on the 18th of April, 1877, the lady of his choice being Miss Anna Hyland, a native of Beavercreek township, and a daughter

of Thomas and Julia (Rader) Hyland. Her father was a native of Maryland and her mother was born in Beavercreek township. She is still living, her home being in Xenia, but Mr. Hyland has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Overholser began their domestic life upon a farm and he has there made a specialty of the cultivation of fruit, although to some extent he is engaged in the raising of the cereals best adapted to this climate. Through experience, investigation and reading he has become well informed concerning the best methods of cultivating fruit and his opinions are regarded as authority throughout the community and the farm is considered a very valuable one in Greene county. Mr. and Mrs. Overholser have no children of their own, but have reared an adopted daughter, Elma, who is still with them.

In his political views the subject of this sketch is independent. In 1876 he was elected constable and filled that position for seven consecutive years his term expiring in April, 1883. The following May he was appointed township clerk to fill a vacancy, and at the next election was called to that office by popular suffrage and has since served continuously therein. He is also one of the trustees of the school lands of Beavercreek township, and as a citizen has ever been most loyal and true to the trust reposed in him. He manifested his fidelity to his country when, during the Civil war, he joined the army, enlisting in December, 1863, at Xenia as a private of Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in command of Captain McDowells. He was with his company most of the time and was promoted to the rank of corporal. When the war was ended he was mustered out at Camp Chase, Colum-

bus, on the 16th of July, 1865, and at once returned to his home to assume agricultural pursuits. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, and has held the office of keeper of the records and seals of Silver Star Lodge, No. 668, of Alpha. He also holds membership in the Masonic Lodge of Xenia, and his life is in harmony with the teachings and tenets of the craft. His career has ever been a creditable one and he has shown himself worthy of high regard in business, military, political and social circles.

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#### HENRY C. LONG.

Important agricultural and industrial interests are successfully controlled by Henry C. Long, whose business affairs have assumed extensive proportions and have contributed to the material upbuilding and prosperity of his community. His success in all his undertakings has been so marked that his methods are of interest to the commercial world. He has based his business principles and actions upon strict adherence to the rules which govern industry, economy and strict, unswerving integrity. His enterprise and progressive spirit have made him a typical American in every sense of the word, and he well deserves mention in this history. What he is to-day he has made himself, for he began in the world with little save his own energy and willing hands to aid him. By constant exertion, associated with good judgment, he has raised himself to the prominent position which he now holds, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him.

Henry C. Long, who resides in New

Jasper township, was born in the house in which he now lives, April 27, 1848, and is a son of William Long. His father was born in Virginia, in 1801, while the grandparents, Peter and Margaret (Ewing) Long, also were natives of Virginia. The family is of Dutch and Irish extraction. When the grandfather came to Ohio he settled in Greene county, locating first in Xenia township. He afterward removed to Caesarscreek township, where he purchased over two hundred acres of land and there lived the life of an enterprising and industrious farmer. He was buried in Shook cemetery, and his wife was laid there by his side. Unto Peter Long and his wife were born the following children: William; Peter; Adam; Henry; Margaret, the wife of Aaron Shook; Martha, the wife of George Slagel; Catherine, the wife of Joseph Slagel; and Diana, the wife of Jacob Smith. All of this family have now passed away.

William Long, the father of our subject, was educated in Virginia, and with his parents came to Greene county, Ohio, in an old covered wagon. He early became familiar with the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life and remained with his father until his marriage. As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life he chose Mary Ann Hagler, a native of Virginia, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Dier) Hagler, both of whom are natives of Virginia.

After his marriage Mr. Long purchased a farm upon which his son Henry C. is now living, and there he carried on agricultural pursuits, meeting with excellent success in his work tilling the soil and cultivating the crops. In his political views he was a Whig in early life, and upon the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the new Republican party, with which he

continued to affiliate until his death. Both he and his wife were consistent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and for many years he was a class leader, taking a deep interest in religious affairs. Unto them were born eight children, four sons and four daughters, but the eldest died in early life. The others are Allen, who is living in Indiana; Margaret, the wife of John G. Clemens of this county; Mary L., the wife of N. Griffith Sutton; Austin, who is living in New Jasper; Durbin and Curtis, both deceased; and another who died in infancy. The mother of these children passed away in 1844, at the age of forty-one years, and was buried in the Shook cemetery. For his second wife William Long chose Clarica Mallow, and unto them were born five children: George, deceased; Henry C., of this review; Peter and John, who have passed away; and Laura, the wife of A. J. Boots, of this township. William Long died in 1891 and his second wife, surviving him about six years, passed away in 1897. They were both interred in the Woodland cemetery, of Xenia, Ohio.

A native of New Jasper township, Henry C. Long has spent his entire life within its borders. His early education was acquired in the district schools of his township, and later he entered the Marshall school of Dayton, a commercial college, but he did not complete his course there on account of ill health. Returning to the home farm he joined his father in business and in later years assumed the management of the affairs. After his father's death he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead and now has a valuable farm of three hundred and thirty acres, whereon he carries on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, well tilled fields and high



grades of stock being evidences of his thrift and enterprise in this direction. Mr. Long has also developed the fine stone quarries located upon his land, getting out what is known as the Dayton limestone for building purposes and placing upon the market cut and dimension stone. He now has an extended patronage and is conducting his business in a thoroughly progressive and up-to-date manner. At the present time he is making arrangements for putting in a spur of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, most of the work having already been completed. This will furnish him excellent shipping facilities so that he can load his cars upon the ground and transfer them to the main track. He has also added a brick and tile plant, for there is an excellent quality of brick clay upon his land, covering his stone quarries. For the conduct of his enterprise he has secured steam power and the latest improved machinery for the manufacture of both brick and tile. The extent of his business may be judged by the fact that for the school building, which was erected in Xenia in 1902, he furnished the brick as well as the stone used in the foundation and in other parts of the building. The brick plant has a capacity of thirty thousand per day. In the operation of his quarries and manufacturing plant Mr. Long employs a large force of workmen, and the output is of such excellent quality that both the stone and brick find a ready sale upon the market and his business has assumed extensive and profitable proportions.

Mr. Long was united in marriage to Miss Martha Cummings, a sister of the Hon. J. B. Cummings, the wedding being celebrated October 9, 1880, and unto them have been born two sons, Thomas C. and

William H. Both our subject and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics he has been a stalwart Republican and served for twelve years as township trustee, yet has never been an aspirant for office. Few men are more prominent or widely known in Greene county than Henry C. Long. He is an important factor in business circles and his popularity is well deserved because of his unbending integrity, his unabating energy and industry that never flags. He is thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the welfare of his native county and throughout this portion of the state is honored and respected, not only for what he has accomplished, but also because of the means he has employed to win success.

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#### VOLCAH E. WEAVER.

Volcah E. Weaver was born in New Burlington, Clinton county, Ohio, October 2, 1842, and was reared at the place of his birth. He was one of three children born unto Samuel and Anna (Ellis) Weaver. The paternal grandfather was Abraham Weaver. The father was born and reared in Virginia and died in Greene county, Ohio, in 1874. He followed his trade, that of a tailor, throughout the years of his manhood and was a highly respected and worthy resident of this portion of the state. He left two sisters at the time of his death beside his immediate family. His wife died on the 7th of May, 1890.

In the common schools of the neighborhood Volcah E. Weaver pursued his education, becoming familiar with branches of learning that fitted him for the transaction

of business. He has been identified with the farming interests of the county since he attained the age of seventeen years, and now conducts a farm of five hundred acres of valuable land. This, however, is largely superintended by his son, while Mr. Weaver is practically living retired. His business interests have been so well conducted that he has become one of the wealthy residents of Greene county. He is a man of keen discrimination, of unfaltering industry and strong purpose, and has ever carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. His foresight and sound judgment have enabled him to make judicious investments which have returned to him a good income. In his farming methods he has always been progressive and enterprising, adopting the latest improved methods of practical value and keeping his farm under excellent condition, its neat and thrifty appearance indicating his wise and careful supervision.

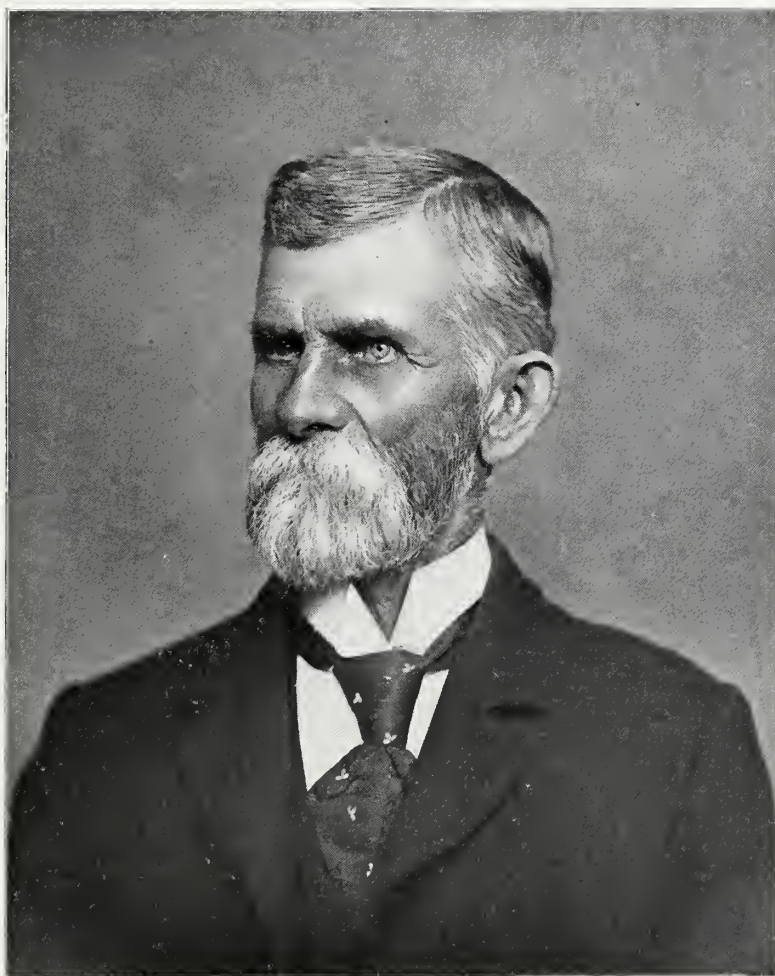
On the 3d of October, 1877, Mr. Weaver was united in marriage to Miss Belle Peterson, a daughter of Abraham Peterson, of Clinton county, Ohio, who in that locality was engaged in farming on an extensive scale. Three children have been born unto our subject and his wife: Charles A., who at the age of twenty-three years is assisting in the operation of his father's farm; Laura E., a young lady of nineteen years; Anna, a little maiden of six summers. The family have a very pleasant home at No. 513 South Detroit street, where Mr. Weaver has resided since 1899. The son is a member of Xenia Lodge, F. & A. M., in which he is now holding office. Mr. Weaver gives his political support to the Republican party, and he and his family are supporters of the

Reformed church, of which Mrs. Weaver is a member. He is widely known throughout this portion of the state not only because of his extensive agricultural interests, but also on account of the qualities of manhood which have won for him high regard.

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#### THOMAS C. PATTERSON.

Thomas C. Patterson, one of the early settlers of Greene county, is a native of Warren county, Ohio, his birth having there occurred on the 7th of August, 1832, his parents being James and Jane (Finney) Patterson. The father was a native of Virginia and came to Ohio when a young man, settling in Warren county about the year 1831. There he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits through many years. He afterward removed to Greene county, taking up his abode here in 1866. He settled in Xenia township, where he purchased a part of the farm now occupied by our subject, and upon that place spent his remaining days. He passed away in December, 1891, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. The community mourned his loss as an honored and valued representative citizen. His life, ever honorable and upright, was in consistent harmony with his membership in the Second United Presbyterian church of Xenia. For many years he served as an elder in that church, also filling a similar position in the church to which he belonged before removing to Greene county. His wife died in April, 1890, and was laid by his side in the Woodland cemetery of Xenia. In the family of this worthy couple were six children of whom five are yet living.



T. C. PATTERSON.





Thomas C. Patterson obtained his early education in the district schools of Warren county. During the months of vacation, after completing his school course, he assisted his father in the work of the farm, thus early gaining a practical education in the work of field and meadow and a good knowledge of the best methods of caring for stock. He was thus engaged until after the breaking out of the Civil war, when in response to President Lincoln's second call for troops in 1862 he offered his services to the government, enlisting in Company B, Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged in Washington. He served as corporal and took part in many important engagements being under the command of General Sherman. He met the enemy in battle at Resaca, Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga and Atlanta, and whether he was on the picket line, the tented field, or in the thickest of the fight, was ever loyal and faithful, performing his duties without question.

In 1867 Mr. Patterson returned home to Warren county and remained there for a short time when he came to Greene county and settled upon the farm which he now occupies in Xenia township, not far from the Columbus pike. Here he has engaged in the cultivation of the soil and in the raising of stock. He owns one hundred and thirty acres of rich and arable land and upon his farm has erected a good set of buildings and made many excellent improvements which indicate the careful supervision and progressive spirit of the owner. About eight years ago he erected a large brick residence and a commodious barn and everything about the place is in keeping with a model farm of the twentieth century.

In 1866 Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Miss Martha Irwin, a daughter of William C. Irwin, who lived and died in Warren county, devoting his business activity to farm work. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have been born five children: Anna, the wife of Harvey Drake, a resident farmer and stock-raiser of Cedarville township; James, who is assisting his father on the home farm; Mary, at home; William, who is employed as an accountant in Dayton, Ohio; and Bertha, who is yet with her parents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Patterson hold membership in the Third United Presbyterian church of Xenia. Our subject has always been found straightforward and honorable in his business dealings and is today as true to his duties of citizenship as when he followed the old flag upon the southern battlefields. His entire life has been passed in Ohio and for more than a third of a century he has resided in Greene county, where he is known as a valued citizen and progressive farmer, well deserving of mention in this volume.

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#### ROSWELL FENTON HOWARD.

Hon. Roswell Fenton Howard was longer engaged in the practice of law in Xenia than any other attorney which has been connected with its bar. There was in him a weight of character, a native sagacity, a far-seeing judgment and a fidelity of purpose that commands the respect of all. A man of indefatigable enterprise and fertility of resource, he has carved his name deeply on the record of the political, commercial and professional history of the state, which owes much of its advancement to his efforts.

Roswell Fenton Howard was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, July 20, 1814, and was a son of Cyrus Howard, a native of Vermont, and a grandson of Solomon Howard, who was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war and valiantly fought for the independence of the nation. On leaving New England Cyrus Howard took up his abode in Hamilton county, Ohio, at an early period in its history. As one of the first settlers of that section he carried on the labors incident to the developing of a farm in the midst of the heavy timber of the primeval forests, making for himself and his family a comfortable home in the wilderness. He married Miss Lucy Fenton, whose home was near North Bend, and they became the parents of a large family of children. The cause of education found in him an ardent advocate, as it did many of those sturdy residents from New England and he aided in locating the first school in his community. The people out of their scanty means subscribed a sufficient amount for the erection of a good brick building and after its completion, instruction was given in that school throughout the entire year—a very unusual occurrence even in older communities. Mr. Howard was a strong Whig in his political views and supported John Quincy Adams and William Henry Harrison. His death occurred in February, 1851, and the community mourned the loss of one of its valued and influential citizens, his wife long surviving him, passed away on the 25th of April, 1885, at the extreme old age of ninety-two years.

Roswell Fenton Howard was given excellent educational privileges. While acquiring a knowledge of the usual branches of study taught in the lower grades of the home schools, he was also a student of

Latin and Greek. Subsequently he entered Miami University, but left that institution in the junior year and made his way to Augusta, Kentucky, where he completed his college course in the school there, being graduated in the year 1832 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Later the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by the same institution. After leaving college he engaged in teaching for a time in the Woodward high school, at Cincinnati, but wishing to make the practice of law his lifework he began studying under the direction of Daniel J. Caswell and Jacob Piatt. In the law schools of that city he continued his study and in 1837 was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law. The same year Mr. Howard opened an office in Xenia, which at that time contained a population of only fifteen hundred, to whom the young lawyer was totally unknown. Immediately he entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, wherein he was destined to rise to an honorable and prominent position. He began the work for which the previous years of study had been a preparation, becoming a member of the bar where sham reputation and empty pretense were of no avail in the forensic combats. The young lawyer in his contests with older and experienced men, whose reputation and patronage were already assured, found it a hard school, but it afforded excellent training, and as he measured his strength with the best his mind was developed, his intellectual powers were quickened and strengthened, and he acquired a readiness in action, a fertility of resource and a courage under stress that have been essential factors in his successful career.

Mr. Howard was in practice in Xenia



for fifty-five years, and although his practice made heavy demands upon his time, he also held some public offices. He was a member of the city council, and for a number of years served as mayor of Xenia, also acting as a member of the board of school examiners. For two terms he was prosecuting attorney for Greene county. In 1848 he was elected to the state legislature on the Whig ticket and in 1866 was again chosen to that position, thus serving one term under the old constitution and for two terms under the new, for he was continued in office until 1870, by re-election. While in the house he was appointed on several important committees, including the judiciary and penitentiary. His thorough understanding of the law, his close investigation into the needs of the commonwealth and his devotion to the general good made him a prominent and capable member of the assembly.

On May 2, 1848, Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Margaret M. Steele, of Xenia, a lady of superior culture and refinement. She was a daughter of Professor Thomas Steele, who was connected with the educational work until advanced age compelled him to lay aside arduous duties of the profession. Mrs. Howard passed away on the 27th of March, 1873, and later Mr. Howard married Miss Mary Hannah Pollock, a native of Logan county, Ohio, and a daughter of William and Fanny Pollock. Mr. Howard had a family of nine children and two of his sons are yet actively connected with the legal profession. He passed away on the 28th of July, 1892, and his remains were interred in the Woodland cemetery. By his upright character, his kindness of heart and his interest in every good word and work, he made numerous

friends and his death was greatly lamented. His name stood high on the roll of the most honored and eminent lawyers in this portion of the state and all who knew him respected him because of his fidelity to truth and the right.

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#### HON. CHARLES F. HOWARD.

Hon. Charles F. Howard is a representative lawyer of Xenia, the senior partner of the well known firm of Howard & Howard, and is the oldest living child of the nine children born unto Hon. Roswell Fenton and Margaret Mitchell (Steele) Howard, whose history is given above. With the example of his illustrious father before him, it is no wonder that he was attracted to the legal profession, or that he was inspired and encouraged to attain to a prominent position in its ranks. His birth occurred in Xenia on the 12th of July, 1859, and his early education acquired in the public schools here was supplemented by a literary course in Xenia College. He afterward studied a year in Antioch College and on the expiration of that period went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he entered the Michigan State University, but on account of failing health was unable to complete his course of study there.

Preparing for the bar and successfully passing an examination for admission, he began practice in Xenia. In the meantime, however, he was elected city clerk, but in attempting to discharge the duties of the office he was again seized with the malady which caused his former illness and was forced to resign before the expiration of his term. In the spring of 1888 he was elected

mayor of Xenia, just a half-century after his father had been chosen for the same office. From 1896 until 1898 Charles Fenton Howard represented his district in the state senate, and in the legislative body of the commonwealth his course was such as to add new laurels to the family record. In the spring of 1900 he was elected prosecuting attorney, which position he is filling at the present time, having entered upon the duties of the office in January, 1901. In 1898 he was appointed by Judge Sage referee of bankruptcy and his brother William, the junior member of the firm of Howard & Howard, was appointed to succeed him by Judge Thompson. In the practice of his profession Mr. Howard has long since left the ranks of the many and stands among the successful few. In connection with his other duties he has been identified with the People's Building and Savings Company of Xenia, as one of its directors and president, and is also the president of the Woodland Cemetery Association. The People's Building and Savings Company is the oldest institution of the kind in Xenia, and its business has developed from one hundred thousand to a half million dollars.

On the 25th of October, 1882, Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Adda D. Gowdy, a daughter of George F. Gowdy. She is a leading and influential member in the Methodist Episcopal church, and both Mr. and Mrs. Howard enjoy the high regard of hosts of friends and the hospitality of the best homes in Xenia. Mr. Howard has been very active in politics and is a stanch Republican. The firm of Howard & Howard stands to-day in the foremost rank of the legal fraternity in this portion of Ohio, and Charles Fenton How-

ard is a man of sound judgment, and manages his cases with masterly skill and tact.

William S. Howard, the junior member of the firm, was born in Xenia, February 20, 1865, and like his brother began his education in the public schools. After reading law with his father he entered the law school of Cincinnati, just fifty years after his father had been a student in that institution. He completed the course, was graduated and has since been associated with his brother in practice in Xenia. He is yet a young man, but has gained a reputation hardly second to that of any member of the Greene county bar.

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#### MOSES EVANS.

Those men who have contributed to the general stability, progress and improvement of Greene county are deserving of mention in her history. Such a one was Moses Evans, who was deeply interested in the welfare of his adopted county and was ever loyal thereto. He was born in the Newberry district of South Carolina in 1821 and was about eight years of age when he came to Ohio, with his parents, Robert and Sarah (Cappoch) Evans. The family settled upon a farm near Roxanna, in SpringValley township. The grandfather, Moses Evans, had died in South Carolina, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia Hasket, had afterward married Samuel Spear, of South Carolina. They had come to Ohio in 1826, and for a short time Robert Evans and his family resided in the home of his mother and step-father, while he was seeking a favorable location. At length he bought about four hundred acres of land a mile and a

half south of Spring Valley on the west side of the Little Miami river. There he carried on farming successfully for some time, and, having water power in the river, he built and operated a sawmill and gristmill, conducting the same until 1864. Throughout the years of his residence in Ohio he lived upon that farm, passing away in 1868. In his family were fifteen children, nine of whom reached mature years, while two are still living.

Moses Evans was the fourth in the family and upon the home farm he was reared to manhood. The public schools afforded him good educational privileges, which he improved. He became a surveyor, learning the business partly from his father and partly in school. On the 24th of March, 1842, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah S. Huston, of Spring Valley township. She was born in Waynesville, Warren county, November 7, 1822, her parents being Robert and Hannah (Townsend) Huston. Her father was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, born January 1, 1778, and his wife was born at Cape May, New Jersey, November 30, 1787. They became acquainted in Waynesville and were married on the 19th of July, 1821. For a few years thereafter they remained in that village, Mr. Huston carrying on shoemaking until he purchased land in Spring Valley township and removed to the farm, when Mrs. Evans was about four years old. There he died in 1829, and his wife, surviving him for some years, passed away in Waynesville in 1844, at which time she was attending the yearly meeting of the Society of Friends, to which she and her husband belonged and of which their people had been representatives for several generations. Mrs. Evans

was the eldest of three children, and the youngest, Mary, died in infancy. Her only brother, Daniel Townsend Huston, was married in Warren county, and in 1850 went overland to California. Three years later he returned for his family, and then spent his remaining days on the Pacific coast. His birth occurred in 1825 and his death on the 9th of October, 1883. In his family were four children.

Moses Evans, of this review, purchased the interest of his wife's brother in the home farm which had belonged to her father, and thereon spent his remaining days. He made excellent improvements upon the place and was a progressive and enterprising agriculturist. The home was blessed with nine children. Robert, who became a soldier in the Second Ohio Heavy Artillery, suffered from a severe attack of small-pox, but recovered. Later, however, he died in the hospital in Knoxville, July 20, 1865. Joseph C., the second son, born in 1845, married Anna Buckles, who died in 1890, and he now resides in Sugarcreek township with two of his four children. He was in the one hundred days' service during the Civil war. Daniel T. died September 23, 1868. Hannah L. is also deceased. Mary E. is with her parents. Sophia Angeline is the wife of Newton Berryhill, of Sugarcreek, and they have two children. Hillard married Nellie Zell, by whom he has two children, and their home is in Xenia. Emma is deceased. Moses Edmund, the youngest, married Jennie Scarff, by whom he has two children, and they reside upon the old home farm.

Mr. Evans was strongly opposed to slavery and when the Republican party was formed to prevent its extension into other



territory he joined the ranks of the new political organization. He held various township offices, including that of trustee, yet he was never an office seeker. In 1868 Mr. Evans was called to his final rest, and his death was deeply lamented throughout the community, for he had many friends in Greene county. His widow still survives and resides in Spring Valley. She is an estimable lady widely and favorably known and the family is deserving of creditable mention in the history of this portion of the state. In October, 1894, the old home was destroyed by fire, but it was soon rebuilt.

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#### JAMES LONG GINN.

James Long Ginn, who is living a retired life in Jamestown, was born in Silvercreek township, Greene county, on the 22d of October, 1836, his parents being John and Rachel (Long) Ginn, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Virginia. With his parents the father came to the United States when he was about eight years of age. The family located in what is now Jasper township at a very early day. There John Ginn was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life and became a farmer, following that enterprise until his death in 1844, when he was thirty-nine years of age. He left a widow and eight children, seven of whom Mrs. Ginn reared to adult age. These are: Margaret, Sarah, Elizabeth, Martha, William, James and Thomas. Five children of the family died in early life. William is now living in Taylor county, Iowa, and Thomas is a resident of Jamestown.

James L. Ginn, of this review, acquired

his education in the schools of Ross township, and after putting aside his text books he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for twenty years, also being a contractor and builder. He then established a lumber business in this place, carrying it on very successfully for a quarter of a century, and on the expiration of that period selling out on the 16th of January, 1902, to the present firm of Adams & Thuma. His patronage was a gratifying one and his large sales annually brought to him a good income. He was known by all to be worthy, reliable and faithful in all life's relations, and his enterprising efforts were therefore crowned with success.

On the 5th of November, 1856, Mr. Ginn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kyle, by whom he had four children: Alice C., now deceased; Mattie B., the widow of W. F. Copenhaver, and a resident of Cincinnati; Elizabeth, deceased; and Ellis Edgar, who resides in Jamestown. He married Lucy Irons and they have one child, Helen. Alice C., the eldest member of the family, was the wife of A. G. Bingaman, and they had three children, Edna, Estella and Whitelaw. The two youngest are making their home with their grandfather, Mr. Ginn. Mrs. Ginn died in 1890, and on the 5th of November, 1892, Mr. Ginn was again married, his second union being with Miss Emma Lloyd, a native of Greene county and a daughter of William E. and Amanda (McDaniel) Lloyd, both of whom are natives of Greene county. The grandfather, John Lloyd, came to this county in 1803 and settled upon a farm in Xenia township, where he spent his remaining days. The maternal grandfather, Wilson McDaniel, lived in this county in 1801 and took up his abode in

Xenia township, where he also lived until he was called to his final rest. In August, 1901, the McDaniel family held the centennial celebration of the founding of the family in this county, the meeting being held on the McDaniel stone-quarry farm. This stone quarry has been operated for about seventy-five or eighty years and produces the finest limestone in the country, according to the test made by the United States government. William E. Lloyd was a farmer and stockman during the greater part of his life. He died in 1889 and his wife in 1884. They were the parents of ten children, nine of whom reached mature years, while eight are now living, Mrs. Ginn being the third in order of birth.

Aside from a very pleasant home in Jamestown, Mr. Ginn owns a valuable farm of three hundred acres in Silvercreek and Ross townships, to which he gives his personal supervision. He and his wife are widely and favorably known. The lady is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally he is a member of Jamestown Lodge, No. 352, F. & A. M., having been made a Mason in 1870, in Yellow Springs. His political support is given the Republican party. He has served as a member of the town council and is now a member of the school board. James L. Ginn has been actively associated with business affairs of this place, and belongs to that class of representative American citizens who, while promoting individual success, also advance the general welfare.

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#### ANDREW H. BAUGHMAN.

By the death of this honorable and upright citizen Xenia and Greene county sustained an irreparable loss and was deprived

of the presence of one they had come to look upon as a guardian, benefactor and friend. Death often removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to spare, whose lives have been all that is exemplary of the true and thereby really great citizen. Such a citizen was Mr. Baughman, whose whole career, both business and social, served as a model to the young and an inspiration to the aged. He shed a brightness around everything with which he came in contact. By his usefulness and general benevolence he created a memory whose perpetuation does not depend upon brick or stone, but upon the spontaneous and free will offering of a grateful and enlightened people. No citizen did more for Xenia than Mr. Baughman, and his connection with its development and growth along material, intellectual and moral lines did much toward placing it in the proud position which it to-day occupies.

Andrew H. Baughman was born October 11, 1807, on a farm seven miles east of Hagerstown, Maryland. His parents were Andrew and Esther (Herr) Baughman. The father was born, reared and married in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and there followed farming and hotel-keeping. During the war of 1812 he was the captain of a volunteer company. He survived his wife eight years, her death having occurred when our subject was only seven years of age.

Soon after his mother's death our subject went to live in the home of his uncle, who lived on a farm west of Hagerstown, Maryland, there remaining until he was fifteen years of age, when he began to earn his own livelihood. It was, however, rather a preparation for a business career, for during the first year he was given no wages. The second year he received five dollars per month. In the mill he remained until he

had attained his majority, never at any time receiving more than nine dollars per month, but from that meager salary he managed to save a small amount. When he had reached man's estate he walked all the way to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he boarded a trading boat for Cincinnati, receiving his passage and fifty cents per day for labor performed on board. From Cincinnati he went to Hamilton, where he had two uncles living, and after visiting with them for a day or two he made his way to Alpha, Greene county. On Christmas day he began working at Harbine's mill, receiving nine dollars per month and his board. Added to what he had saved at the Whitmore mill, he succeeded in accumulating one hundred dollars, and in company with his cousin, Jacob Herr, he rented the flouring mill and sawmill, operating them successfully during the years 1830 and 1831. He was then offered one-third the profits of the Snyder mill if he would become the manager, which position he accepted, continuing as such until 1836, when he formed a partnership with Caspar Snyder, his employer's son. They purchased the mill and operated it for a number of years under the firm name of Baughman & Snyder. Mr. Baughman was manager of the mill until 1853. In the meantime it had been enlarged and good brick houses replaced the log huts that were about it when he took charge.

In 1853 he sold his milling interests and bought a farm of two hundred and fifty acres, which he at once began to improve. He still continued a business connection with Mr. Snyder, who at this time took charge of both the Oldtown mills, which they had purchased and in which Mr. Baughman still had a half interest up to the time

of his death. The first real estate which he possessed was a farm in Greene county, which he had purchased while still employed by the elder Snyder. In addition to this he bought seven acres within the limits of the city, now included between King and Galloway streets and Church and Shawnee streets. In 1871 he erected on this site an elegant residence, which is surrounded by a beautiful lawn and is still one of the tasteful and attractive abodes in the city.

For many years Mr. Baughman was a most prominent figure in the financial circles of the city. He was first elected a director of the Xenia Bank, which afterward became a branch of the State Bank of Ohio, and on the passage of the national bank law was changed into the First National Bank of Xenia. In each of those organizations he had been a director and the vice-president, and upon the death of the president of the First National Bank he was elected to that position, which he filled until the expiration of the time of the charter. A reorganization was then effected under the title of the Xenia National Bank, the government permitting them to take the first name of the institution. Of this Mr. Baughman became the first president and continued to hold that office until failing health compelled him to resign. He still retained his financial interest in the bank and the office of director up to the time of his death, which occurred in September, 1891. He also did a real-estate, banking and private loan business. He possessed keen sagacity and unusual foresight, which coupled with untiring industry and resolution enabled him to advance steadily to success.

In political circles Mr. Baughman was also a well known factor. For twelve years



he served as county commissioner and was alderman for a long period, during which time he served as president of the board for three terms. Many times he was solicited to run for higher offices, but he cared not for political preferment other than when he could serve the people of his immediate district. He cast his first presidential vote for General Andrew Jackson and continued to affiliate with the Democrat party until 1856, when he voted for John C. Fremont and afterward gave all his influence and effort of a political character to the Republican party.

In 1846 he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in 1833 he united with the Reformed church, in which he served as a deacon, also as Sunday-school superintendent and as a delegate to the synod and classis. He was treasurer of the classis and board of church erection. He was also a member of the peace commission and for many years one of the board of trustees of the Heidelberg University. Generous in support of all departments of church work, he is particularly remembered on account of the gift of twenty thousand dollars whereby was established the Baughman professorship of the Latin language, literature and Biblical instruction in the Heidelberg University of Tiffin, Ohio. He gave other large sums of money to charitable and intellectual work and his name will long be revered because of his munificence and particularly for his deep interest which he ever manifested in Heidelberg. That he enjoyed in an unusual degree the confidence of the public and those with whom he was associated is shown by the fact that he was appointed guardian for fourteen children and that he settled ten large estates.

On the 7th of February, 1833, Mr. Baughman married Miss Mary Snyder, who was born in Washington county, Maryland, September 7, 1814, a daughter of Jonathan Snyder, one of the pioneers of Greene county, locating here in 1816, when his daughter was scarcely more than an infant. He built the first mill in the vicinity and it was afterward purchased by our subject and his partner. Having no children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Baughman reared several, to whom they became greatly attached, giving them all the advantages which they would have bestowed upon children bound to them by ties of blood. Mention should also be made of their two neices, Henrietta and Magdalena Krepps, who cared for them during their later life and who reside in the home on North King street. They were daughters of George and Nancy (Baughman) Krepps. Their father was born at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, in 1802, and was one of a family of seven children. There he was educated and grew to manhood, and after his marriage he immediately located in Xenia, becoming one of the honored and prominent residents of this city. He had learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed for two years, and then removed to Trebein Station, where he carried on the same pursuit until 1851. He then turned his attention to farming in Spring Valley township, where he made his home until his death, which occurred August 9, 1873. His wife passed away January 13, 1856, leaving nine children, of whom five are yet living. Mr. Krepps was a Democrat in his political views and was a member of the Methodist church. The surviving children of the family are: Jeremiah; Eliza A., the wife of J. A. Stillings; Nancy A., who mar-

ried William L. Fulkerson; and Henrietta and Magdalena, who reside in Xenia. They belong to the Methodist church and are most highly esteemed in Xenia.

Mr. Baughman, their uncle, was truly a self-made man, but the most envious could not grudge him his success, so honorably was it won, so worthily used. He was most liberal in his benefaction and while it is known that he gave twenty thousand dollars to one institution and other sums almost as large he was never ostentatious in his giving, and his private charity probably amounted to much more than that of which the world knew. His love for his fellow men was deep and sincere, and surely the world is better for his having lived.

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### JOHN B. LUCAS.

Progress and improvement are never the work of one man alone, but public advance is the result of aggregate endeavor and the county owes its advancement to those men who in the various walks of life are reliable in business and trustworthy in citizenship. All such are worthy of mention on the pages of the county's history and among this number in Greene county is John Bassett Lucas, who was born June 15, 1842, in Xenia township, upon the farm which he now resides, his parents being Thornton and Mary (Blessing) Lucas. The father was born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, in 1798, and the mother's birth occurred in Shenandoah county, Virginia, June 5, 1797, her parents being Lewis and Mary Elizabeth (Beardshire) Blessing, both of whom were natives of Germany and with a party of nine

emigrants came to America. Mrs. Blessing had one brother and three sisters who came at the same time. The Blessings settled in Pennsylvania. This was about 1760. Later they removed to Berkeley county, West Virginia, where both the grandfather and grandmother of our subject died. The mother of our subject was one of five children: Jacob; Abraham; John, who served as a private in the war of 1812; Mary and Elizabeth.

Thornton Lucas, the father of our subject, came to this county in 1824, and took up his abode upon the farm where his son John is now living, there spending his remaining days. The house which stands upon the place was commenced in 1824. About a year after his arrival Mr. Lucas married Mary Blessing, and to them were born three children, of whom one died in infancy. The others are John B. and Lewis Morton, who died in 1861, at the age of seventeen years. The father gave his political support to the Democratic party until the time of the Civil war, after which he espoused the Republican party. He was a very strong religious man and a worthy member of the Baptist church, who contributed liberally to the support of the church and also labored in other ways for the spiritual upgrowth and the extension of the influence of the church. Both he and his wife were laid to rest in the cemetery of Xenia.

In the schools of the township the subject of this review was educated, and during his youth he assisted in clearing and developing the home farm, always residing thereon. He was married, August 18, 1864, to Miss Alice Quinn, who was born in Xenia township, a daughter of Amos and Jane (Goe) Quinn. The father came from Ken-

tucky to this county in 1803, and settled at Ludlow Creek. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, and there prepared for the church, expecting to become an Episcopalian clergyman. He came to this country to complete his studies and afterward decided to devote his attention to some other calling than the church. He was the third in order of birth in a family of nine children: John, Samuel, Amos, Elias, Harvey, Rosa, Ann, Hetty and Nancy. Amos Quinn served for many years as justice of the peace and was everywhere known as "squire." He also served as sheriff of the county from 1832 until 1837, represented his district in the legislature for two terms and was a very prominent and influential citizen. He married Jane Goe, who was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Samuel and Alice (Van Horne) Goe. Her father was a native of the Emerald Isle, and, having emigrated to this country in colonial days, he served as a member of the American army in the Revolutionary war. In the early days he carried salt over the hills to Greene county. He was married in Pennsylvania, and in 1811 came to this county, settling near where the Powder Mill is now located. His wife was a sister of Barnett Van Horne, who was the first glassblower that ever came to America. By the marriage of Amos Quinn and Jane Goe were born three children: Elias, who died in 1900; Sarah, who is living with Mrs. Lucas, who is the third of the family.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lucas was blessed with but one child, Thornton, who died in 1889, at the age of twenty-five years. Mrs. Lucas is a lady of culture and refinement who engaged in teaching school in early life, having followed that profes-

sion for nine years. Both our subject and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church, and politically Mr. Lucas is a Republican. He has been a member of the infirmary board for fifteen years and for twenty years was the president of the Agricultural Society. He to-day owns a valuable farm of five hundred acres and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, in which his enterprising efforts are followed by gratifying success.

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#### FRANK A. McCLURE.

It is an important public duty to honor and perpetuate as far as is possible the memory of an eminent citizen—one who by his blameless and honorable life and distinguished career reflected credit not only upon the city in which he made his home, but upon the state. No man was ever more respected in Xenia or ever more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people than Frank A. McClure. At the time of his death he was serving as cashier of the Citizens National Bank, and he bore an unassailable reputation in financial circles. He was but a young man, yet he accomplished much during his earthly pilgrimage, and he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name, while his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him.

Frank A. McClure was born in Bellbrook on the 12th of July, 1836, and he was one of seven children whose parents were John and Mary (Cramer) McClure. His father was a native of Virginia and came to Bellbrook, Ohio, where he was interested in both farming and merchandising.



At the early age of fourteen years the subject of this review started out to make his own living, securing employment in the mercantile house of General Merrick, with whom he remained for a few years. Later he returned to Bellbrook, being employed in his father's store. In the year 1862 he was appointed by the county commissioners to fill the office of treasurer of Greene county, made vacant by the death of General Lewis. In that office he displayed marked business capacity and an accommodating and pleasant disposition that won for him the high regard of the public and led to his selection for the important position of teller in the First National Bank. When Mr. Trader resigned Mr. McClure was appointed his successor, and thus served until his life's labors were ended in death. A local paper said of him after speaking of his business connections: "Such are a few brief outlines in the life of Mr. McClure, but how crowded during the past twelve years, with all the multifarious incidents and details of business that associated him inimitably with a large proportion of the people of the county, with the rich and the poor, the man struggling against adversity and the widow with her mite. To none of these did Mr. McClure ever turn a deaf ear, listening patiently to all they had to say, entering confidently into their own personal perplexities, freely giving all the advice and information possessed of, and frequently putting himself to great trouble to meet the desires of people and to assist them in various ways without the slightest expectation of pecuniary compensation. And it can be said of him that whatever he promised to do in the way of purely disinterested accommodation he never failed to perform to the best of his ability.

To do this required a wonderful command of business resources, a marvelous memory, and a disposition that was not to be soured by mere selfish considerations. Indeed it seemed that business was a second nature to him; with such ease and facility did he perform not only the duties strictly connected with the institution over which he had charge, but the other self-imposed ones, that redounded so much to the credit of his heart as well as his head—to his high qualities as a man as well as a bank officer. In his capacity as cashier Mr. McClure displayed a remarkable knowledge of human nature and penetration, almost intuitively separating the true from the false, the worthy from the unworthy. He was the farthest removed from a machine officer, adapting himself to every shade and variety of circumstance incident to business exigencies, and to all the mutations that credit is always liable outside of the large cities, at the same time not sacrificing, but on the contrary promoting the interests of his bank by a wise and just leniency. He would have filled the same position in any of the largest city banks with half the display of the peculiar mental qualities that he so largely possessed. Speaking of Mr. McClure's intimate knowledge of the business of the people at large, we might say that nothing was more remarkable than this peculiarity. Let who would enter the bank, and Mr. McClure would generally know the nature of his business before a word was spoken, and would be prepared with an answer quick and decisive, as though he had just been thinking about that particular case. A gentleman of this city, engaged in large and intricate business operations, has expressed to us his frequent astonishment at the manifestation of this characteristic as

respects his own business, without reference to any record and with so much clearness and precision."

On the 23d of July, 1857, in Bellbrook, Mr. McClure was united in marriage to Sarah J. Steele, a daughter of James and Sarah (Bush) Steele. Her father was a native of Virginia and in that state carried on farming on an extensive scale. He also operated a sawmill. His birth occurred in the early part of 1793, and on the 16th of October, 1836, he was called to his final rest. His wife, who was born on the 24th of March, 1791, died August 3, 1860, both being buried at Bellbrook. In their family were two daughters, but Rachel E. died at the age of eleven years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McClure were born five children, but only two of the number are living: Nettie A., now the wife of M. C. Williams, a resident of Lowell, Massachusetts; and M. Gertrude, the wife of Dr. William Gordon Dice, of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. McClure was a man of domestic tastes, devoted to his family and their welfare. He rejoiced in his business advancement because it gave him greater opportunities to provide comfortably for his loved ones. He was never happier than when dispensing the hospitality of his own home, assisted by his wife and children. He was a man who had deep regard for his fellow men in general and it is doubtful if few men of his years and opportunities have done more for those among whom they have lived. In addition to his duties of the bank Mr. McClure had charge of the settlement of several large estates. He also performed the duties of various minor offices, which were unremunerated but required much attention. He was often applied to in the mat-

ter of a loan or an investment and would frequently say that he would give the matter thought. He always aided these and if possible gave the assistance asked. He never failed to fulfill a promise or keep an engagement, thus he had the unlimited confidence of his fellow men, who knew that his word was as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal. He gave his political support to the Republican party and was as loyal to it as to every other cause in which he believed. It was on the 15th of March, 1877, after a brief illness that he was called to his final rest, his remains being interred in Woodland cemetery. All of the business houses of the city were closed during the hours of the funeral services—a token of respect which is only shown to men of prominence and worth. Frank A. McClure possessed all the qualities of manhood. He was not only reliable in business and loyal to a trust, but he was genial and kindly and had a personality which was attractive, winning for him warm friends because of his genuine worth.

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#### JOHN F. HARSHMAN.

John Frenont Harshman, who is successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits in Beavercreek township, his home being upon the Beaver Valley road, was born in this township on the 22d of September, 1856. His father, John C. Harshman, was also a native of this township, born in 1807, a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of this portion of the state. His parents were Philip and Frances Harshman, both of whom were natives of Maryland,

whence they came to Greene county in 1803. Theirs was a long and tiresome journey across the country, for the roads were in poor condition and oftentimes there was scarcely more than an Indian trail to mark the path through the forest. They located first near Zimmerman and lived in a wagon until a log cabin could be built. Upon that place they spent their remaining days, and the grandfather cleared and developed three hundred acres of land, transforming it into a good farm which returned a valuable income. The cabin home which he erected is still standing as one of the land marks of the county and a mute reminder of the great changes which have occurred as pioneer conditions have given way to the encroachments of civilization. In the family of Philip and Frances Harshman were six children: George; John C.; Jacob; Elizabeth; Polly, the wife of John Brown; and Betsy, the wife of John Sipe.

John C. Harshman, the father of our subject, remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and acquired his education in a typical log school house of the time. When of age he purchased fifty acres of land north of Zimmerman and at different times he added tracts of eighty, fifty, thirty and forty-five acres. He also bought another farm of well improved land of ninety-five acres and still another of one hundred and twenty-seven acres, so that his realty holdings were quite extensive at the time of his death. He started out in life without capital, and his education was also limited, his training in arithmetic being only to the rule of three. He was, however, a great reader and became one of the best posted men in his township. In his business affairs he also pros-

pered and his capable management and sound practical judgment brought to him merited prosperity. He was married on the 28th of October, 1841, to Ann Maria Miller, who was born in Bath township April 25, 1819, a daughter of Daniel Miller. This worthy couple became the parents of nine children, of whom seven are yet living. Samuel Henry, the eldest, born October 10, 1842, died May 16, 1866. He enlisted for one hundred days' service as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry, remaining at the front from May until September, 1864. In the spring of 1865 he re-enlisted and continued at the front until the close of the war. Sarah Elizabeth, born October 10, 1844, married Andrew J. Tobias and is living in Beavercreek township. Mary Catherine, born March 13, 1846, became the wife of Jacob Shoup and died February 28, 1868. Ann Maria, born December 28, 1847, is the wife of W. W. Ferguson. Ephraim Franklin was born November 11, 1849. Martha Ellen, born December 25, 1851, is the wife of Ed. C. Gerlaugh, of Beavercreek township. Reuben M., born January 29, 1852, resides in Dayton. John Fremont is the eighth of the family. Abraham Lincoln, born January 4, 1861, is the youngest and resides in Dayton. The father was called to his final rest January 27, 1880, and his wife passed away October 5, 1895, their remains being interred in the Hawker cemetery in Beavercreek township. Mr. Harshman gave his early political support to the Whig party, and upon its dissolution joined the ranks of the new Republican party. He was a man of such well known reliability that he was often appointed guardian of children and executor of estates. His wife was a faith-



ful and devoted member of the Union Reformed church.

John Fremont Harshman was educated in the common schools of the township, continuing his studies through the winter months until nineteen years of age, while in the summer seasons he assisted in the work of the farm. He was thus engaged until his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-three years of age, the wedding ceremony being performed on the 22d of July, 1879. The lady of his choice was Alethea Ann Lafong, a daughter of O. B. and Rebecca LaFong, the former now deceased. Mrs. Harshman was born in Beavercreek township, June 10, 1861, and by her husband was taken as a bride to the old family homestead, where they remained for eight years, after which they spent one year upon her father's farm. In 1888 Mr. Harshman purchased one hundred and twelve acres of land where he is now living. There were no buildings upon the place, but he has since erected a fine residence, a large barn and other substantial structures for the shelter of grain and stock, successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits along progressive and practical lines.

The children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Harshman are as follows: John Buneth began his education at the age of eight years and completed the district school course at the age of twelve. He was graduated in the Beavercreek high school when sixteen years of age with the class of 1899 and then took a special course of one year in Dayton, after which he entered the Columbus University, where he is pursuing a Latin and philosophical course as a member of the class of 1904. Anna Viola, born September 2, 1887, died May 10, 1900, and was

laid to rest in Beavercreek cemetery. Sara Myrtle, born August 28, 1889, is at home.

Mr. Harshman is a staunch Republican and has filled many township offices. Since 1894 he has served continuously as a trustee of Beavercreek township. He is a member of the Alpha Building Association, is one of its trustees, and is also a school trustee. Of the Agricultural Society of Greene County he is a director, and socially he is connected with the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Alpha, in which he has filled all of the chairs. Both he and his wife belong to the Beavercreek Reformed church, in which he is serving as trustee. From early boyhood he has been familiar with agricultural work and throughout the years of his manhood he has progressed in his business life, steadily advancing as the result of his untiring industry, strong purpose and capable management. He is a worthy representative of an honored family, which from the early history of Greene county has contributed in large measure to its substantial upbuilding and improvement.

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#### M. EDMOND EVANS.

M. Edmond Evans, whose farming interests in Spring Valley township are an indication of his active, useful and honorable life, was born on the farm where he now lives, his natal day being December 18, 1866, and his parents being Moses and Sarah (Huston) Evans. The father died when his son was only two years old. Edmond was the youngest in a family of nine children, five of whom are still living. His boyhood days were spent on the home farm and in

the district schools he acquired a good education, remaining under the parental roof with his mother until he had attained his majority. Of the other heirs he has purchased a portion of the old homestead until he now owns fifty acres of that tract and altogether he has sixty-six acres. In addition to this he has leased a considerable amount and now operates about two hundred and twenty acres.

Mr. Evans was married in Sugarcreek township, September 14, 1893, to Miss Jennie K. Scarff, of Sugarcreek township, her parents being Milton and Corilla (Truman) Scarff. She was born in Xenia. Her father was also a native of this county and the mother was born in Spring Valley. The former died in June, 1900, at the age of seventy-five years, but the latter is still a resident of Sugarcreek township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Evans have been born two children: Don Scarff, born on the home farm February 12, 1896, and Hazel Marie, born April 2, 1900.

Mr. Evans votes with the Republican party, and socially is connected with Spring Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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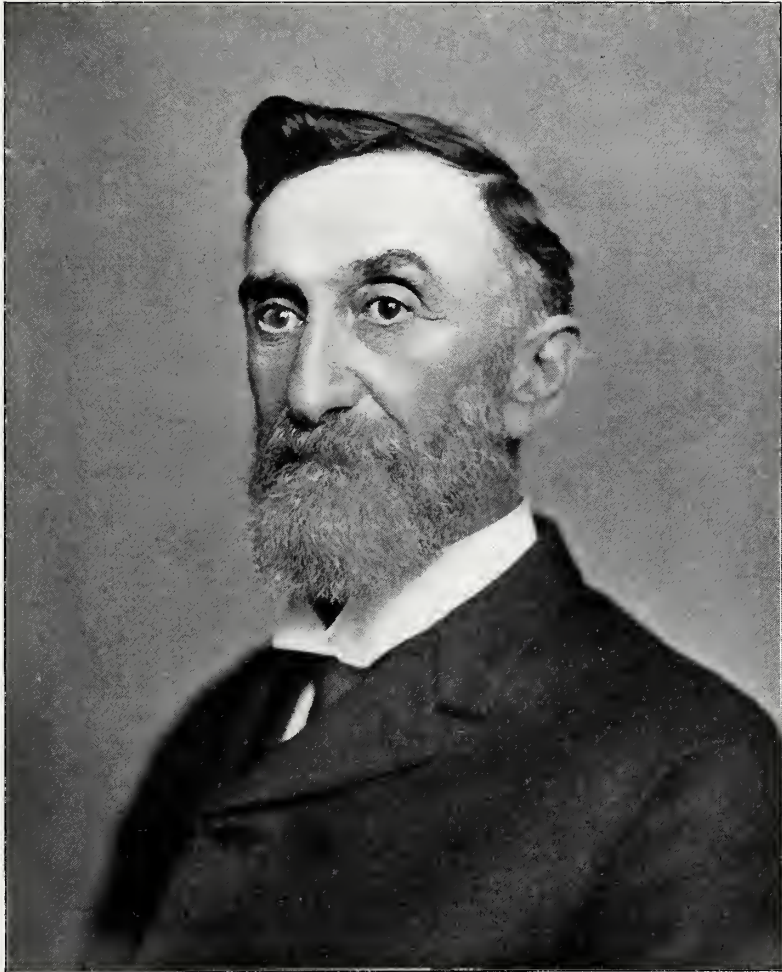
#### LEWIS H. WHITEMAN.

In the promotion and conservation of advancement in all the normal lines of human progress and civilization there is no factor which has exercised a more potent influence than the press, which is both the director and the mirror of public opinion. Ohio has been signally favored in the character of its newspapers, which have been

vital, enthusiastic and progressive, ever aiming to advance the interests of this favored section of the Union, to aid in laying fast and sure the foundations of an enlightened commonwealth, to further the ends of justice and to uphold the banner of the Buckeye state. In a compilation of this nature, then, it is clearly incumbent that due recognition be accorded the newspaper press. Mr. Whiteman is one of the leading representatives of journalistic interests in this portion of Ohio, being the editor and proprietor of the Xenia Herald.

He was born in Xenia township, Greene county, February 15, 1842, and is a son of Joab and Mary (Thomas) Whiteman, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The Whiteman family is of English lineage but was founded in America at an early period in colonial development. Jacob Whiteman, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared in the Old Dominion and thence came to Greene county, Ohio, in 1802. At that time Joab Whiteman was a little lad of seven summers and he rode a pony all the way from Winchester, Virginia, to this county. His father followed the occupation of farming and to that pursuit the latter was reared. After arriving at years of maturity, he wedded Mary Thomas and they became the parents of five children, all of whom reached years of maturity, while four are still living, but our subject is the only one now a resident of Xenia. At the age of forty-nine the father died, but the mother, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years, died in May, 1902.

In the usual manner of farmer lads, Lewis H. Whiteman pursued his education and was reared to manhood. He had, however, the advantage of attending a select school at Spring Valley for a time. The



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country won his patriotic devotion at the time of the Civil war. On the 19th of September, 1861, he became a private in Company L, Third New York Cavalry, under command of Captain Jephtha Garrard and Colonel James H. Van Allen. He was mustered in at Camp Dennison, Cincinnati, September 24, 1861, and the regiment was assigned to the cavalry corps of the Army of the Potomac. With his command Mr. Whiteman participated in the battles of Ball's Bluff, Winchester, Burnt Hickory, Trenton, Tranter's Creek, Greenville Lodge, Mill Creek, Neuse River, Washington, Tarboro, Batchelor's Creek, Kingston, Whitehall, Goldsboro, Jacksonville, Newbern, Dover, Wise's Crossroads, Core Creek, Swift Creek, Camden and others of minor importance. He was appointed corporal January 5, 1863, and was honorably discharged on the 14th of December of that year in order that he might accept the first lieutenancy of Company E, First Regiment of United States Colored Volunteer Cavalry, under Captain Charles Emerson and Colonel Jephtha Garrard. The regiment was assigned to Payne's division in the Eighteenth Army Corps. Later the regiment was transferred to the Twenty-fifth Army Corps of the Army of the James and participated in the battles of Wilson's Landing, Cabin Point, in the capture of Richmond, and in the battle of Fort Powhattan, Virginia, on the 25th of June, at which place Mr. Whiteman was appointed post commissary, serving in that capacity for several months. Afterward he went by transport to Texas, where he was engaged in performing guard and garrison duty on the Mexican border with headquarters at Brazos and Santiago, Texas. At the latter place Lieutenant Whiteman received his final discharge on the 4th of February,

1866. He was a most valiant soldier, ever found at his post of duty, and is now an honored member of the Union Veteran Legion.

On the 16th of July, 1868, Lieutenant Whiteman was united in marriage to Miss Lydia A. Peterson, a native of Greene county, and to them were born two children, Howard Lee and Effie, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Whiteman has held a number of political positions, in which his capability and efficiency have won for him high commendation. He served as postmaster of Xenia for four years and three months, being appointed by President Cleveland. During the administration of that gentleman he was made chief clerk in the navy yard at Washington, D. C., and was the first Ohio man to be turned out of office after the Republicans again came into power, being requested to leave the position ten days after President Harrison was inaugurated. He then went to Laurel, Maryland, the home of Senator Gorman, and at the request of the senator established the paper called the Laurel Democrat, which he published for two years with good success. He then returned to Xenia and established the Xenia Herald, of which he has since been the editor and proprietor. He has purchased the Democrat-News and consolidated the two journals, so that the Xenia Herald is now the only Democratic paper in the county. It has a large circulation and is a bright and entertaining journal well deserving the liberal patronage.

Fraternally, Mr. Whiteman is connected with the Knights of Pythias. He has also been a staunch advocate of Democratic principles and in 1898 he was the candidate of his party for congress in the Sixth district but was defeated. His career has been one

of activity, full of incidents and of results. In every sphere of life in which he has been called upon to move he has made an indelible impression, and by his excellent service and upright life he has won the high esteem and regard of all.

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### JAMES B. CARRUTHERS.

It is natural when one has left the sea of earthly activities to review the life record completed and pass judgment upon what has been accomplished. The career of James B. Carruthers was one which would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, for in business and in every relation of life he was an honorable man, shaping his course by such principles as lead to the development of an upright character. For many years he was associated with the mercantile interests in Xenia and was well known in political and church circles, so that when called to the home beyond the community lost one of its most valued representatives.

Mr. Carruthers was a native of Scotland, born on the 19th of March, 1821. His parents, John and Mary B. Carruthers, were also natives of the same country, and in the year 1834 they left the land of the heathers and crossed the ocean to the new world, taking up their abode in North Carolina, where they remained for about two years. In 1836 they arrived in Ohio, first settling in Ross county, but after six years had passed they came to Greene county, where they spent their remaining days.

When James B. Carruthers accompanied his parents to this country he was but a lad of thirteen years. Being anxious to contribute his share to the family support, he

secured employment as a clerk in a country store, being thus employed in North Carolina for eighteen months. After coming to Ohio he assisted in the work of the farm, aiding in the cultivation of the fields until he was twenty-three years of age. He then began teaching in a country school and later was a student in the school conducted by Thomas Steele in Xenia. Again he engaged in teaching, and in the year 1850 he began bookkeeping for the firm of Frazer & Company, of Chillicothe, Ohio, continuing in that capacity for two years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Xenia, where with the capital he had acquired through his own efforts he established a grocery store. Later he became connected with the dry goods trade, but afterward reentered the grocery business. Some time later he sold his store and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in Xenia township, where he owned a good farm near the city. His next change connected him with the coal business in Xenia, and with this enterprise he continued until his death, which was the result of a railroad accident in Xenia on the 2d of December, 1898.

Mr. Carruthers was united in marriage to Jeanette Smith, a daughter of William and Helen (Scott) Smith, who were natives of Scotland. Five children were born of this union: Johannah M., who died at the age of fourteen months; Ella B.; Jennie S.; William S.; and Jessie B. The wife and mother was called to her final rest September 2, 1876, and on the 20th of August, 1878, Mr. Carruthers was again married, his second union being with Miss Eliza A. Hyslop, a daughter of George and Margaret Hyslop, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Pennsylvania.



Mr. Carruthers was a member of the First United Presbyterian church of Xenia, and took an active interest in all that pertained to the moral, intellectual and material development of the community. For over thirty years he served as treasurer of Xenia Theological Seminary and was also financial agent of the synod. In his church he served as ruling elder and his efforts were very effective in promoting its growth and extending its influence. His political support was given with unwavering loyalty to the Republican party. For six years he served as a member of the city council of Xenia and was also a police commissioner during the Civil war. He was commissioned by Governor Tod as captain of Company D, Second Regiment, of the Greene county militia. A man of scholarly attainments and broad general information, he was well fitted to become a leader of public thought and opinion. He thoroughly enjoyed home life and took great pleasure in the society of his family and friends. Charitable and benevolent, he always gave freely of his means in support of worthy charity and was particularly encouraging to those who were willing to help themselves. His life was ever honorable and upright, and at all times and under all circumstances he commanded the respect and esteem of his fellow men and was regarded as one of the representative citizens of Xenia. Mrs. Carruthers and four of his children still survive him, one daughter, Jennie S., being now the wife of the Rev. W. G. Martin, of Grove City, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Carruthers is a lady of superior intelligence and culture and has taken a very active part in the public interests of Xenia. For thirteen years she was a most successful school teacher of this city. Since 1894 she

has been a member of the city school board, and in 1896 she was elected a member of the board of county school examiners and has since served in that capacity. She now resides in a beautiful home on North King street, and it is the center of a cultured society circle.

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#### REV. CLARK KENDALL.

A life devoted to the ministry and a memory that yet remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him—such is the history of Rev. Clark Kendall. For many years he labored earnestly and untiringly to promote the cause of Christianity, and was one of the strong and able preachers of the United Presbyterian church. He was born in Greene county, in Xenia township, January 14, 1825, upon a farm now occupied by his widow. His parents were William and Eleanor (Jackson) Kendall. The father was born in Pennsylvania and afterward lived in Kentucky, and from that state came to Ohio at a very early day, taking up his abode in Xenia township, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a tanner by trade and followed that pursuit to a considerable extent after coming to Ohio in connection with farming. Both he and his wife died in Xenia township at an advanced age upon the old family homestead. The father at one time owned the property upon which Wilberforce now stands. His death occurred in 1879, while Mrs. Kendall was called to her final rest June 6, 1888.

Rev. Clark Kendall, whose name introduces this review, spent his boyhood days upon the home farm and acquired his early

education in the district schools. He afterward pursued a course of study in the Miami University, from which he was graduated and then determined to devote his life to the holy calling of the ministry. He pursued a theological course in Oxford Theological Seminary, entering that institution in 1845. After his graduation he at once entered upon his ministerial work, taking charge of a church at Buffalo, New York, where he remained for twenty-three years. He then accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Bloomingburg, Ohio, where he remained for six years, after which he preached for one year at Seven Mile, Ohio. On the expiration of that period he organized a church at Jacksonburg, and upon leaving that place he retired to private life, spending his last days in his old home in Xenia township.

On the 15th of March, 1854, Rev. Kendall was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Sarah Hutchins, of Waterford, Erie county, Pennsylvania, but after about nine years of happy married life she passed away on the 5th of February, 1863, leaving one child, Mary, who was born in Buffalo, February 2, 1860, and on the 2d of February, 1881, became the wife of Dr. H. L. Smith, a resident of Westerville, Ohio. They are devoted members of the Presbyterian church and have one son, Homer Kendall, now four years of age. They also lost a daughter, Caroline, who died at the age of six years. On the 30th of May, 1865, Rev. Kendall was again married, his second union being with Margery Stewart, of Hamilton, Ohio, who died April 18, 1877. They, too, had one child, William C., who is now a minister of the Presbyterian church of Bloomingburg, Ohio, the

church of which his father once was pastor. He attended Wooster University; is a graduate of Ohio University at Columbus, and of the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago, Illinois, and is a man of no restricted influence in the ministry, being acknowledged an able minister and the possessor of much strength. For his third wife Rev. Kendall chose Eliza Cameron, of Buffalo, New York, their marriage being celebrated on the 28th of October, 1879. She still survives her husband and yet resides upon the old home place just off the Columbus pike in Xenia township. Hers is a pleasant home, provided with many of the comforts of life, and throughout the community Mrs. Kendall enjoys the high regard of a large circle of friends.

It was at this place that Rev. Clark Kendall spent his last days after many years devoted to the work of the ministry. It would be almost tautological in this connection to enter into any series of statements showing him to be a man of broad learning and wide culture, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. He was a deep and earnest student, carrying his researches far and wide in the many branches of knowledge, but all with the one purpose in view of making his life of greater benefit to his fellow men and advancing the cause of Christianity. He possessed deep sympathy and while he could not countenance wrong doing in the slightest degree, yet he was ever anxious and ready to help the wrong-doer in order that a better way of life might be opened before him. He was called to his final rest February 20, 1900, and his remains were interred in the Woodland cemetery, Xenia. Perhaps we cannot better close this review of his record than

by quoting from a publication of that time which said: "His life was one of great purity and he was highly respected for his gentle, Christlike spirit and his upright life. In his earlier life he was identified with the United Presbyterian church, but for a number of years he was connected with our own denomination. He was a very modest, unassuming man, yet his active ministry was one of great usefulness. He was permitted to welcome over one thousand members into the church. For a good many years he has been laid aside from the active work of the ministry, yet he was always in his place at church and occasionally preached. In all the years of his suffering he was the same, gentle, sweet-spirited, cheerful Christian, feeding on the word of his Master and leaning upon his Beloved. His faithful and helpful wife with two children survives him, Mrs. Dr. Smith, now in New York, and Rev. W. C. Kendall, of Bloomingburg, Ohio, one of the fields in which his departed father labored so successfully. He was a good man, strong in faith, and earnest in spirit, and as a shock of corn cometh in his season, so he came to his grave in full age.

"He has passed away,  
But his sweet will,  
Like a fragrant odor lingers still;  
The tender lesson that memory brings  
The mantle of patience o'er us flings,  
We learn to follow the path he trod  
To be more like him  
Who had gone to God.'"

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#### SAMUEL M. SPAHR.

For more than sixty years the home in which Samuel Milton Spahr resides has stood as one of the land marks of Beaver-

creek township. He owns and operates one hundred and thirty-three acres which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, so that his labors bring to him creditable and gratifying success. He was born in Caesars-creek township in what is now New Jasper township, his parents being Gideon and Amanda (Hagler) Spahr. From an early epoch in the history of this portion of the state the Spahr family has been a factor in the substantial upbuilding, which come from the successful conduct of legitimate business enterprises. Philip and Mary (Shook) Spahr came from Virginia to Greene county in pioneer times. Among their children was Gideon Spahr, whose birth occurred in New Jasper township, whose education was acquired in the schools there and who remained with his parents throughout the period of his boyhood and youth. He wedded Mary Amanda Hagler, a sister of William L. Hagler, and for about eight or nine years they remained in New Jasper township. On the expiration of that period they removed to Jay county, Indiana, where they made their home for two years and then returned to the old home in New Jasper township. In 1864 they removed to Beaver-creek township, but the father spent the last few years of his life retired in Bellbrook, where he died September 4, 1891, when more than seventy years of age, his remains being interred in the Bellbrook cemetery. His wife, who was born January 17, 1825, now makes her home in Bellbrook. Gideon Spahr endorsed the Republican party and its principles by his ballot. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which both he and his wife belonged. They were the parents of six children, five sons and a daughter: John L., a resident



of Cedarville township, married Hannah Peterson, and they have three children,—James Milton, Ida Jane and Osman P. Mary Louise is the deceased wife of Boyd G. Hopping, of Xenia, and left three children, John, David and William. Philip R., a resident of Alpha, married Ella Sivers, and their children are Lord, John, Ima, Emma, Philip and Esther. David M., of Beaver creek township, married Elizabeth Keiter, and their children are Pearl and Edith Amanda. Samuel Milton is the next of the family. Moses B., of Xenia township, married Harriet Gatrell and they have two children, Ethel M. and Walton.

Samuel M. Spahr was born April 19, 1853, in New Jasper township, but was mostly educated in Beaver creek township. When old enough to be of any assistance he began to aid his father in the work of the farm, and after reaching manhood was interested in agricultural pursuits with his father operating rented land. They were quite extensively engaged in farming, one year operating a farm of nine hundred acres near Trebein after leaving New Jasper township. Later they spent eight years on a farm of six hundred and forty acres in Sugarcreek township, and from there removed to the farm in Beaver creek township now occupied by our subject. Here they cultivated two hundred and twenty acres, one hundred and thirty-three acres of which the son subsequently purchased. The partnership between father and son continued until after the marriage of the latter, when Gideon Spahr retired and moved to Bellbrook. Our subject remained upon the farm in Beaver creek township which they had rented, and in 1893 he purchased one hundred and thirty-three acres of that tract as

previously stated. He has since made many improvements on the place and to-day has one of the well tilled and valuable farms in the southern part of the township.

On the 11th of November, 1886, Mr. Spahr was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Wolf, who was born in Cincinnati, a daughter of Frank and Margaret (Sorg) Wolf. Four children bless this union, namely: Harry Edmund, Edna Mae, Homer Milton and Florence Louise. The family is one well known in the community. Mr. Spahr is widely recognized as a man of good business ability, his life being characterized by industry that never flags and by sound business judgment and honor. His success is due entirely to his own well directed efforts and he may therefore justly be called a self-made man. While a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, he has never been an aspirant for office, though he takes an active interest in educational affairs and has served as a member of the school board.

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#### JOHN L. FERGUSON.

John L. Ferguson, a farmer whose home is just west of the corporation limits of Bellbrook, was born June 16, 1850, six miles south of Xenia in Spring Valley township. His father, Robert H. Ferguson, was born not far from Winchester, Virginia, July 17, 1819, and was a son of Samuel and Mildred (Garrison) Ferguson, who were also natives of Virginia. The great-grandfather of our subject, however, was a native of Scotland and at an early period in the development of the colonies took up his abode in the Old Dominion. Samuel Ferguson

was one of two children, and in the year 1832 he emigrated westward to Ohio, settling on the farm where our subject was born. There he spent his remaining days, dying prior to the marriage of his son, Robert H. He had served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812 and was ever a loyal and public-spirited citizen. His wife was born in 1782. She had lost her mother when quite young and as she lived near Hannah Washington and her father had no housekeeper, Mrs. Ferguson remained for some time with Mrs. Washington, who was frequently visited by her relative, the great General Washington, who often held Mrs. Ferguson upon his knee. She frequently described to her grandson, our subject, the carriage in which Washington rode, and when John L. Ferguson visited the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876 he saw this vehicle.

Robert H. Ferguson accompanied his father to Greene county in 1832 and upon the home farm was reared. Throughout his entire life he carried on agricultural pursuits and his death occurred in the spring of 1883 at the age of sixty-three years. In early manhood he had wedded Mary J. Cooper and they became the parents of four children, of whom our subject was the second. Horace A., the eldest, is residing in Dayton and has four children. Sally Mary is the wife of O. Frank Collett, of New Burlington, and has two children. William married Mary Mendenhall and died January 6, 1889, leaving two children. Robert H. Ferguson gave his political support to the Democracy, but was never an aspirant for office. He held membership with the Baptist church and his life was in consistent harmony with its principles.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John L. Ferguson in his youth. He worked in the fields and acquired a good common-school education. On the 29th of September, 1880, he married Miss Margaret E. McClure, of Sugarcreek township, a daughter of John C. and Elvira (Young) McClure. She was reared upon the home farm where our subject now resides. She had one brother, Cyrus McClure, who became a member of the Seventy-fourth Ohio Regiment and died of measles in the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee. There were nine children in the family, of whom Mrs. Ferguson was the eighth. All reached years of maturity and six of the number are yet living. Mr. Ferguson purchased a small tract of land from his father and made it his home for six years, when he came with his family to his present place of residence, purchasing seventy acres of Mr. McClure. Nearly all of the improvements upon the property have been made by our subject save a little building of one room which had been erected by Mr. McClure, who died shortly afterward, passing away March 5, 1886, while Mrs. McClure died May 18, 1901. In his farming methods Mr. Ferguson is enterprising, practical and progressive, and his labors have been attended with a high degree of success. His fields are now richly cultivated and his buildings are in good repair. His efforts have been so discerningly directed along well defined lines of labor that his work has brought to him a very gratifying competence.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson has been born one child, Ethel, whose birth occurred in Spring Valley township and who is a graduate of the Bellbrook high school of

the class of 1901. The parents held membership in the Baptist church, but on account of the distance of their home from a church of that denomination they identified themselves with the Methodist Protestant church. Politically Mr. Ferguson is a Democrat, and for two terms served as justice of the peace of Sugarcreek township. The cases which he decided during that time showed that he was strictly fair and impartial, and no decision which he ever rendered was ever reversed.

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REV. NICHOLAS J. KELLY.

Rev. Nicholas J. Kelly is pastor of St. Brigid's church of Xenia. He came here early in the year 1901 and soon gained a place in the respect and affections of his people, while engaged in the promotion of the cause of Catholicism. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 31st of August, 1851, being a son of Christopher C. and Catharine (Carey) Kelly, both of whom were natives of Ireland, and are now deceased. In the parochial schools of St. Peter's Cathedral of Cincinnati Father Kelly pursued his early education, after which he was employed for several years by the firm of Chatfield & Woods, proprietors of a large paper house of that city. Determining, however, to devote his life to the priesthood he resumed his education and from 1875 until 1878 was a student in St. Xavier College in Cincinnati. Subsequently he matriculated in Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West, located at Price Hill, Cincinnati, and in 1880 he became a student in Mt. St. Mary's of Emmittsburgh, Maryland. In 1881 he once more entered St. Xavier College, from

which he was graduated in the class of '83, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered St. Mary's Theological Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland, where he completed the full course and was ordained to the priesthood on the 18th of December, 1886, by the Most Rev. William Henry Elder, in St. Peter's Cathedral, Cincinnati, Ohio.

During sixteen years he has devoted his time and energies with untiring zeal to the work and advancement of his church. For about a year he served in the mission field and was then stationed as the assistant pastor at St. Peter's Cathedral at Cincinnati, when on the 19th of October, 1889, he was appointed pastor of St. Gabriel's parish in Glendale, where he served eight years. On the 27th of September, 1897, he was given charge of the parish of Lebanon and the attached missions of Monroe, Morrow, Foster's Crossing and Waynesville, where he remained until the 12th of March, 1901. He then took charge of St. Brigid's church in Xenia. He is a man of scholarly attainments and broad general information as well as theological learning. Consecrated to his holy office he puts forth every effort in his power to advance the cause of his church and the moral and intellectual standing of the community at large and under his leadership the various churches with which he has been connected have made very satisfactory advancement. He soon won friends in Xenia, not only in St. Brigid's church but among people of various denominations. His life is indeed a busy one. Each morning he celebrates mass at six o'clock and sometimes earlier. He is particularly watchful and helpful to the sick of the neighborhood and is a man of broad sympathies and humanitarian principles.





REV. N. J. KELLEY.



St. Brigid's church, of which he is now serving as pastor, is one of the strong Catholic churches in this portion of Ohio. The large brick edifice, ninety-one by forty-three feet, is situated on the corner of Second and West streets, and the church property also contains a school building of three rooms and the rectory, containing ten rooms, while there is a convent furnishing a pleasant home for the Sisters of Charity, who have charge of the school. The early history of the church is somewhat lost in obscurity because adequate records have not been kept. There are church and marriage records dating back from 1849 but little other data was kept. It was learned that in 1844 there were five Catholic families in Xenia and that in that year a Rev. Father Juncker of Dayton celebrated mass on the porch of the home of Jacob Klein. About 1849 Archbishop Purcell of Cincinnati and Rev. Father Rosecrans celebrated mass before nine persons in Xenia. It is possible that other priests visited the city in the meantime and before the church edifice was erected. As the congregation grew it became imperative that a more commodious place of worship be had than a private residence. This was found in the basement of the court house, the use of which was given gratis to the Catholics and other denominations alike. In 1849 the Catholics of Xenia were organized into a denomination. Father Kearney was in charge of the little church and was succeeded by Rev. Father Howard in May, 1850. Rev. Father Blake succeeded Father Howard and became the first resident pastor of Xenia, arriving in August, 1851. It was intended to build a church in that year but the work was not accomplished and it was not until the 11th of June, 1852, that the corner stone was laid, the church being ded-

icated and the sacrament of confirmation administered on the 31st of October of the same year. The cost of the church was about five thousand dollars and it was called St. Brigid's in honor of the patroness of Ireland. Father Blake remained in charge for thirty-four years, during which time the church made rapid and satisfactory growth. The work was organized in various departments and its influence was widely extended. In 1885 Father Blake practically retired and Father Cunningham of Yellow Springs took charge, remaining until 1887, when he was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Stoeppelmann, who on the 4th of October of the same year was succeeded by the Rev. Isaac J. Hoster. The church was then in debt and though improvements were much to be desired, none were attempted until the debt was paid, and this was accomplished during his first year as pastor. In September, 1888, the lot adjoining the church and school was purchased for one thousand dollars and the sisters removed into a little cottage which stood on the lot. In the summer of 1889 another lot was purchased on which was a good house and in this the sisters took up their abode in August. The church and school have received excellent attention, many improvements being made. Three altars, costing fifteen hundred dollars, the bequest of Father Blake, were erected and used for the first time on Christmas Day of 1888. In the spring of 1894 the pastoral residence was begun and was occupied on the 6th of November, following. The school is presided over by five Sisters of Charity and one hundred and forty-five scholars are enrolled. This school was begun in 1855 but it was not until 1879-80 that the Sisters of Charity took charge of the school. In February, 1898, the parochial school board was estab-



lished which undertook to raise sufficient money to support the school without drawing on the ordinary receipts of the church. Various church societies have been established and are in good working order and the influence of the church is being continually extended under the guidance of Father Kelly. Satisfactory progress is being made along many lines and he has the confidence and co-operation of his people to an unusual degree. This being the jubilee year of the church, it having been founded fifty years ago, the pastor and congregation are making extraordinary efforts to fittingly celebrate the occasion. To this end the pastor and people are making strenuous efforts to liquidate the present debt, which was January 1, 1902, about forty-five hundred dollars, and at the present time have every reason to feel confident of success.

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#### REV. JOHN S. MACCRACKEN.

In the history of this county Rev. John S. MacCracken well deserves mention, for he bore a very active part in the moral development and progress of his community. He devoted his entire life to the work of the ministry and although many years have passed since he departed this life his memory is still enshrined in the hearts of those who knew him.

Rev. MacCracken was born in Butler county, Ohio, April 6, 1804, and came of an old American family that was founded in this country in colonial days. The great-grandfather was killed by the Indians while standing in the yard of his frontier Pennsylvania home, while his grandfather was killed during the Revolutionary war, May 31,

1778. The parents of our subject were John and Martha (Wilson) MacCracken, both natives of the Keystone state and early settlers of Brown county, Ohio. During the boyhood of their son, John S., they removed to Greene county, this state, and there the father purchased land and developed a farm in the midst of the wilderness.

In Xenia Rev. John MacCracken acquired his early education, being a pupil of the Rev. Hugh McMillen. He afterward engaged in teaching for several terms and then continued his own education as a student in Miami University, where he completed the course with the class of 1839 and at once entered upon the work of the ministry. His first charge was at Kenton, Ohio, where he succeeded in establishing the United Presbyterian church, donating one-half of his salary—which at best was not a very large one—toward the erection of a church edifice. In 1851, after an eight years' pastorate in Kenton, he removed with his family to Oxford, this state, and while there visited many places which were destitute of moral instruction—organizing churches wherever he was called. He retained his residence in Oxford for five years and thence removed to Greene county, locating first in Cedarville, where he and his son both engaged in teaching school for a year. The family then came to Xenia and it was in this city that the Rev. John S. MacCracken spent his remaining days.

On the 11th of November, 1839, he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mrs. Eliza Welch and they were blessed with the following children: Henry, who is now chancellor of the University of New York; John Joseph, who died in infancy; George, an attorney at law of Urbana, Ohio; Anna M., a teacher in the high school

of Xenia; and one who died in infancy. Mrs. MacCracken was a most intelligent and cultured lady. A daughter of James and Mary (Hawkins) Dougherty, she was born November 2, 1810, in Jefferson county, Ohio. Her father was a native of Maryland and her mother of Pennsylvania, and both were of Scotch-Irish and English extraction. They provided their daughter with excellent educational advantages for those days and she continually added to her knowledge by a thorough and comprehensive course of reading. She was a student in Steubenville Female Seminary, of which Dr. Beatty was president. That institution is the alma mater of hundreds of women who have blessed and elevated society with their presence. She was first married to Rev. Johnson Welch, a graduate of Allegheny Seminary, who was a recognized power in the ministry, and at his death was president of Franklin College. Two children were born of this union: James, who has devoted his life to the preaching of the gospel and in 1901 was moderator of the synod of Kansas; and Eliza, wife of Professor A. M. Brooks, who became principal of the Bettie Stuart Institute of Springfield, Illinois. The father of these children passed away April 17, 1837, and many friends, besides his immediate family, mourned his loss. Left a widow, Mrs. Welch began teaching school, and in Oxford, Ohio, founded the ladies seminary which was the beginning of the present college at that place. After becoming the wife of Mr. MacCracken the lady continued her active work in the church and was a most able assistant to her husband. He passed away in Xenia on the 1st of April, 1863, mourned by all who had known him. The poor and

needy found in him a warm friend, the sorrowing and distressed a comforter. He had a deep sympathy which enabled him to enter into the troubles and sorrows of his parishioners. He was also very good and kindly and all realized that they had lost a true, faithful and generous friend. His wife long survived him and passed away on the 11th of January, 1893, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Her influence had been like the perfume of the violet unobtrusive, yet ever present, and by her kindnesses and her gracious spirit she induced many to follow in the straight and narrow path. Her children owe her a debt of gratitude not only for the personal sacrifices which she made that they might obtain the best educational advantages, but also because she ever held before them the highest ideals of honesty, integrity, purity and service.

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#### JOSEPH B. VAN EATON.

Joseph B. Van Eaton departed this life in 1898, but he is remembered by his many friends as a citizen of worth, as a progressive farmer and as a loyal soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. He was born in Greene county upon the farm in Xenia township where his widow now resides. His parents were John and Sarah (Bigger) Van Eaton. His father lived and died in Greene county, having come to Xenia when a young man. He purchased a farm of one hundred and forty-three acres, then a tract of wild land, and with characteristic energy began its further development and improvement. He erected good buildings, placed his land under a high state

of cultivation and raised good graded stock, being an active representative of agricultural pursuits in Greene county until called to his final rest at the age of sixty-four years. His widow passed away some years later. In their family were ten children, but only one of the number is now living.

Joseph B. Van Eaton of this review spent his boyhood days upon the old family homestead and in the district schools of the neighborhood acquired his education. At the time of the Civil war, however, he put aside all personal considerations and business interests in order to aid his country in her hour of peril. He enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Infantry, as a private and was commissioned adjutant before the regiment left its first camp, and during the last year of his service he was promoted to the rank of captain in command of Company D—the company with which he had gone to the front. On the 12th of September, 1864, he was wounded and in the winter was discharged on account of his injuries. For several months he lay in the hospital and was for some time unable to resume work. After the close of the war he returned to his home in Xenia township, where he spent his remaining days living the life of an honorable and upright man, his attention being devoted to farming and stock raising.

On the 15th of March, 1865, Mr. Van Eaton was united in marriage to Miss Martha Jewett Files, a daughter of Sylvanus B. and Martha (Janet) Files. Her father was a native of Rhode Island and her mother of Massachusetts. When a young man Mr. Files came to Ohio and was married in Columbus, after which he removed with his wife to Greene county, where he engaged in

farming to some extent, but largely lived retired from business cares. In the east he had engaged in business as a woolen manufacturer. He died in Holland, Ohio, when about seventy-nine years of age and his wife passed away at the advanced age of eighty-three years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Van Eaton were born two children: Ida, who is now the wife of O. K. Putnam, of California, and is the mother of three children—Raymond, M. Virginia and Charles Harry. They spent the first year of their marriage in California and upon their return to Ohio Mr. Putnam's health failed and they again went to the Golden state. Harry Bigger, born in Xenia township, October 21, 1867, died June 12, 1892, at the Children's Hospital in Pittsburg. He was a graduate of the Xenia public schools, also of the Westminster College. For a time he engaged in teaching school in Darlington, Pennsylvania, and at the time of his death was a medical student in the Children's Hospital in Pittsburg. He was a young man of marked ability and his death was greatly mourned. He was an earnest and discriminating student, a great lover of books and the future seemed bright before him on account of his superior ability, but death claimed him and he was laid to rest in the Woodland cemetery.

Mr. Van Eaton, the father, was a Republican in his political views. A valued member of the First United Presbyterian church, he served as one of its deacons and took a deep and active interest in its growth and upbuilding. His wife is also a member of the church and like him assisted in its work. On the 28th of December, 1898, Mr. Van Eaton was called to his final rest



and his remains were interred in the Woodland cemetery. In citizenship he was loyal, in friendship faithful, and in his family he was known as a devoted husband and father. Throughout his entire life he commanded the respect of his fellow men by reason of his genuine worth, and his loss was deeply mourned throughout the community.

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ALLEN H. MIARS.

Allen H. Miars is one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Spring Valley township, and a glance at his well developed and highly improved place indicates his careful supervision and modern methods. There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable gentleman whose name initiates this review, since his mind bears the impress of the historic annals of the state from early pioneer days, and from the fact that he has been a loyal son of the republic and has attained to a position of distinctive prominence in the community where he has long resided. He was born in Union township, Clinton county, Ohio, April 21, 1828, a son of Samuel and Hannah (Haines) Miars. The paternal grandparents, Martin and Jane (Summers) Miars, were both natives of Virginia, and in that state were married. The great-great-great-grandmother was a native of Germany. Martin Miars, accompanied by his wife and children, came to Ohio in the year 1811, locating near Wilmington, Clinton county, where he spent his remaining days. His children were David, John, Martin, Jacob, Samuel, Betsey, Polly and Jane, all now deceased.

Samuel Miars, the father of our subject, was born in Frederick county, Virginia, October 29, 1799, and in 1811 accompanied his parents to Clinton county, Ohio. He pursued his education in a log schoolhouse, devoted his entire time to farming throughout the years of his manhood, and at his death owned eight hundred acres of land. When he left home he had but four half dollars as his entire capital, but industry, economy and unremitting diligence made him a prosperous agriculturist. He married Miss Hannah Haines, a native of Clinton county and a daughter of Jacob Haines, who with his wife came from North Carolina to Ohio. He secured a tract of wild land in Clinton county, erected a log cabin, and cleared six acres of land which he planted. He was of Scotch descent. Unto the parents of our subject were born six children: Allen H.; Mary Jane, the wife of William Oglesbee, of Clinton county; Isaac, deceased; Milton, of Oklahoma; Martin, who lives on the old home farm in Clinton county; and Sarah Louise, the wife of Alfred McKay, of Wilmington, Ohio. The father died in 1874, and the mother passed away four days later. Thus the community lost two valued citizens of sterling worth.

Through the period of his youth Allen H. Miars attended the district schools in the winter months, when the work of the farm was practically over for the year. Throughout the remaining time he assisted in the work of the fields and meadows and thus gained that practical experience which has been of much value to him in carrying on farm work on his own account. He remained at home until March, 1859, when he married Miss Mary Melinda Stump, a native of Greene county and a daughter of

Jonas and Prudence Stump. Her maternal grandfather, William Smalley, was born in New Jersey in 1761, and when fifteen years of age was stolen by Indians, at Fort Du Quesne and his father was killed by them. While with the red men Mr. Smalley was obliged to witness their atrocious cruelty as they burned several people to death. On one occasion he saw an infant torn from its mother's arms and thrown into the flames. In 1784 he escaped from his captors and returned to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. A few years later he removed to Cincinnati. He afterward participated in military service in Harmar's campaign and was present when St. Clair was defeated. At that time he discharged his musket thirty-five times and it is said that twenty-one of the shots took effect. He was with Waynes' army, having charge of the sharpshooters, and was present when Colonels Lynch and Truman were killed. He escaped death by jumping behind a tree and telling the Indians that he had deserted the whites. He helped to build one of the first houses in Cincinnati and was a valued pioneer who contributed much to the work of reclaiming the wild district, peopled by savages, for purposes of civilization. The parents of Mrs. Miars have both passed away. The mother, surviving her husband for a few years, departed this life in January, 1902, at the age of ninety-two.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Miars established their home in Clinton county, where he carried on farming for twenty years near Wilmington, and then sold the property preparatory to removing to Spring Valley township, Greene county. Arriving in 1882, he purchased two hundred and seventy-eight acres of land, to which he has since added thirty-seven acres. He carries

on general farming and keeps a good grade of stock, and in his business life has prospered. As the years have passed his income has increased, and to-day he is the possessor of a very valuable farm, which is the visible evidence of his life of industry.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miars has been born one son, Fremont, who attended the common schools, was graduated in the high school of Wilmington, then attended the Wilmington College and also spent two years as a student in the National Normal University. He spent a year and a half in Virginia, but with the exception of that period has always resided with his parents, and now largely relieves his father of the care and labor of the home farm. He was married in February, 1893, to Miss Cora Bryce, of Spring Valley, and to them has been born a daughter, Mary Margaret. The father and son are both stanch Republicans and occupy a leading place as representative agriculturists of the community. Mr. Miars of this review has passed the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey, and well does he deserve the uniform respect which is extended him. He has faithfully performed his duties, with due regard for the rights of his fellow men, and in this portion of Ohio he has a large circle of friends.

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#### JESSE S. PAINTER.

No history of Greene county would be complete without mention of the Painter family. An entire century has passed since the first representatives of the name established a home in this locality. Great, indeed, was the difference in the conditions

of the county at that time than what it is at the present time. Its forests were uncut, the trees standing in their primeval strength. The streams were unbridged and there were few houses to indicate that the pioneer had made his way into this wild region to reclaim the land for purposes of civilization.

The great-grandparents of our subject were David and Patsey (Faulkner) Painter, who were probably natives of Virginia. Emigrating westward, they located in Waynesville, Warren county, Ohio, where together with other Quaker families they settled in the spring of 1802. They rode on horseback into the township of Caesars-creek and settled about one-half mile north of Paintersville, although there was no town there at that time and this entire portion of the country was known as the Northwest Territory. There in the midst of the forest the great-grandfather of our subject cleared a little patch of ground, planted potatoes and corn and built a cabin. In the fall the father and mother returned but left their children, Jesse and Hannah, in this county. It required a close watch to keep the Indians from stealing the girl because she was the first white child they ever saw. In the spring, however, the parents returned and spent their remaining days upon the old homestead which was here developed. Their children were Hannah, Jesse, Thomas and Jacob.

Jesse Painter, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Virginia and pursued his education in an old time log schoolhouse. He lived the life of a farmer and passed away upon the old homestead September 12, 1867. He it was who laid out the village of Paintersville, the place taking its name from its founder. As the years passed he

labored to cultivate and improve his land, and in course of time developed a good farm. Like his father, he had assisted in the work of improvement and progress at an early day and his efforts were of much avail in promoting the general improvement. He married Elizabeth Smith and unto them were born the following named: Rachel; David; Samuel, who is living in Henry county, Indiana, at the age of eighty-three years; Martha; Mordecai; Rebecca; Theresa; Joseph, who is living in Newton, Kansas; and Hannah, who married John Lewis and resides in Clinton county, Ohio.

David Painter, the father of our subject, was born near the town of Paintersville, Greene county. At the usual age he began his education and the temple of learning was a little log structure, but he mastered the branches of learning taught in such institutions and when a young man he became a teacher, following that profession until his marriage, being employed in this capacity in various parts of this county. He wedded Miss Mary Frazier and then turned his attention to farming upon the place which is now the home of his son, Jesse S. He erected a house and barn, getting out the lumber for them himself. As the years passed his efforts brought to him an excellent return for his labor. He continued the work of plowing, planting and harvesting and in course of time his farm became a valuable property. In his political views he was a Republican and both he and his wife were identified with the Society of Friends or Quakers. In their family were eight children: Deborah S., who is the widow of Mordecai Walker and resides in Caesars-creek township; Berthena, wife of William Davis, of Marion, Indiana; Lydia, deceased;



Jesse S.; Mary Frances, the deceased wife of David Parlott; Moses F., who is living in Indiana; Martha, the wife of Samuel Faulkner, a resident of Caesarscreek township; and David, who lives in Spring Valley township. The father died in 1863 at the age of forty-five years and the mother, long surviving him, passed away in 1897, at the age of seventy-seven years, their remains being interred in the family burying ground at the Friends' church, where the other members of the Painter family also lie buried. Throughout one hundred years connection with Greene county representatives of the name have been well known agriculturists here, and their labors have resulted largely to the benefit of the general community as well as to their individual success.

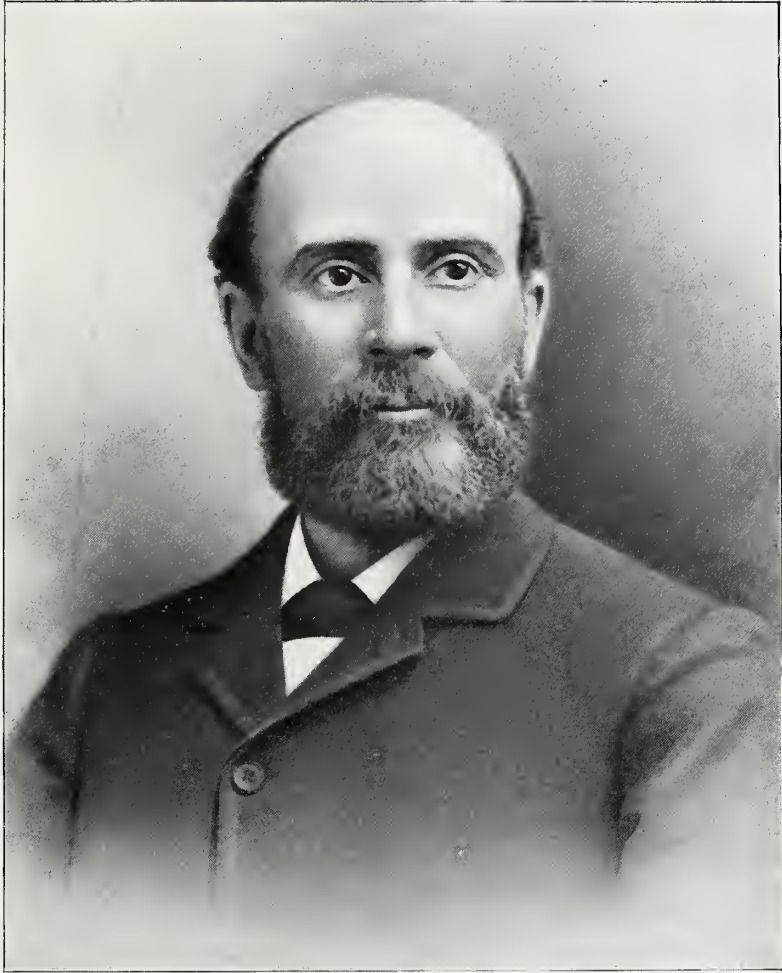
Jesse S. Painter, whose name introduces this record, was born on the old Paintersville road, December 11, 1850, and has always resided in this county, living on the old homestead with the exception of one year. He pursued his education in the public schools and throughout his life has carried on farming. In 1874 he wedded Miss Lydia Faulkner, who died the following year and was laid to rest in Xenia cemetery. On the 25th of January, 1885, he wedded Irena McNair, a native of this county, and three children have blessed this union: Morris E., Roy D. and Bertha L. Both are members of the Methodist Protestant church at Paintersville, and in his political views Mr. Painter is a Republican, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. He has eighty-five acres of fine farming land and continues its cultivation in addition to stock-raising. The

town of Paintersville stands as a monument to the enterprise of the family. Throughout an entire century the name has been closely interwoven with the county's history as the development from primitive conditions to the latter-day progress has been made. Mr. Painter is a worthy representative of the family, and his interest in all that pertains to the general good is manifested by his active co-operation.

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SAMUEL THOMAS MITCHELL, A. M.

Samuel T. Mitchell, who became well known in educational circles and whose work was of great benefit, especially to the colored people, attained distinction in the line of his chosen profession and was known as a man of strong force of character as well as of marked individuality and superior intellectuality. He was born September 24, 1851, in Toledo, Ohio, his parents being David and Nancy A. Mitchell. Between the ages of six and thirteen years he pursued his education in the public schools of Cleveland, Cincinnati and Walnut Hills. On the 4th of October, 1864, he entered Wilberforce University and on the 1st of February, 1865, he became converted and from that time forward devoted much of his time to the advancement of the cause of Christianity. He aided in organizing and naming the Sodalian Society, and advancing in his studies he at length became a teacher in the university. He attained his education in the face of many difficulties and obstacles. In order to meet the expenses of his college course he worked upon the farms in the vicinity, but was at length graduated with the highest honors on the completion of the course in June, 1873.



S. T. MITCHELL, LL. D.





For two years thereafter Professor Mitchell engaged in teaching in Wilmington, Ohio, and subsequently became principal of the Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City, Missouri, where he was paid two thousand dollars annually. He aided in organizing the Colored State Teachers' Association and was its first president. He also drew up and secured the passage of a bill which opened the doors in St. Louis, Kansas City and elsewhere to colored teachers. In 1875 Professor Mitchell was licensed by the African Methodist Episcopal church to preach and gave considerable time to the work of the ministry in addition to his labors in the school room. For five years he served as principal of one of the schools of Springfield, Ohio. His work as an intellectual and moral educator was so closely interwoven from this time forward that it is almost impossible to speak of one without the other. He served as a lay delegate to the general conference at Baltimore, in 1884, and was the author of the Endowment Day and general educational scheme under which the African Methodist Episcopal church Connection has since operated. In 1884 he was also elected president of Wilberforce University and filled that position continually for about sixteen years. He saw the institution double its attendance and also its property value, while the endowment was likewise largely increased and the annual income became a gratifying one. Professor Mitchell planned and secured under statute the organization of the state normal and the industrial department at the university, which receives liberal support from the state of Ohio.

In 1881 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Professor Mitchell by his alma mater and he received the honor of

having the Doctor of Laws degree conferred upon him by the State University of Kentucky in 1889. He was also appointed by United States Commissioner Harris as a vice-president of the Educational Congress at the Columbian Exposition. Under his direction Wilberforce University was represented at New Orleans, at the New Orleans Exposition; at the World's Fair in Paris; and at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, where a special award was given him. He was president of the National Colored Teachers' Association at the time of his death. In June, 1900, on account of his health he resigned the presidency of the Wilberforce University. He had accumulated an estate valued at about eighteen thousand dollars although he started out in life a poor man, working his own way through school and through the world. He had to borrow money to buy a suit in which to appear at the graduating exercises, but he possessed strong determination and indomitable courage and steadily he advanced. Although a very generous man, giving freely to many causes each year, he acquired a good home and his progress was continuous along lines of intellectual and moral development.

On the 24th of June, 1876, Professor Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Malvina Fairfax, and to them were born six children: Mrs. Ethel McGee, who has one child, Juanita; Charles F., a corporal in the Twenty-fifth Volunteer Infantry, of the Philippines; Lottie P.; Bessie Irene; Samuel L., and O'Neil T. Mrs. Mitchell was educated in Avery College in Pennsylvania, and at Wilberforce University, and while there she married Mr. Mitchell. For about nine years she was a teacher. Professor Mitchell passed away April 11, 1901, and

was laid to rest in Tarbox cemetery. His life was a noble and upright one, helpful in its influences and leaving its impress upon many with whom he came in contact. His aid was ever given to movements for the general good and for the uplifting of humanity and his entire life was devoted to work which proved of great benefit to others. Well does he deserve mention in this volume and with pleasure we present to our readers the life record of one whom to know was to respect and honor.

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#### BISHOP BENJAMIN F. LEE, D. D.

This eminent scholar and divine, the son of Abel and Sarah Lee, was born in Gouldtown, New Jersey, September 18, 1841. He attended the public schools of his native town, where he finished a primary education. In 1865 he made his appearance at Wilberforce University in search of further knowledge. Being poor, he did not enter as a regular student, but received private instruction from the faculty, in the meantime supporting himself by working the university land and taking care of the horses. He was a member of the first theological class organized in connection with Wilberforce, and after a severe and prolonged struggle with poverty and its concomitant hindrances graduated in the theological department in 1872 as valedictorian of his class. During his entire course he mainly supported himself alternating his efforts between manual labor and teaching.

He joined the African Methodist Episcopal church in 1862; was licensed to preach in 1868 by the Xenia, Ohio, Quarterly Con-

ference; was ordained a deacon in 1870 and was ordained an elder in Shelbyville, Kentucky, Thursday, October 3, 1872. The ordination sermon was preached by Bishop J. M. Brown from second Corinthians, fifth chapter and twentieth verse. It was an able and forceable presentation of the nature, duty and responsibilities of the ministerial office. Benjamin F. Lee, Thomas Duneghy and Silas Crawford were ordained elders and Robert Turner and Charles B. Harris were ordained deacons.

In 1873 he married Mary A. Ashe, of Mobile, Alabama, who graduated with honors in that year from Wilberforce University. In 1873 he was appointed to the chair of pastoral theology, homiletics and ecclesiastical history in Wilberforce made vacant by the resignation of Professor T. H. Jackson. This position he held until 1876, when, upon the resignation of Bishop Payne as president of Wilberforce University, and on the recommendation of the general conference, which met in Atlanta, Georgia, 1876, he was elected by the trustee board in June, president, which office he held until June, 1884. His administration was wide, humane and successful. It was an era of peace and goodwill between the faculty and students, and no time in the history of the university has it enjoyed a greater success than during the administration of Benjamin F. Lee.

He was a member of the general conference in 1876 and 1880 and at the general conference, which assembled in Baltimore, May, 1884, was elected editor of the Christian Recorder. He made an excellent report at the general conference of 1888, at Indianapolis, Indiana, and was re-elected and continued to edit the paper and reported

at the general conference in Philadelphia, May, 1892.

In 1880 he was associated with Dr. J. G. Mitchell and Rev. R. A. Johnson to bear the fraternal greetings of the general conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was also elected by the general conference of 1880 a delegate to the Ecumenical conference of Methodists, which met in London, England, September 1st, and was chosen by the western section of the general Ecumenical committee of 1884, embracing the American continent and islands, a member of the permanent committee of arrangements. His literary productions have been extensive. He contributed an article to the "Wesley Memorial Volume," a work edited by Rev. J. C. A. Clark, D. D., published by Phillips & Hunt, of New York. He has also written an introduction to "Outlines of our History and Government," by Rev. B. T. Tanner, D. D. As a linguist, he is the best production of the church's intellectual development, being acquainted with six different languages.

Dr. C. S. Smith says, when we come to measure the mental calibre of Bishop Lee, present and prospective, we must first take into account the massiveness of his brain, which in size and weight is far above the average and marked by great frontal expansion and prominence. His brain fibres are of great firmness and contain but little of the sensational elements, while the cells of the hardier and more compact form, which evolve thought processes slowly but substantially. His intellect is of keen, penetrating kind that pushes beyond the surface into the depths of things, and that strips the

plants of speculative inquiry of their fascinating exterior and foliage and grasps for the root and ground of their foundation. He is a persistent and profound thinker. He is strong in logic, clear in analysis, and lucid, though somewhat verbose in expression. A wider contact with the keen, cutting activities of busy, outside life will give him greater terseness of speech. In these whirling circles he will acquire the power of contraction, which is necessary to balance that of expansion, which he now possesses. His intellectual development has taken place under rather peculiar circumstances. He has been measurably shut in from the larger scenes and activities of life. He has been confined within a circle too narrow to admit of a broad unfolding of the genius and strength of his native mental endowments. The giant forces of his intellect will not appear until they have heard the tap of the drums that resound in the widening circles of inspiring, associated forces. Like the resurrected Lazarus, his friends need to "loose him and let him go."

The development of his moral consciousness has been along the line of true manly instincts, and the highest and purest teachings of moral ethics. He has taken on all those higher virtues and moral forms that are embraced in the one word—Purity. Hence his character is unassailable and above reproach, and he is a model of chaste and upright conduct.

His social manner is uniformly affable and courteous. He is easily approached; of a gentle disposition, somewhat passive; a ready and interesting conversationalist, and always instructive. As a man, a scholar, a Christian and a toiler for the elevation of the race no words of praise can be bestowed



on him that are not deserved. To the young and aspiring he is a noble example of what can be accomplished by the sheer force of—I will. After years of conflict with extreme poverty and want, and with nothing but his own stout heart and implicit confidence in God to cheer and strengthen him, he has turned the oasis of adverse circumstances into a place that is now fragrant with the aroma of his well achieved laurels. It was said of President Garfield that he went “from the tow-path to the White House,” and it may be said of the subject of our sketch that he went from an hostler’s place to a college president’s chair, where he sat for eight years the Nestor of all active, colored, American, Christian educator; distinguished in position; sublime in modesty.

Such was the tribute of Dr. C. S. Smith in 1884, and we heartily endorse all that has been said and trust that the admonition and advice to the young will be heeded, and call attention to the prophetic portion of the tribute paid him. From personal knowledge we know that he has more than filled the mould during his services as editor of the *Christian Recorder*, and by the success that has attended his episcopal labors. No words of praise can add to his statue of worth either as a Christian, educator, reformer or Bishop.

At the general conference, which met in May, 1892, Philadelphia, he was elected bishop, May 14, and ordained May 19, 1892, by Bishops D. A. Payne, W. J. Gaines and Abraham Grant, assisted by Elders W. J. Johnson, of Ohio, J. B. Stansberry, of Philadelphia, T. H. Jackson, W. H. Brown, of Pittsburg, T. C. Denham, of Texas, and A. A. Williams, of Arkansas, and was appointed to the tenth Episcopal district, com-

posed of the Texas, west Texas, northeast Texas, central Texas, Louisiana, north Louisiana and California conferences, and by the authority of the general conferences organized the Puget Sound annual conference. These conferences covered the states of Louisiana, Texas, California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Idaho, and a portion of British North America. This district embraced more territory than the kingdom of Solomon, and God gave the bishop health and strength to visit his work during the Quadrennium. By his instructive lectures and gospel preaching he aroused the people to take a deeper interest in the cause of education and temperance, and induced many to join the army of right against wrong. The presiding elders were to him what Aaron and Hur were to Moses, they held up his hands while executing the law, while the pastors walked with him up the mount of Transfiguration, where the law, gospel and prophet met together, and the voice from the cloud of history were heard to say: “These are my beloved sons in whom I am well pleased.”

Paul Quinn College had the benefit of the experience of the presiding bishop. The theological department was organized, and a system of theological correspondence, corresponding with the Itinerant course constituted.

The men of the district, the people of the district had a higher conception of their duty than they ever had before. The fraternal relations between the denominations were cordial and pleasant. Conference reciprocity was exchanged by bishops and conferences, and the seed sown during his Quadrennium will yield a rich harvest for God and the race.

The Harper Institute at Baton Rouge made a noble fight and succeeded because the ministers and members of the Louisiana conference resolved that it should succeed and not be lost.

He is now president of the board of trustees of Wilberforce University, president of Payne's Theological Seminary and president of the Corresponding School of Theology of the church, also president of the board of education and is now directing and controlling the moral and religious forces of more men, women and children than any man of the race. His past record is a prophecy for the future success of the trust reposed upon him by the general conference. If he receives the hearty co-operation and support, Payne's Theological Seminary will wield an influence in the future beyond the most sanguine expectation of its founder and benefactor.

At the general conference in 1896, held at Wilmington, North Carolina, he was appointed to the third Episcopal district, consisting of the Ohio, North Ohio and Pittsburgh annual conferences. It was in this border that the first resolution looking to an educated ministry was ever passed by an annual conference. It was in this celebrated district that the first school and manual labor farm was purchased and organized in 1845 near Columbus, Ohio. It was in this district that Bishops Payne, James A. Shorter and Dr. John G. Mitchell laid the foundation of our magnificent educational system by the purchase of Wilberforce University. It is fortunate we have one at the head of our educational work and who was raised and trained by the leaders of the church and race, one who has been able to take the principles of African Methodism, and whose

very being is saturated with the hopes of our future and inspired by their lives to triumph over every opposition and bear the standard of manhood Christianity on to certain victories.

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J. C. SIMS.

After many years of honorable and active connection with agricultural pursuits J. C. Sims is now living retired in Spring Valley. He was born in Mount Holly, Warren county, Ohio, December 8, 1839, his parents being George and Sarah E. (Buckles) Sims. The father, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, came with his parents, John and Elizabeth Sims, to Ohio, the family becoming early settlers of Warren county. They located upon a farm on which George Sims was reared, but in early life he learned the cooper's trade in Mount Holly, and there carried on business for many years. He also engaged in huckstering at the same time. He lived to be more than seventy years of age and throughout his long life commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow men. In his family were fourteen children, all of whom reached years of maturity and twelve are still living. Those who have passed away had married and reared families.

J. C. Sims, whose name introduces this record, attended the public schools in early life, and when about fourteen years of age began working in his father's shop, where he was employed until twenty-two years of age. From the time of his marriage in 1861 until 1864 he was employed in the extensive coopering department of the large factory of Barrett & Walton. In the latter year,

however, he put aside business cares and personal considerations and joined the one-hundred-day men, enlisting in Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. The command took part in the battle at New Creek, but during that engagement he was sent to a block house to guard a bridge. After about four months at the front he returned to Ohio and again entered the employ of his former firm, remaining there for three years. With the capital he had thus acquired through his industry and economy he invested in land, becoming owner of seventy-five acres, which is still in his possession.

On the 12th of May, 1861, Mr. Sims was married to Miss Nancy Ellen Smith, of Spring Valley, and unto them were born two sons. George, who married Alice Underwood, by whom he has three children, is a printer by trade, and resides in Spring Valley. Morris, the younger son, married Minnie Riley, by whom he has one child, and their home is also in Spring Valley. In February, 1870, Mr. Sims was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife. He was again married, on the 16th of February, 1871, his second union being with Mrs. Frances (Sanders) Byrd, a daughter of Jesse and Cassandra (Bell) Sanders. She was born in Bellbrook June 8, 1835, and was first married to Jackson Byrd, by whom she had three children: George, of Dayton, wedded Elizabeth Smith and has six children; Ella M. is the wife of Thaddeus Allen, of Spring Valley, by whom she has two children; and Mary B. died February 23, 1888. Mr. Byrd died in Callaway county, Missouri, in 1860, having removed to that place in 1855. After his death his widow returned to Ohio. By the second marriage

there has been born two children: William, who wedded Stella Pennywit, by whom he has two children, Raymond and Leon, their home being upon his father's farm; and Charles Clifford, who died in his twenty-first year.

In his political affiliations Mr. Sims is a Democrat, voting for the party since casting his first presidential ballot for Douglas in 1860. The fathers of both Mr. and Mrs. Sims were members of the Society of Friend, and our subject and his wife have become identified with the congregation of that denomination in Spring Valley. Mr. Sims belongs to Byrd Post, G. A. R., of Spring Valley. It was named for William H. Byrd, a brother of his wife's first husband, who was the first soldier of Spring Valley who was killed in the Civil war. Mr. Sims attended the National Grand Army encampment in Cincinnati and in Indianapolis. He enjoys the good will and friendship of many of his comrades of the blue and is a citizen of worth who well deserves mention in this volume.

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#### ISAIAH HOLLOWAY.

The migratory spirit so strongly noticeable in many sections of the country is manifest in Ohio rather for its absence, for it is a remarkable fact that a large portion of the native born sons of this state have retained their residence within its borders throughout their entire lives. Such a one is Mr. Holloway, whose birth occurred in January, 1824, in Madison township, Clark county, where he lived until he had attained his majority, acquiring his education in the



log schoolhouse of that locality. His parents were Isaiah and Sarah (McQuality) Holloway. The father was born in Virginia, and when a young man came to Ohio, settling in Chillicothe, where he remained for a number of years. He then went to Clark county and carried on farming in Madison township. His remaining days were spent in that county, where he passed away at the age of seventy-six years. His religious faith connected him with the Methodist church, while his political belief was in harmony with the principles of the Republican party. His wife survived him for several years and died on the old homestead in Clark county at the age of seventy-four years. She had belonged also to the Methodist church and was a lady who possessed many excellent traits of character. Unto this worthy couple were born seven children, of whom two are yet living, Isaiah being the second in order of birth. His sister, Elizabeth, is now the widow of Levi Warner, who was a resident of Cedarville, Ohio.

Mr. Holloway came to Greene county about 1865, and has since lived upon the farm which he yet owns and operates. He purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of land which was then partially improved, but he afterward erected a good residence and barn and here he has since lived. The place is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, and everything about his farm is neat and thrifty in appearance, thus manifesting the careful supervision of the progressive owner. Mr. Holloway has also purchased the old homestead consisting of one hundred and thirty acres.

Mr. Holloway was united in marriage to Miss Mary Tindall, a daughter of Thomas

and Sarah (Waller) Tindall, who resided in Clark county, but both are now deceased. Her mother was a member of the Methodist church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Holloway have been born six children, but Orleans died at the age of fourteen years, and Clara died at the age of five years. Lander is a resident farmer of Nebraska. Howard resides upon the old home place in Clark county. Charles makes his home at Selma. Ida is yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Holloway votes with the Republican party, but is content to end his political activity there, save that he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church and he is serving as one of its trustees. In his life he has manifested many of the sterling characteristics of his Scotch ancestry, being thrifty, persevering and enterprising, and to-day, as a result of these elements in his make-up, he is a well-to-do resident of Cedarville township, and has the respect of the leading people of the community.

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#### JOHN D. STEELE.

The man of wealth is not the one whom the American citizens hold in highest regard, but he who can plan his own advancement and accomplish it in the face of competition and obstacles that are always to be met in the business world. The "captains of industry" are those whose business foresight can recognize opportunity and whose executive force can utilize advantages which are not given to one alone, but perhaps encompass the whole race. The life history of John D. Steele is simply that of a successful

business man who owes his advancement to close application, energy, strong determination and executive ability. He has never allowed outside pursuits to interfere with the performance of business duties or the meeting of any business obligations, and thus he stands to-day one of the prosperous residents of Xenia, strong in his honor and his good name. He is the secretary and general manager of the Hooven & Allison Company, and many other enterprises of the city owe their successful conduct largely to his wise counsel and business judgment.

Mr. Steele is a native of Greene county, having been born in Alpha, November 4, 1855, his parents being David and Mary (Harbine) Steele. His paternal grandfather was John Steele, of whom mention is made in the historical section of this work. He was born in Virginia in 1809 and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Steele, came to Greene county as early as 1830, the family settling in Beavercreek township, where the grandfather of our subject engaged in farming. John Steele also began life as a farmer, but after some years became interested in an oil mill as a member of the firm of Steele & Kershner. They carried on an extensive business in the manufacture of linseed oil. After a time Mr. Kershner sold his interest to John Harbine, the grandfather of our subject, and the firm style of Steele & Harbine was then assumed. This relation was maintained until 1871, when the senior partner retired and removed to Xenia, where he became one of the directors of the First National Bank of that city. In his political views he was first a Whig, supporting the party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the new Republican party. He held member-

ship in the Reformed church and was one of its elders. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Ankeney, and was a daughter of one of the pioneer settlers of Greene county. In the year 1882 John Steele departed this life and his wife passed away in 1889.

Their only child, David Steele, acquired a public-school education, and afterward spent two years as a student in Oxford College, at Oxford, Ohio. In early manhood he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Harbine, and soon afterward they located in Bloomfield, Davis county, Iowa, taking up their abode there in 1856. Mr. Steele was interested in farming in the west until after the inauguration of the Civil war, when he offered his services to the government as a defender of the Union cause, enlisting in the Third Iowa Infantry, in which he was made first sergeant. After two years' service he was discharged on account of ill health and returned to Greene county, Ohio. About six weeks later, when he had sufficiently recuperated, he organized what became Company E, of the Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned its captain. With his command he went to the front and at the battle of Stone River, on the 15th of December, 1862, he was wounded and died from the effects of his injuries on the 15th of January, 1863. His wife had passed away about 1859, leaving two children: John D., of this review, and Augusta F., now the wife of W. T. Poague.

John D. Steele, having been left an orphan, made his home with his paternal grandparents, and in the common schools he pursued his preliminary education, which was afterward supplemented by study in the high school of Xenia and in the Uni-

versity of Wooster, at Wooster, Ohio, where he was graduated in the class of 1877 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He also took a business course, and later in the same year he entered the office of his uncle, J. H. Harbine, a dealer in grain and flour in Xenia, remaining with him until April, 1881. At that time Mr. Steele entered upon an independent business venture, purchasing the interest of M. C. Allison in the wholesale house of Allison, Eavey & Carson, at which time the firm name was changed to Eavey, Carson & Steele. Another change occurred in July of the same year, when the business style of Eavey & Company was assumed, Mr. Steele remaining as an active member of the house. An extensive and successful business was carried on, to which result Mr. Steele contributed his full share until July, 1888, when he sold his interest and became a member of the Hooven & Allison Company, of which he was also one of the incorporators. He was elected as secretary and general manager and also became a member of the board of directors. This company was incorporated for three hundred thousand dollars and purchased the old plant on West Second street. The business of manufacturing cordage was then begun. The new company also bought out what was known as the plant of the Ohio Cordage Company and also enlarged and increased its capacity. The plant of the Xenia Cordage Company was also added to their enterprise and the company is now operating it as a successful commercial twine mill. In the various plants employment is furnished to about five hundred people—the largest number of employes in the service of any one company in Greene county. Thus a very successful and extensive business has

been carried on, the trade constantly increasing, while the output is sent into all sections of the country. The main office is located in Xenia, with branch offices and warehouses at Kansas City and Minneapolis. The firm is represented by local agents at different points. Until 1901 a factory was also conducted in Zanesville, Ohio, where one hundred operatives were employed. Mr. Steele has extensive business interests in other lines. In 1889 he organized the Steele, Hopkins & Meredith Company, incorporated, and bought the old business of B. F. Funk & Company, of Springfield, Ohio, since conducting a successful business there as wholesale grocers. He is also connected with the Electric Light Company, and in 1896 he erected the finest office building in Xenia, known as the Steele block. It is a fire proof, steel structure, built in the most modern style of architecture and with all of the latest improvements and accessories. Three of its floors are devoted to office purposes, while the fourth and fifth floors have been leased to the Masonic fraternity. This building is a credit to the city as well as a monument to the business ability of the owner.

On the 18th of January, 1893, Mr. Steele was united in marriage to Miriam E. Yockey, of Xenia, a daughter of the Rev. S. B. Yockey, now pastor of the Eighth Avenue Reformed church, of Columbus, Ohio. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children: John Daniel; Margaret Elinor; and Florence Miriam. Mr. Steele belongs to Xenia Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M.; Xenia Chapter, R. A. M., and to the Reformed church of Xenia, in which he is serving as an elder. In politics he has always been a stanch Republican, but would



never consent to hold office. He has had no taste for political life, even if his business interests would permit him to enter it, but during his active career he has held many important relations to the public interest, through the business enterprise he has conducted. He has never sought to figure personally before the public in any light or in any relation, but has always been deeply interested in the social, moral and industrial movements of the community.

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#### CAPTAIN MOSES WALTON.

A new chapter has been added to American history at a recent date and one which reflects great credit upon the nation. It chronicles the military and naval strength of the country and shows that the United States has won a place among the great powers of the world. This result comes from the aggregate endeavor of many brave men who at their country's call went forth to aid in carrying out the doctrine which says that no foreign power shall encroach upon the liberties of the people of the new world. Captain Walton certainly won distinction through his military service which was of great benefit to his native land.

He was born in what is now the village of Spring Valley, December 27, 1846, his parents being Moses and Rachel (Ragan) Walton. His boyhood days were spent in the village, the father owning a farm there upon which the Captain was reared. After acquiring his elementary education in the district schools he later became a student in Spiceland Academy of Henry county, Indiana, an institution which at the present time

is conducted under the supervision of the Society of Friends. After years there passed Captain Walton returned to his home and a few months later he and his father established a mill for the manufacture of flax tow in 1866. The following year he and his father established a mercantile store and also continued the manufacture of tow. In 1869 they extended the field of their labors by engaging in the manufacture of bagging, successfully conducting all three enterprises. From 1868 until 1891 he and his brother were also interested in the pork packing business in connection with their father and Mr. Barrett. In 1872 they closed their store and in 1881 the bagging mill was destroyed by fire, and they did not again assume business along that line but continued to engage in pork packing. In 1883, however, Captain Walton withdrew from the business and went to Trebein to take charge of the wheat department until 1887. In that year he purchased the oil mill in Spring Valley, conducting the same until 1897, when he accepted a clerkship in the office of the post-office inspector at Cincinnati. He was employed in that capacity until the 25th of May, 1898, when he was appointed captain in the quartermaster's department of the First Brigade, Second Division, First Army Corps, for service in the Spanish-American war, and was at Chickamauga and at Camp Poland, Knoxville, Tennessee. When the army was re-organized he was made quartermaster of the First Brigade of the First Division of the First Army Corps. In October the brigade was ordered to Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, and he was the first quartermaster located in the Santa Clara province, where he remained for three months. The brigade was then broken up

and he was ordered to Cienfuegos as assistant of the chief quartermaster of the province of Santa Clara and Matanzas, under General John C. Bates. After five months there passed Captain Walton was ordered to New York city to go on a transport as captain, quartermaster and commissary. He was in the transport service for two years, first as quartermaster on the *Dixie*, on which he made a trip from New York to Matanzas, Havana and Cienfuegos, returning thence to New York. Later he was transferred to the transport *Burnside*, which was the only large prize captured from the Spaniards, it formerly having been the transport *Rita*. He has a very interesting relic captured from the Spaniards at that time which was found in the vessel. He was on the transport at the time when the teachers in Cuba were brought to Boston and in his possession has a diary which was kept on the voyage by the superintendent of the model schools of Cienfuegos—Sanfrisco Castro—which was written in Spanish, but has been translated into English. Captain Walton paid the teachers at Cienfuegos for two months' services. This was the first money they had received for a period of three years and three months, and the money which was given them on the 1st of March, 1899, was gratefully received. They were paid in greenbacks, which was the first money of the kind they had ever seen.

In July, 1900, Captain Walton was transferred to the *Sedgwick* and was in command until the 21st of October of the same year, when he was transferred to the *Buford*, remaining in charge of that transport until the 1st of May, 1901. He crossed the ocean to Gibraltar, made his way to the Island of Malta, to Port Said, and through

the Suez Canal, thence on to Colombo and the Isle of Ceylon. At Singapore the vessel did not anchor because of cholera at that place, but continued on to Manila, the trip consuming fifty-one days. Captain Walton spent over two months in Manila and then returned on the *Buford*, bringing with him the Twenty-seventh United States Regiment to San Francisco. Going out, he never lost a man. At San Francisco he gave up his command and went to Washington in order to work upon his papers. If the history of his naval service was told in detail it would furnish many an interesting and exciting chapter. He is thoroughly familiar with the modern methods of naval warfare and proved himself a most loyal soldier.

On the 25th of September, 1867, the Captain was united in marriage to Miss Ellen B. Hepford, of Spring Valley. She was born in Dayton, a daughter of J. W. and Elizabeth (Hess) Hepford. They now have seven children: John Edward, a farmer of Spring Valley; Bessie R., the wife of E. C. Van Winkle, a teacher in the public schools of Spring Valley; J. T., who in 1899 became justice of the peace, being the youngest incumbent that has ever filled that office in Ohio; Rosella, the wife of A. E. Wright, of Dayton; Samuel M., a student in Dayton; Joseph H., who is attending school in Spring Valley; and Mary L., who completes the family.

The Captain has been a staunch Republican since casting his first presidential vote for Grant in 1868, and has served as a member of the city council of Spring Valley. He is a member of the Society of Friends, and his people all adhere to that faith. Such in brief is the life history of Moses Walton. In whatever relation of life we find him—in

the government service, in political circles, in business or in social relations—he is always the same honorable and honored gentleman, whose worth well merits the high regard which is uniformly given him.

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FRANCIS GRINNELL.

Francis Grinnell is one of the early settlers and leading and influential citizens of Miami township, and as the qualities of an upright manhood are numbered among his salient characteristics he well deserves mention among the representative men of Greene county. He was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, November 5, 1821, a son of Cornelius and Eliza (Russell) Grinnell. The father was also born in New Bedford and there spent almost his entire life with the exception of a few years, during which he was engaged in business in New York. His father was a captain in the merchant marine service and Cornelius Grinnell also engaged in shipping and in the whaling trade. He died at the comparatively early age of forty years. The mother of our subject had passed away previously and the father had married a sister of his first wife. The Grinnell family in religious faith were originally Friends.

Francis Grinnell spent the entire period of his minority in the place of his nativity. He was educated in the academy at South Kingston, Rhode Island, and afterward at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and for one year was a student at Well College at Jamaica Plains, near Boston. After completing his education he entered the counting room of his brother at New Bedford, but remained only a short time, after which, until twenty-

one years of age, he traveled from place to place, being employed in various ways. On attaining his majority he purchased a farm near New Bedford. This had formerly been an island, but was dyked in by his father, who purchased the land in 1812. Mr. Grinnell of this review remained upon his farm and continued its cultivation until 1855, when he sold that property and came to Ohio with his family, settling at Yellow Springs, in Miami township. For two years he resided there and then purchased a tract of land of one hundred and sixty-eight acres in Miami township. This he improved, placing it under a high state of cultivation. He then purchased one hundred and forty acres more and added to the farm from time to time until he now owns something over three hundred and fifty acres. In 1862 he purchased of Mathew Conny the gristmill which he now operates. It was built in 1821 and is therefore one of the landmarks of the community. Mr. Grinnell has operated the mill and engaged in farming ever since he made the purchase of the property, and is a worthy representative of the agricultural and industrial interests of the community.

In 1846 in Washington, D. C., was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Grinnell and Miss Marian Gales Johnson, a daughter of Robert and Winifred (Gales) Johnson, the former a native of North Carolina. Mrs. Grinnell was a devout member of the Episcopal church and a most estimable lady. She died upon the home farm in Miami township in 1893, leaving a family of eight children, while one had previously passed away. Cornelius H., who owns a large ranch and is extensively engaged in raising cattle in Sheridan, Wyoming, married Miss Sabiton and they have three children: Ma-



rian W., now deceased; Joseph and Lawrence. Altona Holstein became the wife of Bailey Willis, a son of N. P. Willis, the poet, and died leaving one child, Hope. Robert J., who is engaged in milling in South Carolina, is married and his children are: Burard, Kate, Reginald, and Ernest, who is deceased. Frank, who was born in Massachusetts on the home farm, came to Greene county with his parents, and here resided until 1901, when he removed to Kentucky, where he is now engaged in farming. He married Miss Minnie Robinson, and they have one child, Catherine Winifred. Gales M., who follows farming in Miami township, wedded Millie Goe and they have one child, Bailey W. Ernest, born in Miami township, is married and resides in Sheridan, Wyoming. Nellie W. is at home. William L., of Portland, Oregon, married Ethel Galloway and their children are: George and Francis M. Morton R. is assisting his father on the home farm. He married Esther Kolp and their children are Marjorie, Malcolm M., Ralph and Harold. For almost a half century Francis Grinnell has resided in Greene county and is well known to many of its citizens. He has always been an industrious, energetic man and in his business affairs has manifested the strictest integrity and fidelity to commercial ethics. Throughout the community he is held in high regard, and as one of the early settlers of Miami township he well deserves mention in this volume.

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#### SAMUEL M. ALLISON.

Samuel M. Allison, now deceased, was one of the most distinguished business men of Xenia. He was a representative of that

type of American citizens who contribute to the general prosperity while promoting individual success. Through the establishment of important business interests he gave employment to a large number of workmen and thus the commercial activity was advanced. He possessed untiring industry, was quick of perception, formed his plans readily and was determined in their execution. He was energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and his popularity was well deserved, for in him were embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags. Few men could be more widely missed than Mr. Allison, of Xenia, whose long and honorable connections with business interests made him of value here.

Samuel McNair Allison was born in Shelby county, Ohio, in May, 1836, his parents being Samuel and Mary Allison. His early life was spent upon the home farm near Sidney and in the district schools of the neighborhood he acquired his early education, which was later supplemented by study in Sidney. His father died when he was a mere boy, and as soon as he was able to take his place in the business world he contributed largely to the support of his mother and sisters. He has three surviving sisters: Mrs. Rebecca Hench, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Margaret R., who resides with her brother; and Hester, the wife of J. S. Armstrong, of Xenia. William, who was a well known insurance agent of Xenia, recently died.

On the 15th of March, 1851, when not yet sixteen years of age, Mr. Allison secured employment as a clerk in the store of Allison & Townsley, the senior member being his brother, James Allison, while the junior

member was T. P. Townsley. Our subject applied himself closely to mastering the business, becoming a valued salesman in the store, and in February, 1857, was admitted to a partnership. Upon the death of his brother, James, he became the head of the establishment, the firm name of Allison & Townsley being retained until 1889, when the firm dissolved partnership and the enterprise was discontinued.

Before retiring from the dry-goods trade Mr. Allison had extended his efforts into other fields of business activity, being one of the organizers of the Xenia Twine & Cordage Company, which became a profitable concern. In company with others he took hold of the Xenia Mill on the Cincinnati pike and from a small concern it was developed under his direction until it became a flourishing institution. At length, however, Mr. Allison sold his interest and in partnership with Joseph N. Field, now a capitalist in England, organized the Field Cordage Company, which erected a cordage plant in Xenia. The Cordage Trade Journal in an obituary written at the time of his death gave the following account of his business interests: "After it was operated for several years the Field Company's Binder Twine factory was leased in January, 1890, to the National Cordage Company for five years at the rental of forty-five thousand dollars a year. At the same time Mr. Allison made a contract not to engage in a competing business, for which he was to receive six thousand dollars per annum. The National Company repudiated the contracts after living up to them for one year, and when suit was brought to enforce them the Ohio court decided they were null and void, being in restraint of trade. However, in

October, 1891, the National Company bought the Field Company's property for two hundred and forty thousand dollars. Mr. Allison then became active in operations independent of the National Cordage Company. Joining with Messrs. Hooven and Gamble, of Miamisburg, Ohio, he helped to launch the Hooven & Gamble Company in the manufacturing of machinery for the manufacture of cordage, Mr. Allison being president of the company from its incorporation in 1892 until April, 1900. In 1892 he was instrumental in organizing the Northwestern Cordage Company, which erected a plant in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Allison was vice-president and general manager, and his son, Lewis M. Allison secretary of that corporation. This company was not successful, which was partly due to the misfortunes of unusual description. One of these was the falling of a roof that was heavily weighted by snow, the accident causing injuries to a number of employes, several of whom recovered verdicts for large sums, one being for twenty-eight thousand dollars, which was later set aside as excessive. On May 19, 1893, Charles S. Rogers, president of the Northwestern Company, committed suicide by jumping from the 'high' bridge over the Mississippi river at St. Paul. He left a letter addressed to Mr. Allison, who continued an officer of the company until December, 1894. In January, 1895, Mr. Allison applied for the appointment of a receiver for the company, alleging that the corporation was insolvent, owing over two hundred thousand dollars, while its assets, held at three hundred thousand dollars, were not worth over fifty thousand. This application was denied, although the company's officers admitted that money had been lost.

In September, 1898, the property was sold to the Northwestern Grass Twine Company, and in March, 1899, the cordage machinery was sold to the Hooven & Allison Company of Xenia, Ohio, and the Columbian Cordage Company, of Auburn, New York. In September, 1897, Mr. Allison purchased the Ohio, Xenia and Field Cordage mills in Xenia from the reorganization committee of the United States Cordage Company. He immediately sold the Ohio mill to the Hooven & Allison Company and later he sold the Xenia mill to C. N. Lupton. In October, 1898, the Field Twine & Cordage Company, under the management of Mr. Allison, started up the old Field works, making binder twine for the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, and the hard fibre machinery has operated steadily since then. Mr. Allison planned to start the hemp twine plant last July, but his illness prevented him from doing so."

Mr. Allison was certainly a man of great business enterprise and of undaunted perseverance and deserved great credit for what he accomplished. He looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities of the future. He was always looking for opportunities and was quick to recognize a favorable one and use it. His keen discrimination, sound judgment, while they contributed to his own advancement, also promoted the general prosperity.

Mr. Allison was twice married. On the 15th of May, 1868, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Julia Myers and they became the parents of three children, who are yet living: Lewis, who assisted his father in the conduct of the cordage business; Jeanette and Albert. Mrs. Allison died on the 1st of March, 1892, and for his second wife Mr.

Allison chose Miss Louie Myers, a sister of hers for his wife, their marriage being celebrated in St. Paul, Minnesota, on the 25th of January, 1894. She still survives her husband. Like him, she shares in the high regard of many warm friends and has a large circle of acquaintances in Xenia. Throughout the years of his manhood Mr. Allison took a deep and active interest in everything pertaining to the public progress, and his hearty co-operation was given to many movements for the general good. His natural endowments were a quick and strong temper and a warm heart, a gentle manner and a quiet courtesy. To control the first and to make his life the flower and expression of the other traits was the task which nature assigned him. We know nothing of the struggle, but were daily witnesses of the victory. Kindness was the motive of his life. He had a well-spring of affection and a quick and generous sympathy which increased by giving. Like all who walk through life on a higher plane than the great majority of his fellows, his companionship was select, rather than large, but the many who looked up to and respected him realized as fully as did the few who were nearer him that a true man had fallen.

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#### JOHN AMBUHL.

John Ambuhl, deceased, was a factor in business circles in Xenia for many years and he had a wide acquaintance in the city. He was born in Switzerland on the 15th of August, 1826, and was one of seven children, whose parents were Jacob and Rachel (Crupp) Ambuhl. In the schools of his na-



tive land he acquired his education and when a young man he learned the weaver's trade which he followed for a number of years, but he had very little opportunity to advance his business in his native country and he resolved to seek a home in the new world, having heard favorable reports of the advantages here given to young men of ambition and determination. Accordingly in the year of 1854 he sailed for the United States, landing in New York. Later he made his way westward, taking up his abode in Greene county, and after arriving in Xenia he learned the butcher's trade. In 1858 he established a meat market which he conducted successfully until his death. He prospered in his undertakings for his business affairs were creditably managed and he put forth every effort to please his customers. His prices were also reasonable and his work brought to him a good financial return.

On November 16, 1858, Mr. Ambuhl was united in marriage to Miss Eva Fisher, a daughter of Andrew Fisher, who followed farming for a livelihood. She was born in Bavaria May 16, 1835, of which place her parents were also natives. With them she came to America when eight years old, the family first settling in Easton, Pennsylvania, and about 1854 moving to Xenia, where Mr. Fisher remained until his death. They, as well as Mr. Ambuhl, were all members of the Reformed church. In the family were six children. By her marriage Mrs. Ambuhl became the mother of seven children: William T., who represents his mother's business and is a wide-awake, progressive young man; Ida F.; Katie; Fannie B.; Frank A.; Carrie E., and Ella. The children all reside with their mother and the family is a highly respected one in the com-

munity, the members of the household occupying an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Ambuhl passed away on the 5th of September, 1887. He was a member of the Democratic party and strongly endorsed its principles. He was also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men and enjoyed the high regard of his brethren of these fraternities. He never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world for here he found the opportunities he sought, winning success in business, gaining a good home and enjoying the friendship and regard of a large circle of acquaintances.

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#### WILLIAM H. BULL.

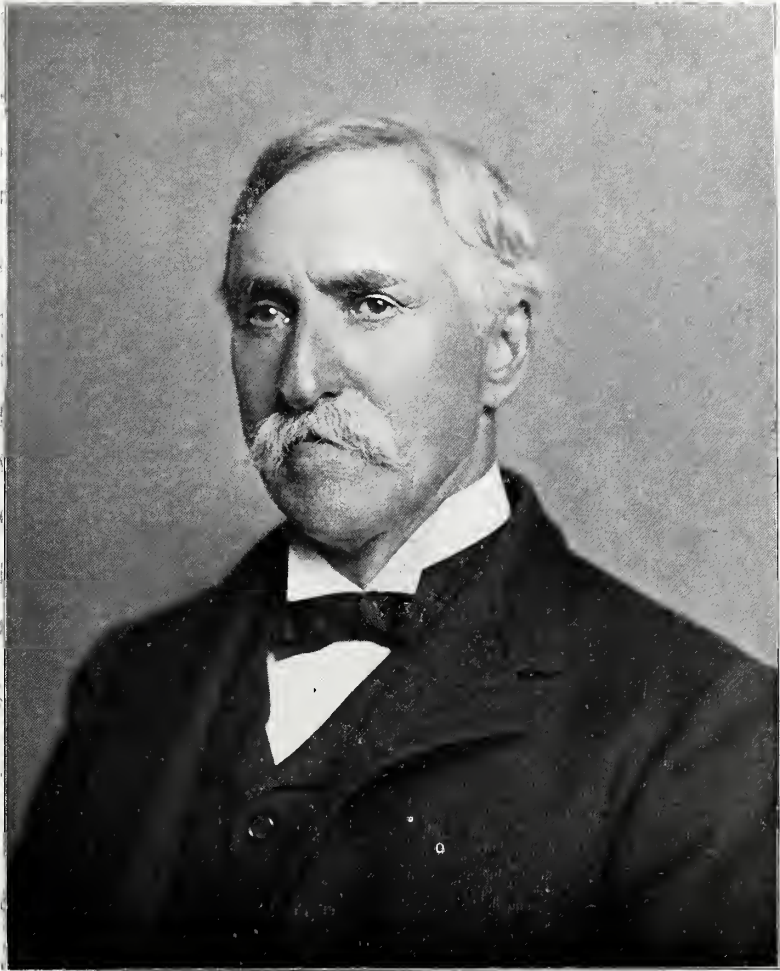
It argues well for Greene county, its opportunities and advantages, that so many of its native sons have remained residents of this part of the state, and among this number is William H. Bull, who was born upon the old homestead farm in Xenia township and is still living there. His parents were James R. and Amelia (Moudy) Bull. The father was also born upon the farm where occurred the birth of our subject. It was called Clark's Run road and consisted of one thousand acres of land. It had been purchased by the great-grandfather of our subject, William Bull, who in 1797 became the owner of this property. He was a native of Virginia and when a young man emigrated to Ohio, having bought what was known as the old Bull homestead. He there spent his remaining days clearing the land of the timber and transforming it into richly cultivated fields, making there a good home for himself and family. He passed





MRS. WM. H. BULL.





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away when about seventy years of age and was laid to rest in the Stevenson graveyard. His son, Richard Bull, the grandfather of our subject, also lived and died upon the old homestead, passing away at the age of fifty-three years. He built a house to replace the old log cabin which had been built by his father and he also purchased other property, having a valuable farm of two hundred and four acres at the time of his death.

James R. Bull likewise occupied the old homestead throughout his life. He attended the district school which was built upon the farm, the land having been given for that purpose by the family. When his school days were ended he turned his attention to farming and stock-raising and throughout his business career carried on those pursuits, meeting with creditable success in his undertakings. There he died at the age of seventy-two years and was laid to rest in the Woodland cemetery in Xenia. In his religious faith he was a Methodist and belonged to the Oldtown church. His political belief was with the Democracy, but he was never a politician in the sense of office-seeking. His widow is still living and yet resides upon the old family homestead with her youngest son, Richard. She is a native of Maryland and when nine years of age came to Ohio with her parents, Peter and Nancy (McClain) Moudy. Her father was also born in Maryland and on emigrating westward took up his abode in Beavercreek township, Greene county, where he lived for about a year and then removed to Cedarville township. He built the old Moudy flour mill, but shortly after its completion died. His wife passed away in 1860. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bull were born five children, the eldest of whom is William H. Bull, of this

review. Lewis M., who resides in Xenia, was for twenty years a grocer of that city but is now a traveling man. He is married and has one son. James Ambrose, who was engaged in the grocery business and in school teaching, died at the age of twenty-six years. Ann Sophia died at the age of six months. Richard E. resides upon the old home place in Xenia township.

On the old family homestead, which had so long been in possession of the family, William H. Bull was reared, and in the district schools of the neighborhood he mastered the branches of learning usually taught in such institutions. He early became familiar with farm work and assisted his father in the labors of field and meadow until he was thirty-one years of age. In 1878 he purchased his present farm of one hundred and eighteen acres, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. He has remodeled the buildings and the place is conveniently located upon the Clifton pike in Xenia township. During the past nine years he has been engaged quite extensively in stock-raising and finds this a profitable source of income owing to his capable management and his reliable business methods. He is to-day numbered among the progressive farmers and stock-raisers of his community and well deserves mention as one of the representative citizens of this locality.

On the 28th of March, 1877, in Xenia township, Mr. Bull was united in marriage to Miss Annie L. Stevenson, a daughter of Samuel N. and Sarah O. (Keenan) Stevenson. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children, but the first born died unnamed, in 1889. Annie May is now a student in the high school of Xenia. They also lost their youngest child, W. LeRoy, who died at the age of seventeen months.



It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the ancestral history of Mrs. Bull. Her great-grandfather, Samuel Stevenson, resided in Kentucky until his removal to Ohio, when he established a home in Greene county. His son, James Stevenson, was the grandfather of Mrs. Bull. He came to what is known as the Stevenson neighborhood, from Kentucky in 1798, locating on six hundred acres of land, including the site of Wilberforce University. He married Ann Galloway, a sister of Esquire George Galloway, who with his family came from Kentucky about the same year and located five miles north of Xenia near the Little Miami river, building for the family home a residence just north of the large iron bridge across the Miami river on the Yellow Springs pike. This residence is now owned by the Miami Powder Company, who have patriotically preserved it as first built. It bears the placard, "Built in 1801." Upon the old family homestead on the 4th of April, 1816, Samuel N. Stevenson, the father of Mrs. Bull, was born, and there he spent his entire life. He reclaimed almost all of his farm of two hundred acres from the forest and thereon built a large and commodious home. On the 4th of March, 1846, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Olive Keenan, who was born in Perry, Somerset county, Ohio, July 30, 1821. They became the parents of eight children: Mary E., the wife of Philander Mayne, of Mount Carmel, Illinois; Rachel S., the wife of N. B. Smaltz, of Warrenboro, Missouri; J. William, who resides in Cedarville township; Ellen L., the wife of Wallace Freeman, of Mount Carmel, Illinois; Annie L., now Mrs. Bull; Aletha, the wife of Robert Bird, of Cedarville, Ohio; Louie, who died at the age of twelve years; and Susanna,

who died in infancy. All of the living children of Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson were home upon the occasion of the golden wedding of their parents, celebrated March 4, 1896. The fifty-fifth anniversary of their marriage occurred only a few weeks before the death of Mr. Stevenson.

Throughout his entire business career Mr. Stevenson carried on general farming and stock-raising and as the years passed he prospered in his undertakings. His life record was ended in death March 23, 1901, and he was laid to rest in what is known as the Stevenson cemetery. His widow still survives him and is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Bull. In the year 1837 her father joined the Methodist church and from that time until his death was one of its zealous and active members. For more than a half century he served as a class leader and was ever devoted and loyal to the cause of Christianity. His life was indeed honorable and upright; he practiced moderation in all things, was strictly honest in all his dealings with others and was noted during all his long life for his cheerful disposition and for the self-sacrifice he was ever ready to make for the happiness of others. His virtues were many; his faults were very few, and he was esteemed by all with whom he came in contact.

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NEWTON S. McKAY.

At an early epoch in the development of Greene county the McKay family was established within its borders, his ancestors bearing all the hardships and trials of pioneer life and aiding in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present progress and improvement of the county. The work

began by his ancestors the subject of this review is still carrying on, and is widely known as a progressive and loyal citizen of his native county. He was born in Caesarscreek township upon the farm that he now occupies July 30, 1856, and is a son of Moses and Rachel (Faulkner) McKay. His father was born in Clinton county, Ohio, November 26, 1823, and his parents, George and Mary (Ferguson) McKay, were natives of Berkeley county, West Virginia. On emigrating westward to this state Mrs. McKay, the grandmother, rode on horseback. They took up their abode in Clinton county, and the grandfather purchased one thousand acres of land in the midst of the forest, and there, with characteristic energy, began the development of a farm. When the estate was divided at the time of his death, each of his nine children received one hundred acres.

Moses McKay, the father of our subject, pursued his education in a little log schoolhouse near his home. In the same school his future wife was a student. She was born in Caesarscreek township, September 12, 1824, and after reaching years of maturity they were married on the 16th of November, 1848. They began their domestic life upon the farm which is now the home of their son Newton, and there spent their remaining days. Mr. McKay cleared the greater part of the land. He cleared one hundred acres and was also the owner of one hundred acres of timber land. In connection with the raising of the crops best adapted to the soil and climate he was extensively engaged in the manufacture of maple sirup and sugar. His industry was unflagging, his perseverance never failing, and to these qualities of his

manhood he largely owed the creditable success which crowned his efforts. Both Mr. and Mrs. McKay were members of the Baptist church. The latter was reared in the society of Friends, but because of her marriage outside of the faith she was disowned by the church. In his political views he was a Republican, the party receiving his warm endorsement. They had but two children, the daughter, Mary E., being now the deceased wife of Freeman H. Oglesbee, who is living in Caesarscreek township. The father, Moses McKay, was called to the home beyond October 13, 1862, and his wife, long surviving him, passed away June 3, 1898. Both were interred in the old family burying ground on the homestead farm.

In a manner not unlike that of most boys of the period, Newton S. McKay was reared. At the usual age he began mastering the common branches of learning taught in the district schools, continuing his education until eighteen years of age, although during the last few years he attended only through the winter months. He has known no other home than the farm upon which he lives, and it is endeared to him through the associations of boyhood and manhood. To this place he brought his bride when, on the 31st of December, 1879, he was married to Miss Ella O. Jenkins, whose birth occurred in Liberty township, Clinton county, in 1857. Her parents, Marshall and Elizabeth (King) Jenkins, were natives of that county, but both are now deceased, the father having died October 28, 1865, at the age of forty-five years and is buried in the Baptist cemetery, Liberty township, while the mother passed away December 30, 1891, at the age of sixty-seven, and was laid to rest

at Tipton, Indiana. In their family there were eight children: James, who lives in Kansas; Celeste, the wife of John T. Hempstead, of Clinton county; Mary, who married Thomas Sutherland, of Indiana; John, a resident of Texas; Mrs. McKay; Emmett; Anna, the wife of Eugene Hale, of Wilmington; and David, of Clinton county, Ohio. The marriage of our subject and his wife has been graced with three children, of whom Zora and Roy B. are at home, while Mary died in 1893 at the age of thirteen months.

Mr. and Mrs. McKay have a wide acquaintance throughout the county and their circle of friends is almost co-extensive. Their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality and good cheer. The house was erected by Mr. McKay's father the year previous to his death. The farm comprises one hundred and sixty-six acres of rich land, the greater part of which is under a high state of cultivation, and in connection with general farming Mr. McKay is engaged in the raising of shorthorn cattle and has won a number of prizes at county fairs. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The Republican party received his political endorsement, and he has served as trustee of his township. His aims have always been to attain to the best, and he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. His success has been the result of honest persistent effort in the line of honorable and manly dealing.

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#### ARTHUR GERLAUGH.

Arthur Gerlaugh is a retired farmer living in the northwestern portion of Beavercreek township. He was born February 16,

1819, in an old log house that stood within sight of his present dwelling upon the farm which is yet his place of abode. His parents were Adam and Catherine (Haines) Gerlaugh. The former was born in Washington county, Maryland, in 1786, and the latter, a native of the same county, was born a few days later. In 1807 Adam Gerlaugh became a resident of Ohio, accompanying his father, who also bore the name of Adam, to Beavercreek township, Greene county, settling upon the farm which is now the home of our subject. The family sent their goods down the Ohio river while they traveled overland by wagons and teams, eight weeks being consumed in making the trip which led through the forests and over poor roads, which were often scarcely more than a trail. Some time prior to the arrival of the family the grandfather, accompanied by Mr. Haines, made a trip to Ohio, looking over the land, and after making purchases they returned to Maryland. The latter never afterward came to Ohio, but his family later removed to this state and occupied the land which he had purchased. Adam Gerlaugh, the grandfather, had become the owner of three-quarters of a section, securing a quarter-section for each of his children. Upon the place he erected a log cabin and the family began their life in Ohio in that primitive dwelling. With characteristic energy he took to work, clearing the farm and developing the fields. The land was covered by a dense growth of timber. Soon the woodman's ax awakened the echoes of the forest and in course of time the sunlight fell upon the plowed fields and the ripened grain which had there been planted by pioneer hands. Adam Gerlaugh bore an active part in the work of primitive development and



progress, and aided in laying the foundation for the present advanced condition of Greene county, enabling it to take an important position in this great commonwealth. He died between 1820 and 1825, when about seventy years of age.

Adam Gerlaugh, the father of our subject, became familiar with pioneer experiences, for his youth was largely passed in Greene county before the work of progress and civilization had made great changes. He married Catherine Haines in the winter of 1807-8. She had come with her brother and his family to the county in 1807, making the trip on horseback from Maryland. They settled upon the land which had been purchased by her father some time before when he had come to Ohio with the grandfather of our subject. Mrs. Gerlaugh was born April 22, 1788, and her death occurred on the 19th of April, 1852. She and her husband had lived together as man and wife for forty years until death separated them, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years passed by. Mr. Gerlaugh belonged to the German Reformed church, while his wife held membership in the Lutheran church. Several years after her death he went to Wisconsin to visit a son and while on the return trip was taken ill in Warren county, Illinois, and there died in the home of another son, in 1856, when seventy years of age. This worthy couple were the parents of ten children, eight sons and two daughters: David, now deceased, who is mentioned on another page of this volume; Jacob, who has also passed away and his history forms a part of this work; Otho and Adam, who have departed this life; Robert, who lives in Warren county, Illinois; Arthur, of this review; Jonathan, de-

ceased; Frances, the wife of Benjamin Clark, a resident of Montgomery county, Ohio; Henry, deceased; and Mary Jane, now Mrs. Hawker, of Dayton, Ohio.

At an early age Arthur Gerlaugh attended school that was held in a little log cabin where the furnishings were primitive. The methods of instruction were scarcely more modern than the building. He went each morning and night a distance of two and one-half miles to and from his home in the winter months. He pursued his studies until he was sixteen years of age, and during the summer months he worked in the fields and meadows, assisting in the cultivation of crops and the care of the stock. He gained good practical experience in farm work, and throughout his active business career was identified with the tilling of the soil.

On the 20th of August, 1854, Mr. Gerlaugh was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Elizabeth Rockafeld, who was born in Bath township, Greene county, a daughter of John and Susanna (Cost) Rockafeld, both of whom were natives of this county. Two sons were born unto our subject and his wife: Charles, the elder, married Julia A. Hower, and they reside in Clark county, Ohio, where he is extensively and successfully engaged in the breeding of short-horn cattle. They have six children—Arthur, who is pursuing a college course in Springfield, Ohio; Hower, Ellen, Bertha, Paul and Catherine, at home. John, the younger son, married Bertha Scott, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Lutes) Scott, and they reside upon the father's farm, the operation of which devolves upon John Gerlaugh, who is making a specialty of the breeding of shorthorn cattle. He and his

wife have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Beth Gerlaugh Conley, who is now a student of the high school. In his business interests John Gerlaugh is very successful, and has taken many prizes and sweepstakes with his herd of shorthorn cattle.

Arthur Gerlaugh of this review is a Republican in politics and keeps well informed on the issues of the day, but has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to devote his energies to business affairs. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, in which he is serving as a trustee and the cause of Christianity finds in him a warm friend. He ever does his part in promoting the cause of the church and in advancing all interests that tend to benefit mankind. To-day he is one of the most prosperous agriculturists of his community. For many years he was closely associated with farming interests and well does he deserve the rest from labor which he is now enjoying. His judicious investments, his careful supervision of his financial interests and his indefatigable energy have resulted in making him the owner of nearly eleven hundred acres of well improved land lying in Greene and Clark counties. In 1875 he erected a fine brick residence upon his farm. It is supplied with a hot water plant for heating, is tastefully furnished and in all its appointments indicates the culture and refined taste of its occupants. Mr. Gerlaugh also has a large barn forty-four by ninety feet, which was built by his father. As years have passed and improvements have been made in farm machinery he has been quick to note those of practical value and to bring them into use upon his place. He has added to his farm all modern equipments

and accessories and now has one of the most desirable country seats in Greene county. Of recent years he has left the work and supervision of the farm to his son and is enjoying an honorable retirement from labor. It would be difficult to find a man in all this county who has a wider knowledge of its history, its progress and its development. Throughout life he has resided upon the farm which is still his home and no history of Greene county would be complete without a record of his life.

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#### JOHN H. THOMAS.

John H. Thomas may be justly proud of what he has wrought, for his creditable position in the business world is the result of his own enterprise and well directed efforts. He resides in Paintersville and it was in this village that his birth occurred on the 12th of February, 1854, his parents being James and Catherine (Gossard) Thomas. The father was born in Jefferson township and was a son of Arthur Thomas, who came to Greene county during his boyhood, so that the family has been identified with this portion of the state from pioneer times. When but twenty years of age James Thomas removed to Paintersville and learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed throughout his entire life. His birth occurred April 25, 1829, and his death May 21, 1900, at which time he was the oldest resident in the village. His political support was given the Republican party and both he and his wife were consistent and earnest members of the Methodist Protestant church. On the 2d of May, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Union army and be-

came second lieutenant of Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry, with which he served until honorably discharged on the 1st of September following. He belonged to Lewis Post, G. A. R., of Xenia and was one of its valued representatives. It was on the 8th of April, 1852, that he wedded Catherine Gossard, who was born January 7, 1833, and died November 28, 1882, both being laid to rest in the cemetery at Jamestown. They had but two children and Albert Pierce died in infancy.

John H. Thomas, who was the younger child of the family, pursued his education in the district schools of the village and at the age of seventeen began farming, operating his father's land on shares. He now has three hundred and fifteen acres of rich and arable land in Caesarscreek township, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, and each year the sale of his crops brings to him a good income.

On the 23d of December, 1875, Mr. Thomas wedded Miss Laura Bell Ary, who was born in Caesarscreek township, a daughter of John and Evaline (DeVoe) Ary. Her father, a native of Greene county, was a son of William and Sally Ary, and was educated in the common schools, after which he began farming on his own account on the place now occupied by Mr. Thomas. Here he lived and died, passing away in 1893 at the age of sixty-nine years. His widow is still living at the age of seventy-five, making her home with her daughter in Xenia township. Mr. Ary gave his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party and was faithful in his allegiance to principles of the Methodist Protestant church, of which his widow is also a member. In their family were ten children:

Louisa, the wife of Lewis Fawcett; Edith, the widow of Samuel Curl, and a resident of Xenia township; Lydia, who married Platt E. Mott and resides in Indiana; William, a resident of Caesarscreek township; Joseph, who makes his home in Caesarscreek township; Sally, the wife of Levi Smith of the same township; Harriet M., who married C. M. St. John and also resides in Caesarscreek township; George W., a resident of Darke county, Ohio; Laura, now Mrs. Thomas; and Granville Moody, who has passed away.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been born three children: Jennie Maude was married October 21, 1896, to Hebron Bales of Caesarscreek township and they have two children, Reva Bell and Nellie Edith. Charles Foster, who resides in the same township, was married November 24, 1901, to Miss Gertrude Sanderson and they have one child. Emma Ethel was married November 27, 1901, to Jesse Peterson and they reside upon the home farm. Mrs. Thomas holds membership relations with the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Thomas votes with the Republican party but has never been an aspirant for office preferring that his attention be given to his business affairs, whereby he has won creditable success. He is a man of strong determination, self-reliance and undaunted perseverance, and is widely known for his sterling honesty in business life.

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CHARLES R. EVANS.

Charles R. Evans, the proprietor of a sale, feed and livery stable in Xenia, is accounted one of the enterprising young busi-



ness men of the city. He was born in Spring Valley township, Greene county, November 14, 1871, and is a son of Isaac and Catherine M. (Stump) Evans, also natives of this county. The father is a farmer by occupation and still resides in Spring Valley township, but his wife was called to her final rest on the 17th of October, 1897. They were the parents of six children: Frank, Minnie, Lou, Alta, William and Charles R.

In the public schools of his native township, Charles R. Evans obtained his education and in his early manhood was associated with his father in farming pursuits. On the 1st of February, 1900, however, he came to Xenia and purchased a livery barn of Robert Richardson, since which time he has carried on the business. He has many fine vehicles and good horses and from the public receives a liberal patronage, which is accorded him in recognition of his earnest desire to please and his honorable dealings. He has always met with creditable success and his strong nature, his enterprise and resolution, will no doubt bring him greater success in the future.

On the 23rd of August, 1900, Mr. Evans wedded Estelle Luce of Spring Valley, a daughter of William V. Luce of that place. They now have one child, Mildred Catherine. Our subject and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Spring Valley and he belongs to the Spring Valley Lodge, No. 302, I. O. O. F.; Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Xenia. He is also identified with the Odd Fellows Encampment, and his political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party.

#### M. A. BROADSTONE.

M. A. Broadstone, who is filling the office of county recorder and is recognized as a public-spirited, progressive and valued citizen of Greene county, was born in the western part of the county on the 30th of October, 1852. His early life was not unlike that of most farmer lads of the period and locality. He attended the public schools through the winter months and in the summer and fall assisted in the plowing, planting and harvesting. He prided himself on being a good farm hand, when he earned his living by working in the fields and his thoroughness and reliability have ever been salient characteristics in his career. Saving his money he supplemented his early education as a student in what is now the Xenia Female Seminary, boys being admitted to the institution at that time. He engaged in teaching in Cedarville township and in Sugarcreek township, and later entered the National Normal School, at Lebanon, Ohio, and afterwards engaged in the county map and history business for eight years as a representative of the firm of L. H. Everts & Company of Philadelphia. He traveled over many of the states of the Union and gained broad experience through meeting all classes of people.

On the 8th of March, 1881, Mr. Broadstone was married in Coldwater, Michigan, to Miss Ellen Cretors, who at that time was a teacher in the state public schools of Coldwater. She is, however, a native of Xenia, a daughter of the late Samuel B. Cretors, one of the pioneers of Xenia, a man of high intelligence and honesty. The daughter was a student in the Xenia Female Seminary at the same time when Mr. Broadstone was at-



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tending there and was graduated in that institution. Three interesting daughters have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Broadstone: Louise D., Jean and Patti R.

In March, 1882, our subject returned to Xenia and purchased an interest in the undertaking business, with the late John Shrearer. He has continued in that business ever since, being for a short time in partnership with W. M. McMillen and afterward with T. M. Moore, in a partnership that continued for more than eleven years. For five years he has conducted the business alone. Being industrious during his leisure hours and in the evenings he improved his time by studying law and was admitted to the bar after passing a severe examination, at Columbus, in June, 1895. In 1883 he was elected a member of the city council and served for five years in that body, being its president for two years. For seven years he filled the position of county coroner and was twice a candidate for probate judge, but was defeated by a small majority each time. Upon the death of S. N. Adams, the recorder of the county, Mr. Broadstone was appointed to fill the vacancy and was afterward nominated and elected to the office, so that he is now serving in that position and discharges his duty with promptness and fidelity. He is an Odd Fellow of long standing and a Mason. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of American Mechanics and belongs to the Presbyterian church. He is a gentleman well and favorably known throughout the county as a citizen of ability and integrity.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY HOPPING.

William H. Hopping, whose loyalty to his country was tested upon southern battlefields during the Civil war and who is ac-

counted one of the enterprising farmers of Spring Valley township, was born in what is now Jasper township, Greene county, October 5, 1836, his parents being James and Julia Ann (Dean) Hopping. His father was born in this county June 2, 1809, and was a son of David Hopping, who came to Ohio from Virginia, but previous to that time had resided in Tennessee, having owned a large number of lots in Memphis. When he reached Greene county he purchased land in what is now Jasper township and lived thereon until sometime in the '50s when he removed to Delaware county, Indiana, where his death occurred. In her maidenhood, his wife bore the name of Miss Guffy.

James Hopping did not accompany his father to Indiana but was reared to manhood and married in Jasper township. About 1834 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Julia Ann Dean and they became the parents of four children, our subject being the eldest. The father was three times married and by his first union had four children. After the death of his first wife he wedded Mary Ann Eckles, *nee* Stewart, and they became the parents of two children. For his third wife he chose Mrs. Margaret (Bull) Winter, and there were two children of that marriage. Seven of the children born unto James Hopping reached years of maturity.

The subject of this review was only seven years of age when his mother died. His youth was spent upon the home farm and in the common schools he became familiar with the branches of learning usually taught in such institutions. He continued to engage in farm work until October 5, 1861, when he enlisted in Company A, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, going into camp at Xenia, whence the regiment was sent to Camp Chase and afterward to Nash-

ville. He was first under fire at Stone River and was with his command in all the battles in which it participated up to Chickamauga, including the engagement of Mission Ridge. The regiment veteranized at Chattanooga, but Mr. Hopping did not re-enlist with that command and was detailed as a member of the First Battalion Pioneers, with which he continued for six months. In August, 1864, he rejoined his regiment in front of Atlanta and continued with the command until the expiration of his term of service at the close of the war, participating in the battle of Jonesboro, which was the last engagement. He was never wounded or captured although he was in the hospital several times, suffering at one time from typhoid fever. After the battle of Stone River he was forced to remain in hospital No. 15 for about two months. He proved a loyal soldier, however, never shirking any task which the rules of military life imposed upon him.

In 1868 Mr. Hopping went to Illinois and purchased land in Clay county, where he remained for two years, after which he returned to Greene county, Ohio. About that time—on the 22nd of December, 1870—he was married in Spring Valley township to Miss Martha C. Lyon, who was born on the farm where they are now living, her parents being James and Mary (McKnight) Lyon. They removed to Illinois where they maintained their home until 1872, when they returned to Greene county, taking up their abode upon the farm which is their present place of residence. This place is owned by Mrs. Hopping and contains one hundred and forty-five acres. Mr. Hopping erected a good residence in 1895 to replace the one which had been built about 1874 and was burned to the ground about twenty-one

years later. He still has an interest in the old homestead and is accounted a progressive farmer who readily adopts all new methods which prove of practical value in carrying on the work of tilling the soil.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hopping has been blessed with two children: Jeanette M. and Raymond, both natives of Greene county. Mr. Hopping is a Republican, but while he keeps well informed on the issues of the day, he has never sought or desired office. He and his family are connected with the Presbyterian church of Bellbrook, in which he has served as elder for about twelve years. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Xenia Lodge, No. 40, F. & A. M., and also the council and chapter, having a dimit from the latter. He is a charter member of W. H. Byrd Post, G. A. R., and for ten years has served as its commander. He has continuously been a delegate to its state encampments and has also attended many annual re-unions, the first at Columbus and the last at Cleveland. He thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades and at such times delights in recalling experiences in the south that occurred upon the tented field or in the midst of battle. Although he has never cared for active political service, he is a valued citizen, owing to his reliability in business affairs and his advocacy of all that tends to promote the general welfare.

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#### FRANK WOLF.

Frank Wolf is one of the oldest settlers of Beavercreek township and by his many friends is esteemed for his sterling worth,

having lived an industrious, useful and honorable life. He was born November 10, 1825, in Bavaria, Germany, his parents being George Peter and Katherina (Holtz) Wolf. The father died in his native country when our subject was about sixteen years of age.

Mr. Wolf was reared and educated in his native land and in 1850, when twenty-five years of age, sailed from Rotterdam for the new world, accompanied by his wife and one child. They took passage in the Lilly, a sailing vessel, which after a voyage of seventy-two days reached the harbor of New York. They had a tempestuous voyage, a storm continuing for twenty-six days, but at length they arrived at the American port in safety. Mr. Wolf continued to make his home in New York city two years, working at the locksmith's trade, which he had learned in Germany, and at other pursuits which would yield him an honest living. In 1852 he came to Ohio, settling first in Cincinnati, where he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period, he removed to Columbia Heights near Cincinnati and cultivated a vineyard for nine years. He next became a resident of Greene county, Ohio, locating on the old town pike in Xenia township, where he rented a tract of land and engaged in gardening for about four years. He afterward removed to the Cincinnati pike in the same township, where he continued to cultivate a rented farm for seven years. In 1874 he came to Beavercreek township and purchased ninety-eight and one-half acres of land, upon which were good buildings. Here he has since made his home and as the years have passed he has prospered in his undertakings and now owns another farm in this township, comprising

one hundred and twenty-one acres, which he operates himself.

Mr. Wolf was married in 1849 to Miss Margaret Sorg and unto them have been born ten children. Katherina, who was born in Germany and is the wife of Andrew Fisher, of Xenia, by whom she has the following children: Elizabeth; George, deceased; Maude and May, twins; Lavina; Charles; Harry; Clarence; Elmer and Fred. The second child died in infancy. Margaret is the wife of Milton Spahr, of Beavercreek township. Mary is the wife of Charles Buck, a resident of Xenia, and their children are: Edwin; Bertha, deceased; Carl; Margaret; and Phillip. Frank, a resident of Xenia township, married Lavinia K. Mackelwain, and they have five children: Margaret, Raymond, Frank, Laura and Louisa. Elizabeth is the wife of A. A. Mackelwain and they reside in Colorado. They have four living children—Frank, Gertrude, Andrew, Ruth, and Helen, who is now deceased. Clara resides with her father and is the seventh member of the Wolf family. Charles K., the eighth member, was born in Xenia township and attended the district schools, while later he became a student in Xenia College, spending a few years there. He also lives at home and largely assists with the farm work. Emma is the wife of Harry S. Garlough of Dayton, Ohio, and they have one child, Hurbert. George, the youngest member of the family, died when about a year old.

During the Civil war Mr. Wolf was a member of a company known as the Home Guards. He cast his first presidential vote for Fremont but since that time has given his political support to the Democracy. The



children as well as Mrs. Wolf are members of the Reformed church. Mr. Wolf has always followed general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of chester white hogs. They have been no exciting chapters in his life history but he has been a man of strong purpose, honorable, straightforward, industrious and energetic and these qualities are certainly well worthy of emulation.

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### JOSEPH W. HEBBLE.

Joseph W. Hebble, whose identification with the business interests of Xenia made him a valued citizen and whose worth of character commanded respect and admiration, was a native of Greene county, born on the 5th of December, 1843, while his death occurred in the county seat on the 17th of June, 1901. His father, Henry E. Hebble, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, born March 12, 1808. In early life he learned and followed the carpenter's trade and later he became an engineer on one of the first locomotives that ran over the road in southern Pennsylvania, the railroad at that time being owned by the state and leased engines and coaches which were owned by a private company. The engines were then built without cabs, and the whole system of railroading was in a primitive condition. For three years the father of our subject was connected with railroading and then turned his attention to the building industry, building both houses and bridges. He superintended the construction of the solid bridge across the Susquehanna river at Columbia, Pennsylvania, and was connected with many other important building enterprises, but the exposure which he had undergone while rail-

roading, there being no shelter for the engineer, had undermined his health and from the effects of this he suffered nearly all his life. In the year 1841 he came to Greene county, Ohio, where he engaged in bridge-building and contracting until his death, which occurred on the 25th of March, 1886. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Kramer, was born November 27, 1810, and like her husband was a native of Pennsylvania and died in Dayton, Ohio, in October, 1898. They reared a family of ten children, all of whom are living with the exception of our subject and Benjamin F., who died in May, 1897.

Mr. Hebble of this review spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home and received a good, practical education in the common schools of the neighborhood and at Dayton. For many years thereafter he was one of Greene county's well known teachers, teaching first in the country schools and later as principal of the schools at Fairfield and Bellbrook. In the meantime, however, he served his country in the Civil war. At the age of twenty years he enlisted at the president's call for aid, becoming a member of Company K, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. They went to Virginia, traversed the Potomac and Cumberland valleys and Mr. Hebble endured the many hardships of army life until the cessation of hostilities which showed the Union was no longer endangered. He also had two brothers in the Union ranks, Z. T., who was in the Tenth Ohio Battery, and W. H., a member of the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Infantry.

On coming to Xenia in 1883 Mr. Hebble was appointed deputy county clerk,

which position he held for a number of years. He was then made secretary of the People's Building and Loan Association the duties of which required but little of his time during the early years of the existence of the company, but later it became an important enterprise and contributed not a little to the improvement of the city. Mr. Hebble possessed excellent business ability and sound judgment and his determination and force of character enabled him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. His straightforward business policy commended him to the confidence of all and in financial circles he sustained an unassailable reputation.

On the 16th of January, 1873, Mr. Hebble was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Hamma, of Yellow Springs. She was born January 17, 1845, and is a daughter of Adam and Catharine (Barton) Hamma, who for many years was a resident of Greene county. Her mother bore the maiden name of Catharine Barton, and was a native of Clark county, Ohio. Three children were born unto our subject and his wife, of whom a daughter, Fannie Kate, died on the 27th of February, 1889, at the age of about ten years. The others are Roy and Mary Ada. The daughter resides at home with her mother, and the son represents the firm of Whitmer & Hebble, general insurance agents of Xenia. The family residence is pleasantly located and is the center of a cultured society circle. The household is noted for its cordial and gracious hospitality and the members of the family in turn are heartily welcomed into the best homes of the city. Mr. Hebble found his greatest pleasure in providing for his family and in promoting their happiness, yet his death was not only mourned by

those of his own household, but by many friends throughout the county for his genial nature and sterling worth made him popular. He left to his family not only a comfortable competence, but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name, for his record was that of a brave soldier, a reliable business man and a stanch friend. For many years he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, having joined the order at Osborn, Ohio, where he served as secretary of the lodge, and after dimitting to Xenia lodge he held the same position here. He was also secretary of the Royal Arch Chapter at Xenia up to within a short time of his death.

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#### ADAM ROUTZONG.

Adam Routzong, now deceased, was for years a respected and worthy citizen of Greene county and it is but justice to his memory that his record be given in this volume. He was a native of Frederick county, Maryland, born December 4, 1806, a son of Henry Routzong, whose birth also occurred in Frederick county. About 1824 he left Maryland and with his family came to Greene county, Ohio, settling upon a farm near Fairfield. There he purchased a good tract of land and carried on agricultural pursuits for many years, dying at an advanced age. His wife passed away when the subject of this review was quite young and before the removal of the family to Ohio.

Adam Routzong acquired his education in the schools of his native state and was a youth of eighteen when he came with his father to Greene county. They were actively associated in farm work, the father and his three sons. They put all of the improvements upon the farm and Adam Routzong

continued to remain under the parental roof until he was about twenty-one years of age, when he removed to a farm in Xenia township, which he purchased. It was a tract of land on the Xenia and Fairfield road, but it was wild and unimproved and awaited the awakening touch of the agriculturist to make it productive land. Our subject at once began its development and made many excellent improvements upon it. It continued to be his home for forty years and a great transformation was wrought in the appearance of the place as it was brought from its primitive condition to a high state of cultivation. There through a long period Mr. Routzong carried on general farming and stock-raising, meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. The farm was called Shady Bower and consisted of two hundred and fifty-six acres of rich land, but by additional purchases the boundaries of the place have been extended until now it comprises three hundred and forty-six acres, which is still in possession of the family. In 1872 Mr. Routzong retired from active life and with his estimable wife removed to Xenia, where he lived for fifteen years. In 1886 he took up his abode on a farm in Xenia township, which he had purchased in 1861. It comprised one hundred and eighty-three acres of land, which is now owned by his son J. C. Routzong and is occupied by the widow and the family of our subject.

Mr. Routzong was twice married. He first wedded Sarah Cougler, who died leaving two children, Henry, a resident of Yellow Springs, and Mathias now deceased. For his second wife Mr. Routzong chose Constant Comfort Cromwell, a sister of Joseph Cromwell. She was born in Washington county, Maryland, near Clear Springs, and

her parents were also natives of that state. By the second marriage of our subject there were also two children: Joseph Cromwell, who was born in Greene county, Ohio; and John R., who died at the age of eleven years.

Adam Routzong died on the 16th of June, 1887, upon the home farm, passing away after a short illness, and his remains were interred in Byron cemetery. He was a public spirited man and though he never held office he took an active interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare and upbuilding of his portion of the state and gave his co-operation to the measures for the general good. In politics he was a Republican and in religious faith was a Lutheran, long holding membership with that church. He lived a consistent Christian life and was held in the highest regard by all who knew him. He was found to be reliable in business, loyal in citizenship and trustworthy in friendship, and the sterling qualities of his nature gained for him the warm esteem of all with whom he was associated. His widow still survives him and now resides upon the old homestead—one of the estimable ladies of the community.

Joseph Cromwell Routzong, the elder child of the father's second marriage, was born December 18, 1848, in Greene county, Ohio, on the old home place in Xenia township. At the usual age he entered the public schools and there pursued his education, while in the summer months he assisted in the work of the home farm. He has followed agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life and is now living upon the old home place, which his father purchased in 1861. He has put a vast amount of improvement here and to-day has one of the finest attractive country seats of Greene



county. He erected one of the best farm houses in this portion of the state, it being built about eighteen years ago. He also has a large barn and his farm is a model property in all respects. In addition to the cultivation of the field he is extensively engaged in the raising of Poland-China hogs and shorthorn cattle and this branch of his business is proving to him a successful enterprise.

In 1871 Mr. Routzong was married to Miss Alice Snyder, a native of Greene county and a daughter of Casper Snyder, who was a millwright, miller and distiller of Xenia township and died at an advanced age. He was one of the native sons of Greene county and was classed among the valued citizens here. Unto Joseph C. Routzong and his wife have been born five children: Harry M. married Annie Commings and resides upon the home farm; John A. is a machinist of Xenia; Joseph C. died at the age of fifteen years; Charles F. is an electrician by profession but is now assisting in the cultivation of the home farm; Flora A., the youngest, is the wife of William Cline, a resident farmer of Alpha, Ohio. All of the children were born in Xenia township.

Joseph C. Routzong exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party and has been honored with some local offices, having served as township trustee for six years. He belongs to the Reformed church, in which he has served as deacon. His entire life has been passed in Greene county and the fact that many who have known him from his boyhood are numbered among his staunchest friends is an indication that his career has ever been honorable, useful and upright.

#### THOMAS HAVERSTICK.

Thomas Haverstick, now deceased, was a well known citizen of Greene county, and when called to his final rest many friends mourned his departure. He was born December 2, 1835, in this county, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Holley) Haverstick. The home farm was his play ground in youth and also his training school for life's practical duties. He early became familiar with the work of the fields and after acquiring a fair common-school education he worked as a farm hand, thus gaining a start in life.

On the 10th of December, 1872, Mr. Haverstick was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Swigart, who was born on the farm where she now lives on the 31st of August, 1844. Her parents were Joel and Margaret (Hedelson) Swigart, both of whom were natives of Greene county, the father having been born in Sugarcreek township and the mother in Beavercreek township. The 18th of November, 1820, was the day of the father's birth, and on the 12th of January, 1843, he led to the marriage altar Miss Hedelson, whose birth occurred September 13, 1834. Both, however, have now passed away, the former dying March 11, 1891, and the latter on the 28th of July, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Haverstick began their domestic life upon the farm belonging to her people. Five children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Swigart, but three of the daughters died in girlhood. The other two reached womanhood and Elmira became the wife of John Fink, but is now deceased. She had no children. Thus Mrs. Haverstick was left the only surviving member of her parents' family, and at their death she

inherited the two farms in Sugarcreek township formerly owned by her father, and upon one of these she still makes her home, superintending its control.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Haverstick manifested his loyalty to the country by enlisting as a soldier in the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Regiment for one hundred days' service. He was out about four months and became a sergeant, returning at the end of that time to his home in Greene county. Fraternally he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a man well known and well liked throughout the community. He was kind, good hearted, considerate and wherever he went commanded the respect of those with whom he was associated. On the 10th of September, 1891, his life's labors were ended in death, and his remains were interred in Mount Zion cemetery. Mrs. Haverstick had the deep sympathy of all who knew her, for her loss was a heavy one. The community also lost a valued citizen and many a considerate and faithful friend. Mrs. Haverstick has a wide acquaintance in Greene county and is a most estimable lady.

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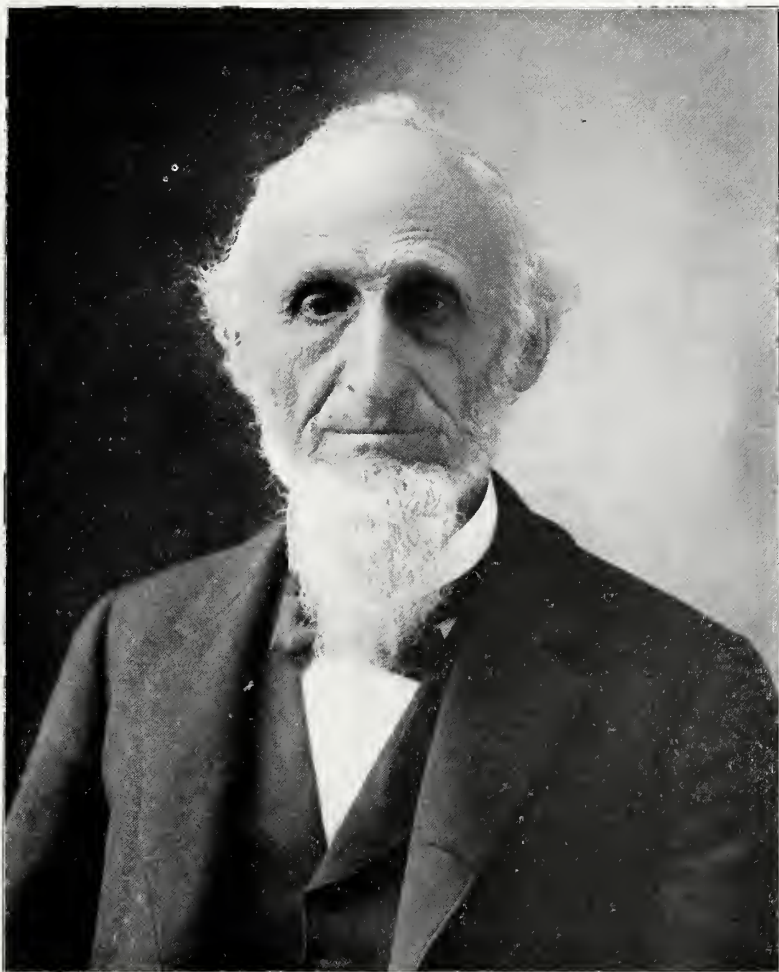
### JOHN G. CLEMENS.

John G. Clemens, the president of the People's Bank of Jamestown, was born in Greene county on the old Bell farm in Xenia township, on the 21st of January, 1820, and is a son of John and Susan (Slagle) Clemens, who were natives of Augusta county, Virginia. The family is of English lineage and was established in this country at an

early day, while the Slagles were of German descent. John Clemens, the father of our subject, was a participant in the war of 1812 and after the close of hostilities he settled in Clark county, Ohio, near Springfield, where he followed farming, and in 1819 he came to Xenia, where he again carried on agricultural pursuits, and after living for four years on the Nathaniel Bell farm he removed to a tract of land on Caesars creek in Jasper township, where he purchased land upon which he lived until a few years prior to his death. He then purchased another farm in New Jasper township and there lived until his death, which occurred in 1866, when he was eighty-one years of age. His wife passed away at the age of seventy-five years. In their family were ten children, two of whom are yet living, the eldest being John G. Clemens, of this review. Susan is the wife of David Davis, also a resident of Jamestown.

John G. Clemens obtained his education in an old log school-house with its puncheon floor, slab seats and huge fireplace. He was able to attend school only about three months each year, for the public funds would allow the continuance of the instruction no longer. After he became old enough he assisted in the work of the home farm and gained a practical experience and knowledge of farm work in all its departments. When twenty-four years of age he chose as a companion and helpmate on life's journey Miss Margaret Long, a daughter of William Long, one of the early settlers of New Jasper township, who died in his ninetieth year, and they were married February 1, 1844.

After their marriage the young couple began farming in New Jasper township, Mr. Clemens operating his father's farm for about eight years. He then purchased a



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farm of one hundred acres in the same township and there lived until 1877, when he removed to Jamestown, where his wife died on the 21st of January, 1891, at the age of sixty-five years. Unto them were born three children: Louisa, who died of typhoid fever in her twenty-first year; Mary L., who also died in her twenty-first year; and Gertrude M., the wife of Jesse Taylor, the cashier of the People's Bank.

In his business undertakings Mr. Clemens was prosperous. To his first purchase of land, of one hundred acres, he has since added from time to time, making judicious investments in real estate until to-day he owns twelve hundred acres of land mostly in Ross and Cedarville townships. He is also the owner of the old family homestead and all that he has is due to his own well directed efforts. He had no influential friends or inheritance to assist him, but he has placed his dependence upon the substantial qualities of self-reliance, determination and indefatigable energy, and these have proved an excellent foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of prosperity. He was one of the original incorporators of the People's Bank of Jamestown, became its president and has since continued in that position. He is also its largest stockholder and is interested in other business enterprises which have not only proven of benefit to himself, but have also advanced the general prosperity.

His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office. In his political views he was originally a Whig, and upon the organization of the party became a Republican. He was elected justice of the peace and served for about twenty-six years, or until his removal to Jamestown. His deci-

sions were strictly fair and impartial and that he gave universal satisfaction is indicated by his long continuance in the office. In 1862 he was announced and published as a candidate for county commissioner without his knowledge or consent. He did no canvassing, never leaving home for a day or asking any man to vote for him, and was elected by a complimentary majority. He served for one term in that office and then retired. He was interested in the Little Miami Narrow Gauge Railroad for about three years and has co-operated in many movements for the general good. In his religious faith he is a Methodist. He joined that denomination on the 23d of April, 1842, and has therefore been a member of the church for sixty years, while for the same long period of time he has served as one of its stewards, and has also been a class-leader. Mr. Clemens has not missed a single communion service since entering the church. For about twenty-six years he was recording steward of the church and has frequently been a delegate to its conferences. He has been chosen administrator and executor to settle twenty-six different estates, a fact which indicates the confidence and trust reposed in him by those who know him, and it is unnecessary to say to those acquainted with Mr. Clemens that no trust ever reposed in him has been betrayed in even the slightest degree. He has traveled quite extensively, visiting twenty different states, including those on the Pacific coast, California, Oregon and Washington. He spent some time in visiting the many points of interest in that section of the country and he has a comprehensive knowledge of his own land, its development and its history.

John G. Clemens has now passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey

and is one of the oldest native citizens of Greene county. No history of this portion of the state would be complete without his record for his life has formed an integral chapter in the annals of this district of Ohio. As the years have advanced he has progressed from a humble financial position to one of marked affluence, but the acquisition of wealth has never warped his kindly, generous nature or led him to cease to feel an interest in everything pertaining to the general good and to the progress and improvement of the community. He is known far and wide as a man of strong purpose, one who has led an honorable and upright life and whose example is indeed worthy of emulation.

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### JOSHUA ELLIS.

Joshua Ellis was born September 28, 1847, in Jefferson township, upon the farm which is yet his home and to-day he is accounted one of the intelligent, progressive and highly respected agriculturists of this portion of the state. His father, Samuel Ellis, was born in Frederick county, Virginia, October 4, 1800, and in the year 1807 accompanied his parents to Ohio, taking up his abode upon the farm which is now the home of his son Joshua. Here he was reared amid pioneer conditions, for at that time the work of improvement and development in the county had scarcely been begun. His father was Christopher Ellis, who belonged to an old Pennsylvania Dutch family and came from Lancaster, that state, to Ohio. His birth occurred in Lancaster on the 11th of January, 1763, and he died in the year 1836 at the age of seventy-three years. He was united in marriage to Miss

Eliza Carvery, who was born September 5, 1769, and died September 5, 1822, at the age of fifty-three years. On arriving in Greene county, Christopher Ellis purchased eight hundred acres of land on what is now the Clinton and Greene county boundary line and thereon took up his abode. All that remains of the once thick forest is an old elm tree which stands near the spring on the farm, and it was near this tree that the grandfather built his first Ohio home, which was constructed of logs. At one time he was the owner of sixteen hundred acres of land and the old homestead is still in the possession of Joshua Ellis, his youngest grandson. His children born of the first marriage were Catherine; Jacob; Abraham; Isaac; John; Samuel, the father of our subject; William; George; James; Mary; Joseph; Christopher; and Elizabeth. The grandfather afterward married Nancy Overly and they became the parents of four children: Martha, Tilden, Angeline and Daniel.

Samuel Ellis, the father of our subject, early became familiar with the arduous task of developing a new farm. He was three times married, his first union being with Miss Elizabeth Oglesbee, a native of Greene county, and this union was blessed with six children: Preston, Mary Ann, Silas, Joseph, Almira and Isaiah. After the death of his first wife Samuel Ellis married Miss Keziah Woolman, who was born July 17, 1817, and was also a native of Greene county, Ohio. It was on the 25th of January, 1837, that she gave her hand in marriage to Samuel Ellis, and they became the parents of seven children: Susan, born September 1, 1838, was the eldest. Eli, born December 19, 1841, was a member of Company B, Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during



the Civil war, and was fatally wounded at Ringgold, Georgia. Sarah Jane, born January 19, 1843, was the next of the family. Simon Peter and Samuel N., twins, were born March 15, 1845. The former was a member of Company F, Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and for eleven months was a prisoner in Libby and Andersonville prisons. Samuel N. was a member of Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Joshua, the subject of this sketch, is next in order of birth. Martha, the youngest, died at the age of three years and thirteen days. The father's third marriage was with Mrs. Providence (Scarf) Sewell, a native of Greene county, the wedding being celebrated about the year 1856. Throughout his entire life Samuel Ellis carried on agricultural pursuits. He died December 11, 1880, at the age of eighty years, two months and seven days, and thus the community lost one of its valued pioneer settlers, for from the first decade of the nineteenth century he had been a witness of the growth and development of this portion of the state and had contributed in no small degree to its improvement and progress.

At the usual age Joshua Ellis entered the public schools of Jefferson township, but his educational privileges were very limited as his services were needed upon the home farm, where he was employed in the capacity of a cook. When thirteen years of age he left home in 1859 and went to Bowersville, where he entered the employ of J. C. Early, there remaining until 1861. But he could not longer content himself to continue at home when the Union was endangered, and in the fall of that year he offered his services to the government, becoming a member of the Thirty-first Ohio Regiment.

He was, however, only about fourteen years of age and his father, objecting to his serving so young, secured his release. He was afterward variously employed for two years and in 1863 he again enlisted, this time under Captain Ary of the Sixtieth Ohio Infantry, to serve for one hundred days. He then volunteered on the 17th of February, 1864, with that regiment for three years' service and participated in the battle of the Wilderness; Nye River, May 9-10, 1864; Spottsylvania, May 12, 1864; North Anna River, May 25, 1864; Bethesda Church, June 1, 1864; Shady Grove, June 1, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 3, 5, 6, 1864; and Gains Harbor, 1864. He was also before Petersburg on the 17th of June, 1864, was there at the time of the mine explosion on the 30th of July of the same year, and later took part in the engagements at Weldon Railroad, August 19, 1864; Yellow House Inn, August 1, 1864; Poplar Grove Church, September 30, 1864; Pegram Farm, Virginia, September 30, 1864; Hatchie's Run, October 20, 1864; Fort Stedman, March 25, 1865; the charge on rebel works, April 2, 1865; and the capture of Petersburg. His was the first regiment that entered that city and was the second to place its flag on the heights. Mr. Ellis was in the grand review at Washington, D. C., and was discharged at Columbus, Ohio, August 7, 1865. He was a brave and loyal soldier who hesitated not in the performance of duty but faithfully discharged every task assigned to him.

On his return from the war Mr. Ellis worked at farming until his marriage, when he located on a part of his father's farm and operated it for a year. Later he carried on farming at different places in this county, and subsequently engaged in the buggy, wagon and farm implement business

at Port William, Ohio, for thirteen years with marked success. After his father's death he bought the old homestead and is now the owner of over two hundred acres of well improved and valuable land. Besides this property he owns a fine residence in Clinton county where his son lives. In connection with general farming he is engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of short-horn cattle, and has met with good success in all his undertakings.

On the 23d of September, 1867, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ellis and Miss Rachel A. Murphy, a native of Greene county and a daughter of Jacob V. and Elizabeth Murphy. Her father was born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, and her mother in Greene county, Ohio. They had five children: William A., born February 2, 1840; Harvey C., born July 18, 1841; Israel A., born in 1845; Rachel A., born in 1848; and James L., born August 3, 1857. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were born two children, Harley and Veturrah. The son, who is a resident of Clinton county, was married December 24, 1896, to Miss Kate Linkhart, and they have one child, Orville, born November 30, 1898. Veturrah is the wife of George L. Linkhart, a native of Greene county, and they have one child, Nora A., born October 31, 1897.

Fraternally Mr. Ellis is a member of Morris McMillan Post, G. A. R., of Wilmington, Ohio, and Port William Lodge, K. P. Politically he is a Republican and his religious faith connects him with the Methodist Episcopal church. The Ellis family is one of prominence in the community where they reside and they enjoy the high regard of many friends. For the past two years the representatives of the name have held family reunions, the first being held August

29, 1900, when two hundred were present. The second was held September 4, 1901, when three hundred and fifty were present. The last reunion was held upon our subject's farm, where his grandfather, Christopher Ellis, had settled in 1807.

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#### JOSEPH WARREN KING.

No history of Xenia or indeed of this section of Ohio would be complete without mention of Joseph Warren King. He belonged to that little group of distinctively representative business men who were the pioneers in inaugurating and building up the chief industries of this section of the country. He early had the sagacity and prescience to discern the eminence which the future had in store for this great and growing country, and, acting in accordance with the dictates of his faith and judgment, he garnered, in the fullness of time, the generous harvest which is the just recompense of indomitable industry, spotless integrity and marvelous enterprise. He also labored for the good of the community and his efforts contributed in no small degree to public progress and substantial improvement.

Mr. King was a native of Connecticut, his birth having occurred in Suffield, on the 31st of August, 1814, his parents being John Bowker and Hannah (Newton) King. His mother was a lineal descendant of Peter Brown, who crossed the Atlantic on the Mayflower. On the paternal side Mr. King was of English lineage, the first of the family coming to this country prior to 1672 as he was then a resident of Ipswich, Massachusetts. There were two branches of the

family founded here, one being established in the south, while James King settled in Suffield, Connecticut, in 1678. John Bowker King was descended from James King, through grandfather and father, both of whom bore the name of Joseph. Joseph King, grandfather of our subject, was a Revolutionary soldier as was also John Newton, the maternal grandfather. John Bowker King was a man of good business ability, a substantial farmer and an upright man. He died May 30, 1853.

Joseph Warren King spent his boyhood days upon his father's farm and in early youth attended the district schools near his home. He acquired a liberal education for those days in different schools in that part of the country and before attaining his majority desired to start out in life for himself, but according to the laws of Connecticut his father had a right to his services until he was twenty-one years of age. He therefore bought his time of his father and entered upon his business career as a book agent, in which he was quite successful. After a short time he sought a home in the west, locating first in Westfield (now Leroy), Medina county, Ohio.

In 1838 Mr. King returned to Connecticut and was there married to Betsey Kendall, of Suffield, a daughter of Captain Simon Kendall and his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Kent. The latter was a lineal descendant of Governor William Bradford, who came to this country in the Mayflower and also of Major John Mason, who won fame in the Pequot war and who was to the Connecticut colony what Miles Standish was to the Plymouth colony. After their marriage Mr. King and his bride made their trip to their western home by way of

the Erie canal and Lake Erie, and began their domestic life in a small house, a part of which was built of logs. In this they had the first cooking stove ever brought to the county and it excited much curiosity throughout the countryside. Thus amid pioneer conditions and enduring many of the trials which constitute the lot of the settler on the frontier, Mr. King got his start in the west. In Westfield he opened a general store, carrying all kinds of goods that were in demand by the settlers of those days. His business ability was soon manifest and brought him success, and he was considered one of the most prominent men of a wide territory.

From Westfield Mr. King removed to Lima, Ohio, seeking a broader field of labor, and there he carried on business on a more extensive scale. He not only engaged in general merchandising, but also organized the firm of King & Day, to engage in the business of pork-packing. They were among the pioneers in inaugurating this industry in Ohio and were very successful in the new enterprise. In Lima Mr. King also attained to an enviable position in commercial and financial circles, but again he sought a broader field, and about the middle of the century took up his abode in Xenia, where he entered into partnership with Alvin Austin, under the firm name of Austin, King & Company, in the establishment of a powder manufactory. Of this Mr. King afterward became sole proprietor, purchasing Mr. Austin's interest. He then incorporated the business under the name of the Miami Powder Company and for more than twenty years was the president. Under his capable direction the business constantly increased, making necessary the erection of



an extensive plant in order to meet the growing demands of the trade. At length he disposed of his first plant and in 1878 incorporated King's Great Western Powder Company, of which he was the president. The plant was located at King's Station, and the volume of business there carried on constantly increased. Mr. King remained an active factor in the conduct of the enterprise until his death. A man of resourceful business ability, he was quick to recognize a favorable business opportunity and his decision of character led him to take advantage of these undeterred by tardy action. He became an active factor in financial circles, realizing the need of money exchanges as an aid to the business of this section. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens National Bank, of Xenia, became its first president, and continued in that position until his death. He was also the owner of the Merchants & Manufacturers Bank, of Columbus, Ohio, and was its president until his life's labors were ended. Many other enterprises of importance profited by his financial co-operation and wise counsel. He was connected with pork-packing houses in Lima and with iron and paper manufactories. Intricate business propositions and problems he seemed to comprehend at a glance, and his judgment was rarely, if ever, at fault. Like all who are connected with important enterprises furnishing employment to many operatives and promoting the commercial activity of the community, his labors were of widespread benefit to his fellow men.

Five children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. King during the course of their happy married life. Helen, now deceased, was the

wife of the Rev. Dr. Morehead; Mary is the wife of G. M. Peters, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Elouisa is the wife of C. C. Nichols, a banker of Wilmington, Ohio; and Isadora and Emma are at home in Xenia. The father died July 8, 1885, and the mother, on the 3d of March, 1896. Both were earnest and active members of the Baptist church. Mr. King took a very prominent part in its work and was its main support for many years. Together with another he gave the parsonage which is now a part of the church property, and he usually bore one-third or more of the expenses of the church. For many years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school, and his influence was ever on the side of justice and the right. His wealth was so honorably won and so worthily used that the most envious could not grudge him his success. He started out as do the majority of young men of the country—without capital—and prospered because he had the force of character, the steady application and the energy which conquer all obstacles and steadily advance even in the face of opposition. His life work was indeed of value to his section of Ohio, and as he mastered and controlled extensive business interests he also won the confidence and respect of his employes and the warm friendship of many whom he met in business as well as social life. Kindness was one of the motives of his life. He had a well spring of affection and a quick and generous sympathy which increased by giving, and the many who looked up to him and respected him realized as fully as did his most intimate friends and family that when death claimed him a true man had fallen.

## JACOB BATES.

For sixty-one years Jacob Bates traveled life's journey and throughout the entire period was known to the residents of Greene county, being one of the prominent agriculturists of Beavercreek township. He was born in an old log cabin in this township on the 19th of March, 1827, his parents being Jacob and Margaret Bates. The father died when our subject was only eight years of age, and as the family was in somewhat difficult straits our subject had to start out in life for himself when but a boy, and this of course cut off his educational privileges. Throughout his entire life he carried on farming and prospered in his undertakings, for he manifested marked diligence in his work. From early morning until late at night he could have been found in the fields caring for his crops from the time of the early spring planting until after the harvests were garnered in the autumn. In later years, when he had attained a considerable degree of success, he was enabled in some measure to retire from farm work and left the more arduous duties of the fields to others.

On the 25th of October, 1848, Mr. Bates was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Snipe, who was born in Beavercreek township July 15, 1830, a daughter of Solomon and Mary Ann (Frost) Snipe. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, who, when but eighteen months old, was brought to Ohio by his parents, Rynehart and Susanna Snipe, the former of French descent, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania and of German lineage. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bates was blessed with nine children: Samuel, a resident of Montgomery county,

married Alice Finafrock and they have three children—Samuel, Sally and William. Margaret is the wife of Jacob Goldshot, a resident of Beavercreek township, and they have a family of eight children—Emma, Frank, Charles, Annie, Margaret, Jacob, Etta, and Harry, who was drowned. Jacob, a resident of Dayton, married Ann Hotop, and has four children—Edward, Viola, Benjamin and Harry. Franklin P. resides with his mother. Catherine is also living on the old homestead. David married Nancy Margaret McCausland and they have four children.—John William Le Roy, David Elmer, Albert Edward and Joseph Oscar.

After his marriage Jacob Bates was engaged in farming on rented land for a time, and in 1850 he purchased one-half of the present farm upon which his widow is now living, and the other half he inherited from his father's estate. His purchase was a tract of woodland, upon which scarcely an improvement had been made. Later he added to his property a tract of nineteen acres, so that the farm comprises one hundred and seventy-nine acres. For a time Mr. and Mrs. Bates resided in a log cabin, living in pioneer style, but as his financial resources increased he made improvements upon his property, erected a house, built a barn and added other necessary buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He built his house during the time of the Civil war at a cost of about two thousand dollars, securing the timber upon his own land and hewing it by hand. His marked energy and careful management made his farm a good one, which returned a golden reward for his labors. As his financial resources increased Mr. Bates also invested in city property in Dayton, but this has been sold since

his death. He started out in life a poor boy, working as a farm hand for a time, and at length rented land until he was enabled to purchase for himself. His life history proves that energy and determination are effective factors in winning prosperity.

Mr. Bates died July 2, 1888. He was a member of the German Reformed church, in which he held many offices and took an active part in the work. In politics he was a Democrat, but never sought office as a reward for public fealty, preferring to devote his time and attention to private life, providing for his wife and children. His was an active and useful career and therefore his memory is cherished by his family and many friends. Mrs. Bates still resides upon the old homestead. She was an able assistant through all the years of their married life, and he freely acknowledged his indebtedness for her aid. She carefully managed the affairs of the household and reared her children, and now she receives the love and consideration of her sons and daughters.

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#### GEORGE M. HAGLER.

Among the farmers of Spring Valley township accounted representative citizens of Greene county is George Mallow Hagler, who was born in the township of Xenia on the 9th of August, 1858, his parents being William and Mary (Scroggs) Hagler. His boyhood days were spent upon the home farm and in the district schools he acquired a fair English education. To his father he gave the benefit of his services until he had attained his majority, when he began working as a farm hand by the month,

and after one season had passed he engaged in farming on his own account on land belonging to his paternal grandmother. He had good success in the undertaking and won a fair start in that way.

On the 21st of December, 1882, Mr. Hagler was united in marriage to Miss Ruth C. Anderson, of Spring Valley, a daughter of Joseph and Matilda (Steinfeld) Anderson. For a year after their marriage they remained upon his grandmothers's farm and then Mr. Hagler rented the St. John farm on the Burlington pike, continuing its cultivation for five years. He then removed to the place upon which he now resides, leasing it for a term of five years, and on the expiration of that period he purchased the farm, becoming the owner of one hundred and thirty-three acres. He has a good house, substantial outbuildings and many modern improvements and equipments. He has placed about fifteen hundred rods of tiling upon his land, transforming it into a very rich and arable tract, upon which he produces excellent crops. In 1902 he extended the boundaries of his place by adding a tract of sixty-one and one-half acres adjoining the original purchase. In his farming operations Mr. Hagler is prosperous, his well directed efforts bringing to him good harvests, and in the town markets he finds a ready sale for his products.

The home of our subject and his wife has been blessed with five children: Joseph Lewis, who was born in Jasper township; Carrie M., born in Xenia township; Ollie May, also born in Xenia township; and Albert A. and William F., who are natives of Spring Valley township. The family is well known in the community, and the hospitality of many of the best homes is extended to



them. Mr. Hagler is a supporter of the Republican party, having been identified therewith from the time he cast his first presidential vote for James A. Garfield in 1880. He has never sought or desired office, however, preferring to give his time and energies to his business affairs. His farm is the visible evidence of his life of industry and earnest toil, and as the architect of his own fortunes he has certainly builded wisely and well.

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#### ANDREW BISINE.

Andrew Bisine, one of Xenia's highly respected citizens, has for many years been a respected resident of this place and his life history illustrates the possibilities that lay before young men of foreign birth who seek homes in the new world. If they possess energy, determination and enterprise they will reap an abundant harvest for their labors. This Mr. Bisine has done and is now enjoying a richly deserved rest surrounded by all the comforts secured to him through the fruitful outcome of his former toil.

He was born in Hesse, Germany, June 22, 1820, and is one of a family of four children, whose parents were Conrad and Elizabeth (Hull) Bisine. His father was born, lived and died in Germany and there engaged in farming for twenty years. He was also a soldier of his native country and died when comparatively a young man, passing away at the age of forty-two. In the schools of his native country Andrew Bisine obtained his education and upon his father's farm was reared, working in the fields and

meadows as the years passed by. In 1839, when nineteen years of age, he determined to seek a home and fortune in the "land of the free," for he had heard favorable reports concerning business opportunities here. Crossing the Atlantic, he landed in Baltimore, where he remained for a short time, working at anything that would yield him a good living. He afterward resided in Pittsburg and Cincinnati, where he was similarly employed, and from the latter city he removed to Dayton, but not finding profitable work there he came to Xenia, walking a distance of more than fifteen miles. He did not know the English language and German residents of Xenia were at that time few, but he was resolute, ambitious and determined, and these qualities aided him in overcoming obstacles and winning success. He found employment in the Grand hotel, where he remained for five years, and during that time he became familiar with the English tongue. He afterward engaged in clerking in a general store for John Ewing for ten or twelve years, but when the Civil war was declared he could not content himself to remain at home while the Union was in danger and enlisted at Richmond as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Infantry, under Colonel Kiver, in 1862. The regiment went into camp at Piqua, Ohio, and from there proceeded to Parkersburg, and on to Clarksville, going thence to New Creek and afterward to Winchester, Virginia, where the army remained for six months. There Mr. Bisine assisted in guarding the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He was in the important battle of Gettysburg, taking part in the thickest of the fight, and there he saw half of his regiment captured and destroyed, the wounded and killed

amounting to about five hundred. He, however, made his escape from the enemy and proceeded to Harper's Ferry, where he joined the Union army. He afterward participated in many skirmishes and then returned to New York city, where he remained for three weeks. On account of wounds he had previously sustained he was obliged to go to Alexandria and enter the hospital, where he laid for four months in a critical condition. In November, 1863, he was honorably discharged on account of disability and returned to Xenia. From that time until 1890 he was an active factor in business circles in this city, and through his enterprise and capable management won a handsome competence, which enabled him to put aside business cares in 1890 and retire from active pursuits.

Mr. Bisine was married, on the 28th of March, 1843, to Miss Susie Carr, who was born in Hesse, Germany. Their union was blessed with three children, but all are now deceased, and on the 28th of March, 1888, Mr. Bisine was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife. He and his family were all members of the Methodist church, and he is still identified with that denomination. He resides in a pleasant home at No. 123 West Market street and has many friends in Xenia, who admire him for what he has accomplished in life and respect him for his genuine worth. He has now passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey, and his has been a useful and honorable career. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought,—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man,—and making the best of these

he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of people of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Greene county.

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#### JAMES B. GREGG.

Upon a farm, the patent of which bears date 1806, and in a stone house which was erected in 1832, James B. Gregg is now living. This farm, from the time of its transfer from the government's possession, has been owned by representatives of the Gregg family. It was upon this place, which is situated in Cedarville township, that our subject first opened his eyes to the light of day, on the 26th of March, 1838. He is a son of John and Mary Isabelle (Brown) Gregg. His grandfather, John Gregg, was a native of Ireland who came to the United States prior to the Revolutionary war and when the colonists, attempting to throw off the yoke of British oppression, were engaged in the Revolutionary war, he joined the army for independence and served for seven years with the rank of lieutenant. His brother was also in the service and they were mustered out at Philadelphia. On that day they separated and never heard from each other afterward. The grandfather of our subject soon went to Kentucky, where he remained for some years, and about 1804 removed to Ohio, purchasing from the government the tract of land upon which our subject now resides. His original purchase comprised six hundred acres. Here he built a log cabin and made a home for himself and family, spending his remaining days upon

this place, which he developed into an excellent farm. His death occurred when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He was an elder in the old Seceder church of which the Rev. Armstrong served as pastor. His political support was given the Whig party. He was one of the prosperous men of his community and an influential and upright citizen.

John Gregg, the father of our subject, was also born upon the old homestead which is now occupied by his son James B. In the district schools of the neighborhood he acquired his education and throughout his entire life carried on general farming and the raising of stock, never leaving his birthplace. He held membership in the United Presbyterian church and died upon the old home farm at the age of seventy years. His wife survived him for many years, passing away in 1898, at which time she was also interred in the Woodland cemetery of Xenia. In their family were five children: David A., a retired farmer living in Xenia; James B.; Mary Jane, who became the wife of James A. Turner, of Miami township, and died fifteen years ago; Margaret, the wife of I. N. Laughead, of Illinois; and John C., who is engaged in teaching in the public schools of Brazil, Indiana.

James B. Gregg was educated in the common schools near his home. He was early trained to farm work, so that when he began work upon his own account practical experience enabled him to carry on his labors profitably. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Mary A. McCollum, their wedding being celebrated on the 26th. of August, 1868. The lady is a daughter of James McCollum, of Xenia township, who was a native of Ireland and

came to the United States in 1856, accompanied by his family. Choosing Greene county as a desirable place of residence, he located on a farm in Xenia township, where he died at an advanced age. His wife is also deceased. When he crossed the Atlantic to the new world he was accompanied by his wife and their eight children. The former, also a native of the Green Isle of Erin, bore the maiden name of Margaret Wright. Mr. McCollum was fifty-five years of age at the time of the emigration, his birth having occurred in July, 1800. The family home was three miles from Cedarville, where Mr. McCollum purchased a partially improved farm of seventy-three acres, upon which he lived for ten years. On the expiration of that period he removed to a farm in Xenia township, consisting of two hundred and ten acres. There he erected a large farm house, good barns and other outbuildings and continued to engage in the cultivation of the soil until his death, which occurred July 10, 1875. He was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, of Cedarville, to which his wife also belonged. She died in 1894 at the age of eighty-one years, and both were buried in Massies-creek cemetery near Cedarville. In their family were ten children, of whom five are yet living, and with one exception all were born in Ireland.

Throughout their married life Mr. and Mrs. Gregg have lived upon the old family homestead of one hundred and eighty-two acres which he now owns. It has never been out of possession of the family since and is endeared to our subject from the associations of his boyhood as well as because it has been the residence of his later years. In politics Mr. Gregg is a Republican, and



he and his wife belong to the Reformed Presbyterian church of Cedarville, in which he is serving as a trustee. The worthy representative of an honored pioneer family, he well deserves mention in this volume. His entire life has here been passed and those who know him give him their regard because of his honorable and straightforward career.

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### JAMES H. KYLE.

James H. Kyle, who is now living retired in Xenia, was born in Greene county, Ohio, February 12, 1839, and is a son of James and Delilah (Gartrell) Kyle, also natives of Ohio. The father engaged in farming and upon the old family homestead reared his seven children, but only two of the number are now living,—James H. and Samuel, both residents of Xenia.

In the public schools of Xenia township James H. Kyle obtained his education, spending his boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer lads of the period, and after putting aside his text books he engaged in farming for some years. After the inauguration of the Civil war, however, he put aside all personal consideration in order to aid in the preservation of the Union. From the workshop, the field, the counting rooms and the offices men flocked to the standard of the nation, and among the number was Mr. Kyle, who, in August, 1862, joined Company H, of the Ninety-fourth Ohio, under the command of Captain Kyle and Colonel Brazil. The latter was killed in the first fight in which the regiment participated. Assigned to the Army of the Potomac, the Ninety-fourth Ohio participated in many

important engagements, including the battles of Perryville, Stone River and Murfreesboro. Mr. Kyle served from 1862 until 1865, and then with an honorable military record returned to his home, for he was always found at his post of duty, whether on the picket line or the firing line. In 1865 he was mustered out at New York. He lost his right arm at Bentonville, North Carolina, that member being struck by a minie ball in such a way as to necessitate amputation. It was on the 19th of March, 1865, that he was wounded and sent to the hospital at Goldsboro, North Carolina, afterward to Charleston, South Carolina, subsequently to New York and then to the hospital on East river, where he remained for six months, after which he returned home in September, 1865. He went to the front as a private, but was promoted to the rank of corporal and afterward to sergeant.

When he had again taken up his abode in Greene county Mr. Kyle received the nomination for township clerk, and being elected continued in that office for seven years. He was then appointed by the government to the position of assessor, and afterward was made store keeper at Trebeins. Subsequently he was transferred to Oldtown and continued in the government service for two years. He was next appointed deputy sheriff and for four years acted in that capacity in Greene county. He then became candidate for office and being elected served as sheriff for four years, retiring from office as he had entered it with the confidence and good will of the entire public. Mr. Kyle then purchased his livery business, built a fine barn and for twenty-six years successfully conducted the same, having a liberal patronage which brought

to him a good return. For some time he also conducted a sale stable, but is now retired from business, residing in his comfortable home at the corner of Market and Whiteman streets.

On the 15th of April, 1878, Mr. Kyle was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Brubaker, of Springfield, Clark county, Ohio, her father, Daniel Brubaker, having been one of the early settlers of that county. Mrs. Kyle is a member of Trinity church of Xenia and is an estimable lady. Mr. Kyle maintains pleasant relationship with his old army comrades through his membership in Xenia Post, No. 47, G. A. R., of which he was one of the charter members, taking a very active part in its organization. He is to-day as true to his duties of citizenship as when upon the southern battle fields he followed the nation's starry banner.

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#### JOHN M. HAWKER.

Among the representative farmers of Beavercreek township is numbered John Martin Hawker, whose birth occurred in this township on the 3d of May, 1841, his parents being Frederick and Sarah Hawker. The father was also born in the same township near the Hawker church, while the grandfather, Andrew Hawker, was numbered among the pioneer settlers of the county, having arrived here at a very early day. Amid the wild scenes of frontier life Frederick Hawker was reared. He pursued his education at the district schools and his own fireside, but his opportunities in that direction were quite limited. After arriving at years of maturity he married Sarah Ritter,

and of the union ten children were born, of whom one died in infancy. The others were: Simon, who was born March 26, 1829, and is living in Illinois; Mary Ann, born December 6, 1830, is the deceased wife of Samuel Wiggam; Emanuel, who was born January 28, 1833, and is a resident of Illinois; Rebecca, who was born December 15, 1834, and married John Moler, their home being in Beavercreek township; Sarah Ann, who was born October 1, 1837, and is the wife of Walter Kerr, a resident of California; Andrew, born January 1, 1840, died in childhood; John M., of this review; Perry, who was born August 4, 1845, and resides in Beavercreek township; Martha, who was born January 25, 1847, and is the widow of William Wolf, her home being in Clark county, Ohio. The father of this family died March 18, 1874, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1853. Both were interred in the Hawker cemetery. After the death of his first wife the father was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Kerr. She died in Sidney, Ohio, where she was visiting a daughter. Mr. Hawker was a Democrat in his political views and strongly endorsed the principles of the party. Both he and his wife were members of the German Reformed church and he filled a number of its offices. He was a man of strong religious convictions, putting forth every effort to advance the cause of Christianity and several times he filled the pulpit in the absence of the regular minister. Although his educational privileges were limited he gained broad knowledge by reading, investigation and observation. In his farming operations he was very successful and at the time of his death he owned four farms aggregating about five

hundred acres of fine land. He was also the owner of city property in Dayton.

Mr. Hawker, whose name introduces this record, acquired his education in the common schools of Beavercreek township, but attended for only a brief period each year. He was found in the schoolroom only when his services were not needed upon the farm, consequently his education in the schoolroom was limited, but by reading and observation, coupled with natural ability, Mr. Hawker has come to be a man of broad general knowledge. He lived at home until he was thirty-three years of age, when he went to Dayton, Ohio, and with his brother Emanuel he conducted a livery stable upon Fourth street in that city for about two years. At the expiration of that period he returned to the old homestead and resumed farming upon the land which he now owns.

As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Mr. Hawker chose Miss Emma Pasco, their marriage being celebrated on the 19th of August, 1870. The lady was born in Dayton, and is a daughter of James Elias and Sophia (Davey) Pasco. The mother died during the early girlhood of her daughter. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pasco were born in England, and on coming to this country they took up their abode in Dayton. They had four children, William James, who is now living in Dayton; Emma Jane, the wife of our subject; Ida Mary, who became the wife of James Latham and is now living in Florida; and Luella Sarah, the wife of Clarence W. Clary, also of Dayton. The father afterward married a second time, when Catherine Kuhns became his wife. They, too, had four children. In 1892 Mr. Pasco was called to his final rest

and was laid by the side of his first wife in the cemetery in Dayton.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hawker has been blessed with ten children: Clarence, who was born on Christmas day of 1871, is living with his father. Bessie B., who was born February 11, 1873, died on March 7, of that year. Harry, who was born January 28, 1874, is an employe in the State Insane Asylum in Dayton. Noena Blanche, who was born April 4, 1875, is the wife of Harry Aeter, a resident of Montgomery county, Ohio, by whom she has one child, Harry Frederick. Frederick James, who was born December 5, 1878, is operating the home farm. Herbert Sanford, who was born June 21, 1882, died seven days later. Clara Mabel, who was born November 24, 1887, died on the 17th of July, 1888. Mary and Martha, twins, were born September 17, 1889, while Mary died on the 10th of April, 1891, and Martha is at home. Carrie, born May 12, 1891, the youngest of the family, is at home.

Since his marriage Mr. Hawker has remained upon the old homestead which is now operated by his son, while our subject is practically living a retired life. The farm, comprising one hundred and sixty-three acres, is splendidly developed and improved with all modern equipments and accessories. In 1893 the home was destroyed by fire, but Mr. Hawker and his sons erected a fine large residence. He has a large and very desirable property and everything about the place is kept in good repair, while general farming and stock raising are carried on very successfully. Mr. Hawker votes with the Democracy, and he and his family are connected with the Reformed church, in which he has served as deacon. His life has been



in harmony with its teachings and his belief is manifest by the honorable relations in all the walks of life. He commands the confidence and respect of his fellow men by reason of his upright career, and all who know him entertain for him a warm regard.

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### AARON CRITES.

Aaron Crites owns and operates a good farm of one hundred acres of land in Spring Valley township and is numbered among the progressive agriculturists of his community, for he follows modern methods of farming and a glance at his place would indicate to the passer-by his careful supervision. He was born in Grant county, West Virginia, February 23, 1840, a son of Joel and Sarah (Crites) Crites. Although the parents bore the same family name they were not related. The mother died when our subject was about eleven years of age, and was buried upon the old Crites farm in her native state. The following year the father came with his children to Greene county, Ohio, and a year later removed to Montgomery county, Illinois, but when two years had passed he returned to Ohio. Our subject, however, remained in Illinois for a year longer and then joined the family in the Buckeye state. Joel Crites, however, did not continue his residence here for a very long period. When a few years had passed he went to northwestern Missouri, where he spent his remaining days.

Aaron Crites remained in Greene county. From the time the family removed to Illinois he had depended upon his own resources for a living and was employed as a

farm hand. By the time he had reached the age of twenty-five years he had saved enough money to enable him to begin farming on his own account. He then rented land and his sister acted as his housekeeper for a time. Later he was married, in this county, to Mrs. Margaret Babb, nee Evans, and unto them were born two children: William E., who is now a farmer in Spring Valley township; and Sarah May, who resides with William. For his second wife Mr. Crites chose Miss Mary Thomas, who was born in Sugarcreek township and is a daughter of George W. and Rachel Thomas. This marriage was celebrated on the 22d of November, 1899.

Mr. Crites' first purchase of land consisted of thirty-three acres, upon which he lived for a number of years. After his second marriage he purchased his present farm of one hundred acres in Spring Valley township, and upon this he has excellent improvements, which he has placed there himself. His fields are well tilled and annually return to him good harvests. From early boyhood dependent upon his own resources, he has steadily worked his way upward, and his life history illustrates the power of industry and enterprise in the business world.

Mr. Crites holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Spring Valley and is serving as one of its stewards. He is also a worker in the Sunday-school, in which he has served as teacher for a quarter of a century. His wife was reared in the Baptist faith and both are earnest Christian people who are striving to make the golden rule the guide of their lives. Mr. Crites was reared in the Democratic faith, but cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864 and continued to

support the Republican party until after 1880, when he voted for Garfield. Since that time he has been an advocate of Prohibition principles, and at one time was the nominee of the party for sheriff. Fraternally he was at one time connected with the Red Men, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masonic fraternity, the Sons of Temperance and the Grange, but is not identified with any of these organizations at the present time. The greater part of his life has been passed in Greene county, where he has a wide acquaintance. He is a man of unfaltering integrity and untiring industry and perseverance.

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ROBERT S. SPAHR.

Robert S. Spahr, who has recently removed to Xenia, is now a member of the firm of Spahr & Long, who are engaged in business at No. 45 Main street, handling shelf and heavy hardware, stoves, etc. It was in July, 1902, that he bought an interest in this business, which was an old established one, and he now devotes his attention to his mercantile interests. He was born in Xenia township, April 1, 1843, his parents being Gideon and Elizabeth (Kyle) Spahr. The father was born in Virginia, in 1813, and was a son of Edward Spahr, who was a native of the Old Dominion. He carried on agricultural pursuits in his native state and in 1821 came with his family to Ohio, making the trip overland. He settled in Xenia township, where he cleared and developed one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon which he spent his remaining days. His death occurred in the '60s and his wife died

in Cedarville township, in 1875, both being buried in the Shook cemetery.

Of their twelve children Gideon Spahr was the eldest. He attended a subscription school for a short time in Virginia, and with his parents came to Greene county in pioneer days, living with them until twenty-one years of age, when he married Elizabeth Kyle, a native of this county, and they started out in life for themselves. He had learned the brickmaker's trade, which he followed for five or six years and then rented land, after which he always followed agricultural pursuits. He was first a Whig in politics and afterward became a Republican. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was also a local preacher, and their influence in behalf of Christianity was a potent factor in the moral development of the community. Gideon Spahr died May 7, 1894, and his widow is now living at Clifton at the age of ninety years. In their family were thirteen children: Albert, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, now in Piqua, Ohio; John, who died in infancy; Cornelia, the wife of Silas Smith, of Van Wert, Ohio; Madison, who was a member of Company E, Ninety-fourth Ohio Infantry and died of typhoid fever in the service, being buried at Bowling Green, Kentucky; Robert S.; Sarah, of Clifton, Ohio; Mary and Martha, twins, who died in infancy; Julia, the wife of Isaac Cummins, of Texas; Samuel K., a minister of the Methodist Protestant church, of Tompkins Cove, New York; David E., a physician of Clifton, Ohio; one that died in infancy; and James C., of Clifton.

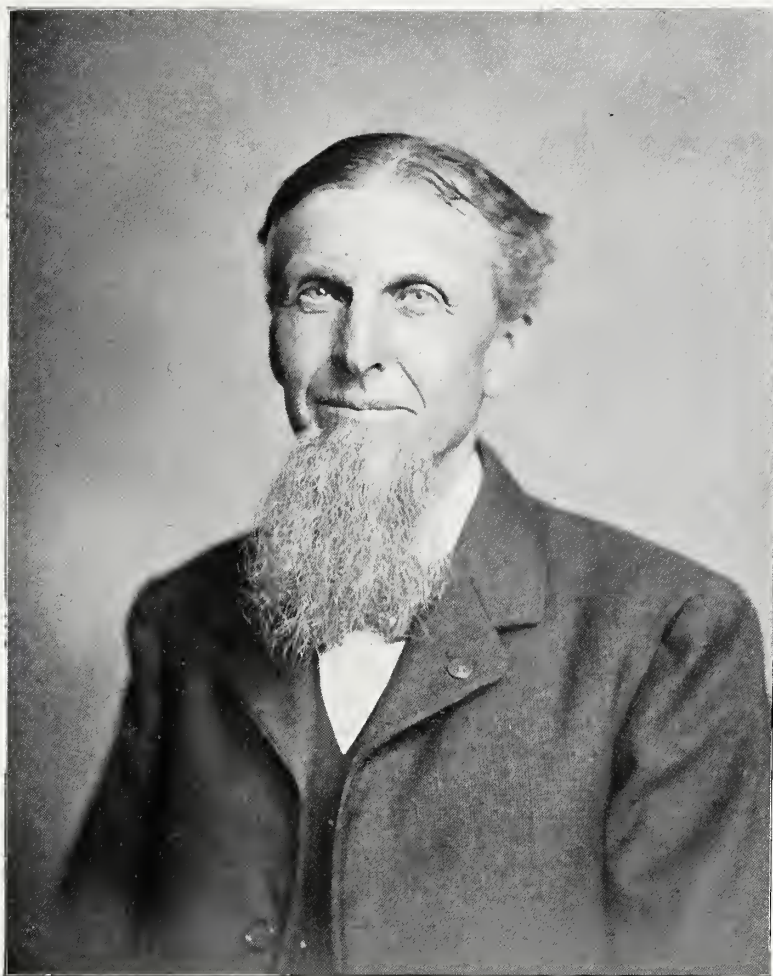
Robert S. Spahr attended the public schools of the county until seventeen years of age, and the following year he enlisted, on the 17th of September, 1861, in Wil-







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Wilmington, Ohio, as a member of Company B, Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private, for three years. He was promoted to the rank of corporal and served under General Sherman until wounded near Atlanta. He participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge, and was wounded at a place called Pumpkin Vine, his injuries necessitating his remaining in a hospital for a time. He was mustered out of service at Atlanta, Georgia, in October, 1864, and then returned home. Resuming his studies he spent the winter as a student in Van Wert, Ohio, and in 1866 entered Adrian College, at Adrian, Michigan, but on account of his health he was obliged to abandon his studies. He then began teaching, but after a year his health forced him to leave the schoolroom altogether, and he turned his attention to farming, believing that the outdoor life would prove beneficial. For a time he worked with his father, and after his marriage he rented land for a year. He then purchased a small tract in Cedarville township, and after two years' residence thereon he purchased a larger place, locating there in 1880, at which time he became the owner of seventy-six acres of arable land on the Wilmington pike, where he made his home until his removal to Xenia in 1902.

On the 25th of April, 1872, Mr. Spahr was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Saville, who was born in Cedar creek township, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Kettelman) Saville. The father was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, February 15, 1815, and was a son of Samuel and Anna Saville, the former of French lineage and the latter of German descent. When ten years of age Joseph Saville accompanied his parents to New Jasper township, Greene

county, where he entered and cleared a tract of land of one hundred acres. Here his father and mother died, the former in 1851 and the latter in 1872, their remains being interred in Boots cemetery. Joseph Saville was educated in this county and became a cooper by trade, but his later years were devoted to farming. He lived on the old homestead, where his death occurred in 1893, and his wife, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, October 5, 1819, passed away in 1899, their remains being interred in Xenia cemetery. Unto them were born ten children: Emeline, the wife of Henry C. Fudge, of Caesarscreek township; Mary Jane, the wife of David C. Conklin, of Clinton county, Ohio; Martha A., the honored wife of our subject; Andrew, who died in infancy; John, who also died in infancy; Sarah E., the wife of Henry Smith, of Xenia township; Milton G., who died in childhood; Ellen C., the wife of Ira Wilkins, of Kansas; and Florence, the wife of Frank Antram, of Clinton county.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Spahr has been blessed with the following children: Albert G., who married Luella Goods and resides in Xenia; Ralph O., who married Anna Haglar and resides in Xenia township; Joseph Lester, of Xenia; Howard S., Fannie E., Sherwin G., Frank Blaine, all at home; one that died in infancy; Emma H., Homer C. and Earle R., all under the parental roof. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and in his political endorsement Mr. Spahr is known as an earnest and unfaltering Republican. He is a member of the county committee of the indigent soldiers' fund. He belongs to Lewis Post, G. A. R., of Xenia, and is a valued citizen, enterprising, progressive and wide-awake. He takes an act-

ive interest in everything pertaining to the general good and in every way possible has aided in promoting public progress and the stable improvement of this portion of the state.

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JAMES A. KELLY.

The name of Kelly is well known in connection with industrial interests in Xenia and he whose name introduces this review occupied a leading position in commercial circles here, not only by reason of the brilliant success which he has achieved, but also of the honorable business methods which he put forth. He possessed untiring energy, was quick of perception, formed his plans readily and was determined in their execution, and his earnest application to business and excellent management brought to him a high degree of success.

His parents were Robert A. and Catherine M. (Fisher) Kelly, in whose family were five children, of whom three are living. Our subject was born in Paterson, New Jersey, May 24, 1863, and there he pursued his education and was graduated. Immediately after the death of his father, who had been extensively engaged in manufacturing twine, James A. Kelly and his brothers built the plant and equipped the business in Xenia now known as the R. A. Kelly Company, manufacturers of cordage and machinery. The trade of this house covers the territory that extends from coast to coast and from gulf to the northern boundary of the United States. From the beginning success attended the new enterprise. The sons under the careful direction of their father had become thoroughly

familiar with the business, and to them the undertaking brought experience as well as a laudable ambition and strong determination to win prosperity. James A. Kelly became the manager of the enterprise and under his supervision the mammoth concern has been built up, and he successfully controlled it up to the time of his death, which occurred December 19, 1900.

Mr. Kelly was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Corry, a daughter of James B. Corry, one of the substantial and influential pioneers of Greene county, whose death occurred on the 15th of December, 1890. His wife bore the maiden name of Nancy Brown and is still living, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Kelly, who was one of eight children. By her marriage Mrs. Kelly became the mother of two sons, James E. and Robert A., aged, respectively, fifteen and thirteen years, the former named for his father and the latter for his paternal grandfather. They are both bright boys and bid fair to be an honor to the family. Mrs. Kelly, with her mother and two sons, resides in her handsome residence on North King and Pleasant streets. She holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and is a most estimable lady. Since her husband's death she has retained her interest in the business, her brother-in-law, George R. Kelly, managing her affairs. Hers is a hospitable home, and she has many warm friends throughout the community.

Mr. Kelly was a prominent and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, which he not only liberally supported, but gave his time and earnest work for its upbuilding. It is worthy of more than passing notice that he took his Christianity into his

office and mills and also fully lived up to his professions in his business in that quiet, kindly, unostentatious way that carried the feeling to all who knew him that Mr. Kelly was a genuine Christian. He was well known as one of the leading bass singers of the city, having a fine voice, well trained, and few musical gatherings were complete without him. He was also the leading bass singer in the Presbyterian choir for twenty years.

Mr. Kelly gave his political support to the Republican party and strongly endorsed its principles, but never sought or desired office, his time being fully occupied by his extensive business interests. He passed away in New Mexico, dying of pneumonia, but his remains were interred in the Woodland cemetery of Xenia. He deserves to be placed among the prominent and representative citizens of Greene county, for he belonged to that class of men whose enterprising spirit was used not alone for their own benefit, but in advancing the general good and promoting public prosperity by his ably managed individual interests and thus places this section of the country on a par with other manufacturing cities of the Buckeye state. His courtesy was unfailing, his integrity above question and his genial manner won for him a circle of friends almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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#### WILLIAM GILMORE TAYLOR.

William G. Taylor, who is a representative of the farming interests of Sugarcreek township, was born in Ross township, this county, March 19, 1832. His father, Isaac

Taylor, was a native of Belfast, Ireland, born about the year 1799. The following year his parents emigrated with their family to the new world, locating in Rockbridge county, Virginia, where Isaac Taylor was reared to manhood and learned the tanner's trade. After arriving at years of maturity he married Frances Gilmore, who was born in Rockbridge county and was a daughter of John Gilmore, who, when about seven years of age, was taken prisoner by the Indians as was his mother. This occurred at the time of the Indian massacre at Kerr's creek in Rockbridge county. The mother and son were brought to Oldtown, Greene county, Ohio, where they were held as captives for seven years. Mr. Gilmore and the children of the family, with the exception of John, were all killed. The children's brains were dashed out in the presence of the mother and their bodies thrown into a burning house. The Indians finding that Mrs. Gilmore possessed considerable musical talent required her to sing for them, and she would sing the "Lament of Miriam." After seven years a white man escaped from the tribe and went back to Virginia, where he reported the condition of Mrs. Gilmore and her son. A party was then organized for their rescue, and they were taken back to the Old Dominion.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Taylor, the father of our subject, came with his bride to Ohio, residing for a time in Preble county, whence he came to Greene county about 1830, locating in Ross township upon a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, which he purchased and where he spent his remaining days, and was accounted one of the leading and influential agriculturists of the community. He acquired a good education and



engaged in teaching in the public schools and also conducted a singing school. His intellectual strength and ability made him a leader of public thought and action. He supported the Democratic party and held a number of township offices. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith,—a great student of the Bible, he became a believer in the doctrine of the Christian church, although he did not unite with that denomination. His life was ever in consistent harmony with Christian principles and he enjoyed the confidence of all with whom he was associated. Unto him and his wife were born five sons and four daughters and six of the number reached mature years: Mary Jane, who became the wife of Ira Adair and died in Greene county; Magdaline, who married Jackson Ballard and resides in this county; William G.; John, who died in this county; Daniel, who died in Jamestown, Ohio; and Isaac, who passed away in Warren county, Ohio.

Upon the old home farm William Gilmore Taylor was born and reared. At the usual age he entered the public schools and there mastered the common branches of English learning. For some time remained at home, for his father was the owner of about six hundred acres of land, and thus there was ample work for the children upon the old homestead. In Miami county, on the 22d of December, 1859, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Mary I. Long, who was born in Lost Creek township, Miami county, her parents being Thomas and Margaret (McMillan) Long. The young couple began their domestic life upon one hundred and twenty acres of the old Taylor homestead, which our subject improved, continuing the cultivation of that

place until 1868, when he sold it and purchased his present home, becoming the owner of one hundred and seventy acres, although he has since disposed of a portion of this, retaining possession of eighty-two acres. His farm is well improved with all modern accessories and equipments, and his labors bring to him good harvests.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor has been blessed with five children: Eldorus Gilmore, who was born in Ross township, January 11, 1861; William Vinton, of Sugarcreek township, who was born in Ross township, January 22, 1865, and married Nellie Cunningham, by whom he has four children, Ethel A., Hazel L., W. Virgil and Ocy; James Harvey, a resident of Xenia, who was born March 30, 1867, and married Ida Seiber, by whom he has twin children; Erman and Elsie; Ocy Lenore, who became the wife of James Sanders and died in Tennessee, leaving two children, Jessie and Dena; and Dessie, who is still at home.

When age conferred upon Mr. Taylor the right of franchise he supported Buchanan in 1856, but in 1864 he cast his ballot for Abraham Lincoln. He was drafted for service in the Civil war at the time of the first draft, but he hired a substitute. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and the latter is a member of the Ladies Aid Society, while Mr. Taylor is serving as class leader and also as trustee. His history is largely familiar to those who know him, for he has spent his entire life in Greene county, and the fact that among his friends are many who have known him from boyhood is an indication that his career has ever been one that will bear the closest scrutiny and will furnish many examples worthy of emulation.

## PERRY A. ALEXANDER.

Throughout an entire century the Alexander family has been represented in Greene county and the name figures prominently and honorably on the pages of the county's history. From pioneer times down to the present members of the family have taken an active part in public affairs, and in those lines of business which have contributed to the upbuilding and stability of this portion of the state. In the year 1803 John and Isabella Alexander, the great-grandparents of our subject arrived in Xenia. In early life the former had been a school teacher and had resided in Butler county, Ohio, before coming to Greene county. Taking up his abode in Xenia in 1803, he engaged in the practice of law, and was the first attorney of the city. For thirty years he was prosecuting attorney and his reputation was by no means a local one. He also served as judge of the common pleas court, represented his district in the state legislature and was for two terms a member of congress. A man of strong mentality, of marked individuality and superior ability, he was well fitted for leadership, and he left the impress of his thought and labors upon the development of the county in a large measure. His death occurred in Xenia in 1848.

Washington Alexander, the grandfather of our subject, was born in South Carolina in 1801, and was brought by his parents to this county when only two years old. He studied law, but never practiced, turning his attention to farming in Spring Valley. In 1842 he married Miss Rachel Clark, of Spring Valley, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom the father of our

subject was the second in order of birth. Of the living: Jesse is a resident of Spring Valley; Augustus is an attorney of St. Louis, Missouri; Isabella is the widow of William S. Frazier, by whom she had seven children, and makes her home in Indianapolis; Frank is a farmer of Holcomb, Missouri; and Aurelius is a traveling man residing in Dayton. John is deceased. The father of this family became the owner of several hundred acres of land, meeting with gratifying success in his undertakings. He was a member of the Baptist church and died in 1867, while his wife passed away in 1849.

William J. Alexander, the father of our subject, was born in Spring Valley township, June 10, 1827, and after acquiring his education in Xenia he engaged in teaching school and in farming. Later he took up the study of law, was admitted to the bar and at once began practice in Spring Valley. Later he removed to Wilmington and subsequently opened an office in Xenia. He served as justice of the peace for twelve years and "won golden opinions from all sorts of people." He was also township trustee for twenty-two years, and for a short time was superintendent of the Orphans Home. His political support was given the Democratic party, and his religious faith was that of the Baptist church. Fraternally he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Masonic lodge, and when death claimed him his remains were interred with the rites of those orders. Prospering in his business undertaking and making judicious investments, he became the owner of several hundred acres of land, all in Spring Valley township. On the 28th of February, 1850, William J. Alex-

ander married Elizabeth Weller. He died April 18, 1897, but his widow, who was born in Washington township, Montgomery county, Ohio, April 18, 1825, is still living. Three children were born unto them, but the daughter died in infancy.

Perry A. Alexander, the older brother, was reared on the home farm, acquired a good education and was married in Spring Valley, November 28, 1878, to Miss Ella M. Elgin, a daughter of Dr. M. B. and Margaret (Craft) Elgin. She was born and reared in New Burlington and was educated in Spring Valley. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have been born six children: Laura C., William Elgin, Cantwell J., Ralph, Margaret and one now deceased. All were born in Spring Valley township. Laura is a graduate of the Xenia high school of the class of 1896.

Since his marriage Mr. Alexander has resided in Spring Valley, and for the past ten years has made his home upon his present farm. He owns two tracts of land, one of one hundred and eighty-eight acres, the other of one hundred and fifty-six acres. In his farm work he follows progressive methods, has the latest improved machinery and keeps everything about his place in excellent order. He votes with the Democracy and in 1890 was nominated by the party for the office of sheriff, but made no effort to secure the election, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. Socially he is connected with Spring Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Elks of Xenia, and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Born in Spring Valley township, September 28, 1856, he has spent his entire life in this county, and has a large acquaintance, which includes many friends who appreciate his many good qualities and give him

their high regard. He is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family and his record casts no shadow upon the untarnished family name.

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#### ELI MILLEN.

In the year 1834 Eli Millen became a resident of Xenia. He is one of the oldest as well as one of the most honored citizens of Greene county, his birth having occurred in September, 1815. He is a native of South Carolina, and one of ten children born unto John and Martha (Moffitt) Millen. His father was a typical southern gentleman and had the distinction of giving liberty to his slaves—twelve in number—before the emancipation proclamation was issued. He was a son of Scotch-Irish parentage. John Millen was brought to this country by his father, Robert Millen, who took up his abode in South Carolina. John became well known as an extensive landholder and slave owner.

Eli Millen was reared upon his father's plantation and acquired a good education in the common schools. He was nineteen years of age when he became a resident of Xenia and therefore the entire period of his manhood has been passed in this city. He began business here in connection with the dry-goods trade, and for many years was engaged in merchandising, meeting with excellent success. His store received a liberal patronage, and he always secured the very best of trade by his honorable business methods, his reasonable prices and his earnest desire to please his customers. A man of resourceful business ability, he also extended his efforts into other lines of activity.



For a time he was engaged in pork-packing, in which he did an extensive business. Mr. Millen is still actively connected with the Xenia Gas Company and the Xenia Electric Light Company. As his financial resources increased he judiciously placed his money in that safest of all investments—real estate—and to-day he is one of the heaviest taxpayers of this portion of the state. He owns a great many buildings in Xenia and erected the Young Men's Christian Association building and the postoffice block, furnishing and equipping both of them. Since then he has given free of rent to the Young Men's Christian Association library and to the public library the buildings which they occupy. He has always been deeply interested in mental culture and in this way has striven to improve the intellectual development of his fellow citizens. He has ever taken a very deep and active interest in Xenia's upbuilding, and his labors have been of much benefit. It was largely through his efforts that the Ohio Soldiers' & Sailors' Orphan Home was located near Xenia.

Mr. Millen was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bradford and after her death he again married, his second union being with Miss Harriet Connable, a daughter of Joseph Connable, who was a native of Massachusetts. In 1873 Mr. Millen was called upon to mourn the loss of his second wife, who passed away on the 26th of January of that year. Our subject gives his political support to the Republican party and is a devout member of the United Presbyterian church. He occupies one of the most handsome residences of Xenia and is spending his declining years in the midst of all the comforts of life that wealth can secure. He

owes everything that he has to a kind Providence and his own efforts, starting out in life with little capital, but he has steadily advanced to the road of prosperity. Many changes has he witnessed in this county since the days of his first arrival here.

In all that pertained to the development and progress of Xenia and in all that contributed to its upbuilding in former years he has taken a deep interest, and has co-operated in many movements for the general good. Almost seventy years have passed since his arrival here and well may he be numbered among the honored pioneers and valued citizens.

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### JESSE TAYLOR.

Jesse Taylor, cashier of the People's Bank of Jamestown, stands to-day among the strong and successful business men of Greene county who represent the best element in its citizenship. He was born in Ross township, this county, on the 28th of February, 1864, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Davis) Taylor, also natives of this county. The family is of Irish lineage. The grandfather of our subject came from Belfast, and settled in Greene county in the year 1827, establishing his home in Ross township. There Daniel Taylor was born and followed farming throughout his entire life, passing away on the 30th of November, 1901. His widow still survives him and is living in Jamestown at the age of fifty-seven years. In their family were seven children, our subject being the eldest in the order of birth.

Jesse Taylor acquired his early education in the schools of Ross township and

later continued his studies in Antioch College in Yellow Springs. After the completion of his college work he entered the office of Judge T. E. Scroggy, of Xenia, and took up the study of law in 1881. He remained in that office until December, 1885, when he went to Winfield, Kansas, on a visit, and being pleased with that section of the country he decided to locate there. He was admitted to the bar in April, 1886, and became connected with a company incorporating new towns in Kansas. Going to Richfield, Morton county, he decided to remain there and take up the practice of law. There were but four houses in the place when he settled there and the town was fifty-two miles from a railroad. In the fall of 1887 he was elected county attorney and served until the succeeding autumn, when he resigned and was elected probate judge in the fall of 1888. He resigned that position on the 1st of July, 1889, to accept the appointment at the hands of President Harrison to the position of receiver of public moneys in the United States land office at Garden City, Kansas. There he remained until February, 1894, creditably filling the position. At the time of President Cleveland's second administration Mr. Taylor left the office and became interested with some Kansas parties in mineral lands in northern Arkansas, having the charge of their affairs in that state until his return to Ohio in November, 1895. He located at Jamestown and on the 1st of June, 1896, he entered the People's Bank of this place as cashier. He has since served in that capacity and the success of the institution is largely due to his efforts, the bank having now become one of the reliable financial concerns of the county.

On the 4th of October, 1887, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Ger-

trude M. Clemens, a daughter of John G. Clemens, the president of the People's Bank. They have a large circle of friends in this place and their own home is the center of sociability. Mr. Taylor is very prominent in public affairs, both politically and otherwise. He is also interested in farming and has a valuable tract of land near Cedarville. His political support is given the Republican party and in 1896 he was elected on that ticket to the office of mayor of Jamestown, in which capacity he served for four years, his administration being practical, progressive and beneficial. In 1889 Mr. Taylor was made a Mason in Kansas, but is now a member of Jamestown Lodge, No. 352, F. & A. M. He also belongs to Xenia Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M., Reed Commandery, No. 6, K. T., of Dayton, and Antioch Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Dayton. He also has membership relations with Xenia Lodge, B. P. O. E., and with Jamestown Lodge, No. 181, I. O. O. F.; Cyclone Lodge, No. 548, K. P., and Jamestown Council, No. 311, J. O. U. A. M., of which he is past councilor. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Jamestown Methodist Episcopal church and is president of the Anti-Saloon League, of Jamestown. His efforts are being put forth in behalf of law and order, substantial progress and desirable improvement, and Jamestown numbers him among its valued representatives and honored citizens.

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#### JAMES M. STEWART.

The history of a state, as well as that of a nation, is chiefly the chronicles of the lives and deeds of those who have conferred honor and dignity upon society. The world judges the character of a community by

those of its representative citizens and yields its tributes of admiration and respect for the genius, learning or virtues of those whose works and actions constitute the record of a state's prosperity and pride; and it is this record that offers for our consideration the history of men, who in their characters for probity and benevolence, and the kindly virtues, as well as for integrity in the affairs of life, are ever affording to the young worthy examples for their regard and emulation. Therefore it is proper that a just celebrity should be given to those men who are distinguished in their day and generation, that the living may enjoy the approbation of their contemporaries, as well as that of a grateful posterity.

Judge Stewart is to-day one of the most honored and respected citizens of Xenia, where he is living a retired life. He is one of a family of ten children born unto John T. and Anna (Elder) Stewart. His father belonged to an old Pennsylvanian family, which through almost a century has been represented in this part of Ohio, for in 1805 members of the family established a home in what was then Greene county. There the father of our subject followed farming for many years, making his home three miles east of Clifton on the Miami river, where he died in 1850. His wife long survived him and passed away in 1882. The Judge was born in Greene (now Clark) county on the 30th of March, 1828, and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, attending the common schools of the neighborhood. In the year 1857 he removed to Yellow Springs, Greene county, where he established a general mercantile store. He was quite successful in his undertakings and followed that pursuit for ten years. In 1867 he began farming and was thus engaged until 1884,

when he was appointed deputy probate judge of Greene county and removed to Xenia in order to enter upon the duties of the office. He served as deputy for two terms of three years each, after which he was elected as probate judge in 1890 and took the oath of office in February, 1891. So acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected in 1893, holding the position until 1897, and no more capable incumbent has ever filled that position. His decisions were strictly fair and impartial and in the discharge of his multitudinous delicate duties he showed that he was a man of well rounded character, finely balanced mind and of splendid intellectual attainments. Since his retirement from office he has led a quiet life, being identified with no business pursuit save the management of his property interests. He is, however, a director in the Citizens' National Bank, of Xenia.

Judge Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca J. Jacoby, a daughter of Henry Jacoby, one of the leading and influential citizens of Greene county. The wedding was celebrated October 16, 1854, and unto them were born four daughters, of whom two are living: Ida M., the wife of S. B. LeSourd, a wide-awake business man of Xenia; and Leila, now the wife of William D. Cooley of Xenia. The Judge and his wife have a very pleasant home at No. 224 East Second street. They are devoted and zealous members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is the ruling elder. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity. He also gives his political support to the Republican party and is a man of distinctive ability and his character is one which is above a shadow of reproach. He has been faithful to the high offices in which he has been called to serve, and is widely known



and respected by all who have been at all familiar with his honorable and useful career.

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### CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. GLOTFELTER.

The home of Captain Glotfelter is pleasantly situated about one mile north of Trebein, in Beavercreek township. Throughout his entire life he has resided in this locality and that many who have known him from boyhood are now numbered with his friends is an indication that his career has ever been an honorable one. He was born April 21, 1837, on the old home farm where his grandfather and his father lived and died. He is a son of George A. and Harriet (Smith) Glotfelter. The former was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; the latter was also a native of the Keystone state. The paternal grandfather of our subject was John A. Glotfelter, whose birth occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and who, having arrived at years of maturity, married Elizabeth Newman, a daughter of John Newman of the same county. Leaving Pennsylvania, accompanied by his wife and children, John A. Glotfelter traveled across the country in a wagon drawn by a team of horses. This was in 1815, when George A. Glotfelter was a little lad of five summers. The grandfather purchased a farm of two hundred and fifteen acres, two and one-half miles west of Alpha. This he improved and cultivated and made for himself a good home. He died December 22, 1860, at the advanced age of ninety years and three months, while his wife passed away February 29, 1830, at the age of sixty years, ten

months and twenty-nine days. He was a blacksmith by trade, and followed that pursuit to a greater or less extent until his sight failed, although after coming to Ohio he gave his attention largely to agricultural pursuits. His reliability in all business transactions was a matter of general knowledge and amid the pioneer settlement in which he made his home, he was widely respected for his genuine worth. In his family were eight children, of whom six reached years of maturity, namely: John, Solomon, George A., Susan, Elizabeth and Nancy. The parents were both members of the German Reformed church and both died in that faith, passing away upon the farm on which they settled when the first came to the country. Both spoke the German language and possessed many of the sterling characteristics of their German ancestors. John A. Glotfelter was a Whig in politics.

George A. Glotfelter, the father of our subject, received a common school education and never left the old home farm. He was there trained to habits of industry and economy, and from his early youth throughout the period of his manhood he was an active factor in tilling the soil. Success crowned his efforts and as the years passed he made judicious investments in real estate until he became the owner of many acres of land. He also owned and operated the Washington Mill, on the Little Miami river, in Sugarcreek township, being associated in this enterprise with his brother, Solomon. In his early life he was also a stock buyer, but in later days did not engage in that department of labor. He served for some time as captain on the state militia and the muster was often held upon his farm. In his later years he was always known by the title of

Captain Glotfelter. Enterprising and reliable in business he was also a faithful friend, good neighbor and a popular man. He married Miss Harriet Smith, and he and his wife were active members of the Reformed church, in which he held different offices. He was one of the leaders in the building of Mount Zion church and did all in his power to advance the cause of Christianity in his community. His wife was a most devoted mother, faithful to every interest of her home, and her death, which occurred June 25, 1859, when she was forty-nine years of age, was widely and deeply mourned. By her marriage she had become the mother of six children who grew to maturity: Sarah, the widow of Lewis Maxwell and a resident of Kansas; Margaret C., the wife of Henry C. Darst, who is mentioned on another page of this work; William H., of this review; Martha Ann, the widow of Henry M. Ridenour and a resident of Greeneville, Ohio; Mary Ellen, the deceased wife of Perry Snyder; and Fanny, of Omaha, who completes the family. Two children, John and Eliza, died in infancy. After the death of his first wife Captain George A. Glotfelter married Mrs. Angeline (Weller) Ervin. His death occurred September 14, 1866.

Captain William H. Glotfelter, the immediate subject of this review, is indebted to the district schools for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He pursued his studies during the winter months until he was seventeen years of age, and remained at home until the time of the Civil war when, his public spirit and patriotic instincts aroused by the rebellion in the south, he enlisted in 1861, for three years' service. He went to Camp Dennison, but the company

which he joined was not organized and after remaining there for a few days he went with some companions to Wilmington, Ohio, and there joined Company B, Twelfth Ohio Infantry, under Captain Doane. When this company was organized he was made orderly sergeant and later was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. On the 18th of April, 1862, he was transferred to Company I, and on the 30th of September of that year was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant of Company A. He took part in many of the most important engagements and battles of the war and was commissioned captain but was never mustered in with that rank. He was present at the battles of Scurry Creek, Monocacy and Antietam, and also participated in the campaign against Morgan in Ohio. He was wounded June 17, 1864, in the right ankle, both bones being shattered. This occurred at Lynchburg, Virginia, and produced a lameness from which he suffered until March 3, 1897, when the limb had to be amputated. He was honorably mustered out August 11, 1864.

After his return from the war Captain Glotfelter became a partner in a general store in Alpha under the firm name of Snyder & Glotfelter, with which he was connected for one year, when he sold out and removed to his present farm. Here he purchased twenty-two acres of land and he has since added to his possessions until he now owns two hundred and twenty-seven acres, on which he has recently erected a good residence and substantial barns. He was married on the 11th of May, 1865, to Miss Anna Hyland, a native of Beavercreek township, born upon the farm where she is now living, her parents having been Hugh H. and Margaret (Snyder) Hyland. Captain and Mrs. Glot-

felter now have two children: Jessie, the wife of R. L. Gowdy; and Martha, who was educated in the Beavercreek high school, after which she pursued a two years' course in the Columbus University and spent one year in Antioch College. She is now successfully engaged in teaching.

The Captain is one of the prominent Republicans in this county, and in 1871 he was elected county sheriff, which position he has filled for two terms, covering four years. In 1889 he was elected county commissioner and filled that office for six years and nine months. He has been a trustee of Beavercreek township and in that office, as in all others he has filled, he discharged his duties in a faithful manner that has won for him the highest commendation not only of the men of his own party, but also of the opposition as well. He belongs to Lewis Post, G. A. R., of Xenia, and the Masonic lodge, also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Union Veteran Legion, all of Xenia. His wife is identified with the Reformed church and both are held in the highest regard, having many friends. Captain Glotfelter comes of an honored pioneer family of Ohio, his record is one which has added luster to the untarnished family name. His grandfather began the work of progress and improvement here, which in turn carried on by his father and has been continued by him. The old homestead in its splendid development is an indication of the active lives of the members of the Glotfelter family. There was no more loyal soldier upon the battlefields of the south than he whose name introduces this review, who, by reason of gallant and meritorious conduct won promotion from the ranks until he was commissioned captain of the company. In political office he has been true, loyal and pub-

lic-spirited, and at all times has been faithful to every obligation of private and public life.

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### FRANK E. KNISLEY.

Frank E. Knisley has not always resided in Greene county, but is a native son of Ohio and represents one of the honored pioneer families of the state. His paternal grandfather, Reuben Knisley, became one of the first settlers of Ross county and is now living—almost a centenarian. James Knisley, the father of our subject, was born in Ross county, and became a wagon-maker by trade, but after the inauguration of the Civil war he put aside business considerations that he might aid in preserving the Union, enlisting in 1861, as a member of the Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He joined the army as a private but was promoted to the rank of first sergeant. His brother-in-law was captain of the company and there were sixteen cousins in that company. Mr. Knisley participated in many important battles, including the engagements of Madrid, Iuka, Corinth, and "Sherman's March to the Sea." He married Nancy McCord, a native of Pike county, Ohio. Mr. Knisley is now residing in Bainbridge, Ohio, but his wife has passed away, having died in August, 1882, at the age of forty-four years, at which time her remains were interred in the cemetery at Cynthiana, Ohio. In the family were seven sons, of whom four are now living: Frank E., of this review; Charles, who makes his home in Xenia, where he follows the carpenter's trade; Dode, also a carpenter and contractor of Xenia; and Edward, a resident of Bainbridge, Ohio.



Frank E. Knisley, whose name introduces this review, was born in Pike county, October 12, 1860, and in the public schools of Rainsboro and Hillsboro, Ohio, he pursued his education. He afterward engaged in teaching school and has followed that profession continuously since, gaining a wide reputation as an educator of ability. In 1885 he came to Xenia, where for seven years he served as a teacher in the public schools and as a truant officer. He then resigned his position, removing to Lancaster, Ohio, where for two years he was a teacher in the reform school. On the expiration of that period he went to Plankinton, South Dakota, and accepted the position of assistant superintendent of the South Dakota Reform School, where he remained until resigning in the early part of 1901. In March of that year he again became a resident of Xenia and accepted the position of superintendent of the County Children's Home, in which capacity he has since served. His labors have proved highly satisfactory to the board of control. He is a gentleman of broad humanitarian principles, deeply interested in his fellow men, and in the progress of the race. He has broad sympathy and therefore is well qualified to fill his present position because of his interest in the children from a physical, moral and intellectual standpoint.

In 1884 Mr. Knisley was united in marriage to Miss Flora Canfield, a native of Xenia, and a daughter of George C. and Anna (Pierce) Canfield, the former one of the pioneer settlers of Springfield, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Knisley now have two children: Pierce, who is studying pharmacy; and Bessie, who is attending school in Xenia. The parents are consistent Christian people, Mr. Knisley belonging to the Methodist

church, his wife to the Baptist church. Externally he is connected with the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias order, and the Sons of Veterans, and has filled all of the chairs in the last two. His political support is given the Republican party and he has never wavered in his allegiance to its principles.

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THOMAS H. HESS.

Thomas H. Hess, who is engaged in the cultivation of the H. B. Stewart farm in Sugarcreek township, was born in Monongalia county, West Virginia, on the 21st of January, 1852. He is a son of James T. and Sarah A. (Hite) Hess. His father was a farmer by occupation and died in West Virginia in the year 1878. His family were strong Union people at the time of the Civil war. Although they did not live in the part of West Virginia where there was any fighting, their farms were raided and they lost some property. They also had to go to the mountains with their horses in order to keep them from being stolen, sometimes it being necessary for them to be away from home for weeks. Two of the sons of the family were soldiers of the Union army. Joseph Steenrod Hess joined the army in April, 1861, at President Lincoln's first call for troops and remained at the front until August, 1865. He was in many battles and was wounded at the engagement at Wytheville, where his horse was shot and fell upon him. After the starry banner of the nation was planted in the capital of the Southern Confederacy he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home. He still resides in West Virginia. William Hess joined the Union army in September, 1862, and was at

the front until the close of hostilities, being wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek. His occupation was a carpenter but he now resides in Warren county, Iowa, where he is the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of land, and is engaged in the insurance business. During the period of the war between the north and the south the father was assistant provost marshal under a Mr. Craft from Ohio, and had many exciting experiences. He was a man without fear and was found in his saddle night and day for about two years. He was a sutler at New Creek and there were people in Greene county who knew him there.

Thomas H. Hess remained at home until sixteen years of age when he came to Greene county and began earning his living by working as a farm hand by the month. Later he removed to Delaware county, Indiana, and it was during his residence there that he was married on the 19th of October, 1876, to Miss Julia A. Gentis. Two children were born of this marriage. Soon after their marriage the young couple removed to his native state, there renting land for three years. On the expiration of that period, after the death of his father Mr. Hess returned to Greene county, taking up his abode in Sugarcreek township, where he is connected with the cultivation of rented land. His elder son, Charles T., was born in West Virginia on the 18th of May, 1878. He now resides in Sugarcreek township with his little family, having married Anna Thomas of that township, by whom he has one daughter—Hattie Belle. The second son, Walter, was born October 8, 1880, and is now employed upon a fruit farm in Clark county, Ohio. The mother died on the 24th of November, 1883. At that time Mr. Hess sold his interest in Greene county and re-

turned to his native state, but not liking it there he persuaded his mother to come to Ohio and keep house for him. His second marriage occurred in West Virginia on the 11th of December, 1884, the lady of his choice being Miss Carrie E. Baker, who was born in that state, a daughter of John and Mary (Reed) Baker. She was reared in West Virginia and by her marriage became the mother of five children: Jessie, who was born in Sugarcreek township, March 18, 1886; Frank Zell, born April 17, 1888; Cora Fay, born September 21, 1890; Hazel Gladys, born January 22, 1893; and Florence, born July 13, 1897.

Since 1881 our subject has resided upon the farm upon which he now makes his home with the exception of a period of our years. This property has been owned by four different people during that time but all have found in Mr. Hess an excellent tenant, reliable, trustworthy, and earnest. In politics he is a Republican and has endorsed the principles of that party since his boyhood days and has given it his ballot since he became of age. He was reared in the Baptist faith but is now a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Bellbrook.

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#### NELSON A. FULTON.

Prominent among the energetic, far-seeing and successful business men of Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, is the subject of this sketch. His life history most happily illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose. Integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success, and his connection with various busi-

ness enterprises and industries has been a decided advantage to this section of Ohio, promoting its material welfare in no uncertain manner.

Nelson A. Fulton was born in Warren county, Ohio, November 15, 1839. His father, Dr. Robert Fulton, was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, where his birth occurred December 31, 1810. During his boyhood he accompanied his parents to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood and obtained a good literary education, which served as an excellent foundation upon which to erect the superstructure of his professional learning. He took up the study of medicine in Warren county under the direction of Dr. Thacker and began practice in Clinton county, Ohio, where he also engaged in merchandising. Subsequently he abandoned the commercial pursuit and opened an office in Lynchburg, where for thirty years he devoted his time and energies to the practice of his profession. For more than sixty years he was a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and thus he devoted his life to two of the most important callings to which man can give his attention. He was quite noted as a pulpit orator and filled various official positions in his church. He also attained prominence as a political speaker, acquiring a wide reputation during the struggle caused through the admission of Kansas into the Union. He belonged to the Odd Fellow fraternity and at one time was grand chaplain of the grand lodge of the state of Ohio. His death occurred on the 1st of October, 1898, in Highland county, Ohio, when he had attained the very advanced age of eighty-seven years. His influence was most marked and the impress of his individuality was left on the lives of many with whom he came in

contact. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Morgan, was a resident of Warren county, Ohio, prior to her marriage. She passed away in 1888 at the age of seventy-four. In their family were eight children who reached mature years and are still living, namely: Theodore, who is engaged in business at Cincinnati and resides at Lynchburg; Adelia, the widow of John L. West, of Hillsboro, Ohio; Nelson A.; Theodosia, who became the wife of W. L. West, of Clinton Valley, Ohio, and died December 31, 1901; Mary E., the wife of W. Miller, of Martinsville, Ohio; S. Q., who resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is manager of the Northwestern Adamant Manufacturing Company; Laura, the wife of Samuel Peale, of Lynchburg; and Robert S., who resides in Germantown, Ohio.

Nelson A. Fulton of this review spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and in 1860, when he had attained his majority, became connected with the business interests of Cincinnati, where he remained until the breaking out of the Civil war. In response to President Lincoln's first call for seventy-five thousand men to serve for three months, he enlisted as a member of Company C, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Captain Don Piatt. Later he re-enlisted for three years in Company D, Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and during the first year he was in West Virginia, participating in the battles of Cotton Mountain and Hawk's Nest. In 1862 the regiment went with General Cox to eastern Virginia and participated in the second battle of Bull Run, Monocacy, South Mountain and Antietam. On the latter field of battle the Eleventh stormed the bridge, their colonel being killed during the charge. The regiment was then ordered



back to West Virginia and went into winter quarters at Somerville. While there they were sent one night on a thirty-mile scout and succeeded in their attempt to capture a rebel outpost. The weather turned cold very suddenly, the mercury falling to twenty-four below zero and a deep snow covering the ground, many of the Union soldiers were badly frozen and they obliged the rebels to run in order to keep them from freezing as they were poorly clothed. Both victors and vanquished endured great suffering on that occasion. After the battle of Stone River the command in West Virginia was ordered out of winter quarters and sent to Tennessee in January, 1863. They went by river from Kenewa Falls to Carthage, Tennessee, on Rosecrans' extreme left, General Crook in command of the division. While there they had to forage for themselves and horses and fight for their supplies every day with Wheeler's Cavalry. On April 14, General Crook took the entire brigade across the river to give Wheeler battle. A detachment of the Eleventh and Eighty-ninth regiments were mounted, and under the command of Captain Spears, of the First Tennessee Cavalry, were ordered to skirmish with Wheeler. While on this mission Mr. Fulton was captured by the Eleventh Texas Cavalry, and after being confined at Chattanooga, Knoxville and Lynchburg, was finally sent to Libby Prison, where he was detained forty days. Seven hundred prisoners were then taken to City Point and paroled. There they were paid off and sent to their respective states. Mr. Fulton came to Columbus on parole and, his term of service having nearly expired, he was discharged June 20, 1864. From hard service and the poor fare which he had while in prison he contracted

chronic rheumatism which permanently crippled him in both feet.

Mr. Fulton made a most creditable military record as a brave and loyal soldier, who was always found at his post of duty. After being mustered out he at once returned home and acted as chief clerk under Major Starr in a mustering and disbursing office in Columbus where he remained for eight months. He then went to Cincinnati and engaged as a salesman in a wholesale dry goods house, where he remained for twelve years. In 1876 he removed to Xenia and engaged in merchandising on his own account, being numbered among the prosperous merchants of this place for thirteen years. He enjoyed a liberal patronage for his business methods were honorable and straightforward, his prices reasonable, and his desire to please his customers manifested in all that he did. At length he was appointed postmaster and then sold his store to George A. Thompson, who had long been in his employ as a salesman.

In his political views Mr. Fulton has always been a stanch Republican but has never sought office as the reward for party fealty. At length, however, he received the appointment to the position of postmaster on the 6th of September, 1889, and was a most capable official, his administration winning him high commendation. The office is a free delivery one, employing twelve clerks. Believing firmly in the principles of the Republican party Mr. Fulton has been very active in promoting its welfare and for five years he served as chairman of the Republican executive committee. On his retirement from the postoffice he engaged in the real estate and loan business in which he continued until February, 1898. He was

then appointed superintendent of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home and filled the position most satisfactorily until May, 1900, when he resigned to resume his former business and is still in the real estate, loan and insurance business, having a very large clientage along these lines.

In Highland county, Ohio, in September, 1863, Mr. Fulton wedded Hannah Graham, a daughter of Robinson and Elizabeth (Strain) Graham, who owned and operated a large farm upon which Mrs. Fulton lived until her marriage. Unto our subject and his wife was born a son, who died in infancy. Mr. Fulton is an active and valued representative of the Masonic fraternity, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Union Veterans' Legion. He is also, with Mrs. Fulton, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has made an untarnished record and unspotted reputation as a business man. In all places and under all circumstances he is loyal to truth, honor and the right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame and position. In those finer traits of character which combine to form that which we term friendship, which endear and attach man to man in bonds which nothing but the stain of dishonor can sever, which triumph and shine brightest in the hour of adversity,—in those qualities he is royally endowed.

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#### HENRY C. DARST.

Upon a good farm of one hundred and ninety-five acres, Henry C. Darst is now living and has made his home there throughout his entire life with the exception of the period of his early boyhood. He was born in Dayton, November 16, 1830, and is a son

of Jacob and Ruhamah (Moler) Darst. The father was born in Frederick county, Virginia, while the mother's birth occurred at Harper's Ferry, that state. Mr. Darst was a farmer by occupation and on coming to Ohio purchased land in Greene county, but subsequently sold his farm and removed to Dayton. He remained but a few years in the city, however, and then removed to a farm which he purchased adjoining his old place in Beavercreek township, Greene county, making his home thereon until his death, which occurred May 28, 1852, when he was sixty-six years of age. His wife died February 13, 1878, at the age of eighty-one, and both were laid to rest in the Beavertown cemetery. After the death of her husband Mrs. Darst resided with our subject for several years. Both were consistent members of the Christian church and frequently in the early days religious services were held in their home. The old Darst residence is one of the landmarks of the community. It was erected in 1832 by the father of our subject, and is built of brick. It was one of the largest and best homes in that part of Ohio at the time of its building and through almost two-thirds of a century it has looked forth upon the county, a silent witness of its progress and improvement, its substantial up-building and its advancement along social, intellectual and moral lines. Mr. Darst gave his political support to the Whig party and though he never sought office was ever a public-spirited and progressive man. Unto him and his wife were born six children: Roleigh, who died in April, 1902, in Beavercreek township; Abraham, a resident of Dayton; Henry C.; Martha, the widow of John Kennedy, a resident of Montgomery county, Ohio; and two who died in early childhood.

Henry C. Darst pursued his education in a little log schoolhouse and after he was able to assist in the work of the farm he had the opportunity of attending school for only three months a year and that during the winter season when the work upon the farm was practically over. He remained upon the old homestead with his father until the latter's death and has never left the old place which is endeared to him through the associations of his boyhood as well as those of mature years.

On October 11, 1855, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Glotfelter, a native of Beavercreek township, and a daughter of George and Harriet (Smith) Glotfelter, both of whom were natives of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, but were married in this county. The Glotfelter family were of Swiss origin, while the Darst family is of German descent. The father of Mrs. Darst was twenty-three years of age at the time of his marriage and his wife was twenty-four. The former was a son of John Adam Glotfelter, who married a Miss Newman. Unto the parents of Mrs. Darst were born eight children: Sarah, the widow of Lewis Maxwell, and a resident of Grant county, Kansas; Margaret, the wife of our subject; Captain W. H., who is living in Beavercreek township; Martha, the widow of Henry Ridenour, and a resident of Greenville, Ohio; John A., who died in childhood; Mary Ellen, the deceased wife of Perry Snyder; Harriet F., who married Josiah A. Aulbaugh, and resides in Omaha, Nebraska; Eliza Jane, who died in childhood. The father of this family was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit until the time of his death. He served as a captain in the old state militia and was always afterward known by that title. In the old days the

militia used to muster upon his farm and there drill. Mr. Glotfelter was the owner of considerable property and in addition to his farming land he at one time owned and operated a grist mill in connection with his brother. His political support was given the Whig party until its dissolution when he joined the ranks of the Republican party. Both he and his wife were members of the Reformed church and his death occurred in 1865, while the wife passed away June 25, 1859.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Darst has been blessed with five children. Edward W., who is living in Texas, is engaged as a minister of the Christian church. He married Miss Minnie Souders, a daughter of Doctor Souders of Beavertown, and they have one child, Margaret. William H., who is living in Beavercreek township, married Miss Sarah Sourbray, and they have two children, Mary and Louise. Mattie died in childhood. Mary is the wife of James E. Andrew, a resident of Sugarcreek township, and they have three living children, Herbert, Alma and Ralph, and have lost one son, William. Emma R., the youngest member of the family, is at home.

Mr. Darst has devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising throughout his entire life and is to-day the owner of the old homestead place, comprising one hundred and ninety-five acres of rich land. He still lives in the old brick residence which was erected by his father, and little change has been made in it save that a porch has been added. There is a good barn on the place, eighty by forty-five feet, and everything upon the farm is in a good state of improvement and repair, indicating the thrifty and enterprising spirit of the owner. Both Mr. and Mrs. Darst hold membership in the



Church of Christ and are people of sterling worth, widely known and honored throughout the community in which they so long resided. They have traveled life's journey together for almost half a century and receive the warm regard of all with whom they have come in contact. Mr. Darst is a staunch Republican but has not held office.

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### LEANDER SPAHR.

Leander Spahr, who follows agricultural pursuits on the Burlington pike, four miles south of Xenia, was born in Spring Valley township, January 22, 1852, his parents being Elijah and Ann (McKay) Spahr. His father was born in Hardy county, Virginia, in February, 1816, and died in August, 1891. He was twelve years of age when he came to Ohio, the family settling in Greene county, where he learned the wood-worker's trade and aided in manufacturing plows and fanning mills in the employ of a Mr. Pagette. After arriving at years of maturity he married Mrs. Ann McKnight, nee McKay, a widow of James McKnight. She was a daughter of Jesse McKay, and by her first marriage she had four children, of whom two are living, Elizabeth and Maria. The former became the wife of Benjamin Jones, by whom she had two children. Her second husband was Noah Tremble, and her third husband was Alonzo Cronkhite, with whom she is now living in Indiana. Robert McKnight was a soldier in the Civil war who served throughout the period of hostilities and died in November, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Spahr resided upon the McKnight farm and it was there that our subject was born. Later this place was sold and Mr.

Spahr purchased two hundred and two acres of land upon which his son Leander now resides. Upon this place he spent his remaining days, successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits. His political support was given the Democracy, but he never sought or desired office or took an active part in political argument. His attention was given in an undivided manner to his farm work. He cleared about twenty-four acres of land and during the Civil war he built the house which our subject now occupies. It is well constructed with a heavy frame and black walnut weather boarding. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Spahr were born seven children: Angeline, who died when about twenty-two years of age; Lavinia, who became the wife of Philip Peterson, but is now deceased; Leander, of this review; Rebecca Emeline, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Mattie, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Leroy, who is clerking in Dayton; and Ella, the wife of L. Arthur Babb.

After acquiring his preliminary education in the common schools, Mr. Spahr attended the high school at Spring Valley. He remained at home and after his father's death, according to the terms of the will, administered the estate. He is still carrying on agricultural pursuits and his efforts have been attended with a high degree of success.

Mr. Spahr was reared in the Democratic faith and for a time voted that ticket, but afterward became a Republican, and is now a staunch supporter of the party, although he never seeks nor desires office. He has been a member of the board of education and the schools find in him a warm friend. Since eighteen years of age he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has long served as superintendent of the

Sunday school. He has also been trustee and class leader of the Richland church and is a liberal supporter of its work and does all in his power to extend its influence. Fraternally he is connected with the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Throughout his entire life he has resided upon the farm which is now his home, and that many who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his staunchest friends, is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright career.

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#### DANIEL M. STEWART.

Among the prominent residents of Xenia is numbered D. M. Stewart, who owes his success not to any fortunate circumstances which surrounded him in youth but to the qualities of enterprise, determination and laudable ambition. He is to-day filling the position of vice president of the Xenia National Bank, to which office he was elected in January, 1902. Mr. Stewart was born on the 17th of March, 1840, upon his father's farm in Greene county. He is one of the two surviving children born unto William H. and Esther (McMillen) Stewart, both of whom were natives of South Carolina. The father, who was born in February, 1811, became a resident of this county in 1820, being brought to Ohio by his parents, who settled two miles from Xenia. In the schools of the neighborhood he acquired his education and afterward followed farming for a livelihood. The later years of his life, however, were spent in retirement from active labor. He passed away in 1878 and his wife was called to her final rest on the 15th of June, 1856.

Upon the old home farm in Greene county, Daniel M. Stewart was reared, and the district schools afforded him his educational privileges. He had almost attained his majority when he entered the service of his country as a defender of the Union in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Immediately after his discharge he returned to Xenia and again engaged in farming, his attention being devoted to the tilling of the soil until 1876, when he took up his abode in this city, where he was engaged in the real estate and life insurance business until 1878, when he became a representative of the real estate interests of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company Land Grant. He was associated with W. R. Linn, with main office at Springfield, Ohio, they being general agents of the company and had charge of agencies east of the Mississippi river. Our subject had supervision of the outside work, which necessitated a large amount of travel. He continued with the company until the sales were made and business closed. Mr. Stewart invested in lands and developed mines in the Joplin district in southwestern Missouri, where for sixteen years he successfully followed mining, his methods being such as to make his labors of profit. He has disposed of his mining interests, but has two fine farms in this county, which are in a high degree of cultivation. For five years he has been a director in the Xenia National Bank and in January, 1902, was elected vice president, in which position he is now serving.

In 1877 Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Bonner, a daughter of Rev. James Bonner of Shelby county, Ohio, who was a minister of the United Presby-

terian church. Unto our subject and his wife has been born a daughter, Belle, who has recently graduated from the seminary at Washington, Pennsylvania, and is at home. Mr. Stewart is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and in his political affiliations is a pronounced Republican. For twelve consecutive years he represented his ward in the city council of Xenia, exercising his official prerogatives in support of all measures and movements which he believed to be of general good. His efforts in behalf of the city have been valuable and far-reaching and his co-operation is never sought in vain for the advancement of any movements which he believes will contribute to the general welfare.

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#### DANIEL MORGAN ST. JOHN.

Among the valiant sons that Greene county sent to the front at the time when the country became involved in civil war was Daniel Morgan St. John, who is now numbered among the successful and well known agriculturists of Caesarscreek township. He was born in this township June 13, 1835, and his life has ever been in harmony with an untarnished family record. The district schools afforded him his educational privileges, and he was identified with farming interests until 1864, when he offered his services to the Union, enlisting at Xenia as a private of Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry. He served with that command until September 2, 1864, when he was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison with the rank of corporal, having in the meantime participated in the battle of New Creek, Virginia.

Mr. St. John had previously been married and now returned to his family. It was on the 28th of January, 1858, that he led to the marriage altar Miss Eliza J. Beam, a sister of Daniel H. Beam. Ten children have been born unto them: Anna Bell, who was born May 16, 1859, is the deceased wife of David G. Ford, of Kansas, by whom she had four children—Jessie, Mopsie, Frankie and Vesta. Alva H., born August 15, 1861, married Olive Smith and has one living child, Harper. Their home is in Caesarscreek township. Aletha L., born September 1, 1863, is the wife of David W. Painter, of Spring Valley township, and has four children—Orville, Dora, Ethel and Elsie. William H., born November 22, 1865, died at the age of two years. Ada J., born March 11, 1868, is the wife of Alpha Thomas, of Paintersville, and has one child, Fred. Ella D., born August 28, 1870, is the wife of Frank W. Walker, of Xenia, and they have four children—Reva, Lora, Karl and Paul. Arthur E., born February 23, 1873, married Cora Ellis, and of their three children one is living—Leon. Their home is in Caesarscreek township. Glendora, born June 26, 1875, is the wife of Oscar Ellis, of Xenia, and they have four children—Leona, Ernest, Luam and Emmett. Osco E., born November 6, 1877, married Nora Adams, and resides in Caesarscreek township. Bertha E., born September 4, 1885, completes the family.

In the spring of 1858 Mr. St. John settled upon the farm which he has since made his home, bringing his wife a bride to that place. Here they have since resided, and he has given his supervision to the care and cultivation of his three hundred and forty-four acres of land. He has placed all of the improvements on this farm and it is



equipped with modern accessories and conveniences such as indicate his practical and thorough knowledge of the best methods of farming. He is identified with Lewis Post, G. A. R., of Xenia, and exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, on whose ticket he was elected treasurer of Caesarscreek township, holding the office for four years. He also belongs, with Mrs. St. John, to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is now serving as steward and has been trustee. Throughout his entire life he has advocated progressive measures, tending to advance material, social, intellectual and moral interests. He is reliable in business transactions and faithful in friendship, and the qualities of an upright manhood are his.

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ALBERT M. GREGG.

The rich farms of Greene county have contributed largely to her prosperity, and many of those who are engaged in cultivating the soil are classed among the enterprising and progressive residents of this portion of the state. Mr. Gregg, who successfully follows agricultural pursuits in Spring Valley township, was born in Sugarcreek township on the 5th of January, 1850. His father, Aaron Gregg, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1819, and when eighteen years of age came to Ohio, locating in Warren county, where he met and married Rebecca Kelsey, who was born in that county, a daughter of Amos and Margaret (Blackford) Kelsey. The father of our subject came to Greene county about 1849 and purchased land in Sugarcreek township, where he resided for a few years, and then returned to Warren county, his wife having died in the meantime. In 1859

he went to Warsaw, Kentucky, where he engaged in farming for a year, and then purchased a wharf boat and a gristmill, engaging in the milling business in 1866. During the Civil war he was elected on the Union ticket to the office of state senator of Kentucky, and took an active part in shaping the legislation of the state during that momentous and troublous period. By President Lincoln he was appointed United States marshal for the seventh district of Kentucky, serving from 1862 until the close of the war. In 1866 he removed to Lawrence county, Illinois, where he conducted a gristmill and distillery, carrying on business along those lines until his death in 1875. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and while he had received but a common-school education he was a well read man, who kept thoroughly informed on the leading issues and topics of the day.

Mr. Gregg, whose name introduces this review, received but a limited education except in the school of experience. He was about nine years of age when he left Ohio, accompanying his father on his various removals and assisting him in his work until his death. When his father had passed away Mr. Gregg returned to Ohio, settling in Warren county. When about ten years of age he had begun to act as engineer in his father's mill. He was afterward a locomotive engineer on the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, and on abandoning that mode of life returned to the Buckeye state. After his marriage he engaged in farming for a year and then became an engineer in the mill and distillery owned by F. C. Trebein. After a few months, however, he resumed farming, which he has since followed, operating one hundred and ninety-one acres, which his wife inherited.

On the 26th of January, 1879, Mr. Gregg married Miss Sarah E. Wright, who was born in Sugarcreek township, a daughter of Charles W. and Elizabeth (Venard) Wright. The father was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, November 26, 1822, and the mother in Warren county, Ohio, December 12, 1823, while their marriage occurred May 26, 1843. They resided for many years in Sugarcreek township, this county, and the father, following farming, became the owner of eight hundred acres of land in Greene and Montgomery counties. He died October 23, 1886. He was very successful in his business pursuits, had marked ability as a financier and accumulated a handsome property. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Baptist church. Three children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Gregg: Mary Elizabeth, who was born in Warren county, and is the wife of William F. Holland, of this county, their marriage having taken place November 27, 1901; Charles Aaron, who was born August 11, 1882; and Florence P., who was born in the house in which she is still living with her parents. Mr. Gregg's endorsement of the Republican party is indicated by his ballot which is given for its men and measures, but while he keeps well informed on the issues of the day he has never sought office, his attention being fully occupied with the duties of business life, and the pleasures of the home.

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#### WILLIAM D. WRIGHT.

William D. Wright is connected with merchandising and financial interests in Xenia, being senior partner of the present firm of Wright & Carruthers and a director

in the Xenia National Bank. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 9th of November, 1844, a son of Thomas L. and Margaret A. (Bear) Wright, whose family numbered six children. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and when about two years old was brought to Ohio by his parents, who located in Freeport, Harrison county, and afterward removed to Guernsey county. It was in the latter place that the father of our subject continued to make his home until 1883, when he came to Xenia. Throughout his business career he carried on agricultural pursuits and thus provided comfortably for his family. His death occurred in Xenia in 1888, and his widow is spending her declining years in the home of her son, William D., having reached a hale old age of eighty-four years.

In the common schools William D. Wright pursued his studies, being a student at New Birmingham, Ohio. It was in that place that he was reared. He learned telegraphy in Cambridge, Ohio, and at the age of twenty years he accepted his first position with the Western Union Telegraph Company at Washington, Ohio, where he became operator as successor to T. J. Lovejoy, who is now secretary of the Carnegie Iron and Steel Company. Coming to Xenia, Mr. Wright accepted a position as manager for the same corporation and served in that important position until 1894, when he resigned on account of ill health. He was then appointed general manager of the Miami Telephone Company with headquarters at Xenia, and filled that position acceptably for four years, during which time the lines were practically reconstructed, but he never recovered from the strain which had been placed upon him in the Western Union service, and his physicians advised him to rest

for a time. For two years thereafter he was not actively connected with business interests. In February, 1899, however, he purchased an interest in the coal business which is now conducted by the firm of Wright & Carruthers, becoming the successor of J. B. Carruthers, who met his death in a railroad accident. They deal in both anthracite and bituminous coal and do a wholesale and retail business, their patronage now being quite extensive. In 1895 Mr. Wright was elected a director in the Xenia National Bank and has since been thus financially connected with the institution. In his political affiliations he is a Republican. A genial, courteous gentleman and a pleasant, entertaining companion, he has many stanch and admiring friends among all classes of men. As an energetic and upright business man and a gentleman of attractive social qualities he stands high in the estimation of the entire community.

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#### SIMON BLACK.

Simon Black, a representative citizen and prominent farmer of Beavercreek township, has spent his entire life in Greene county, Ohio, his birth having occurred in Bath township in 1831. His father, Robert Black, was born in western Pennsylvania and was a son of Mathew Black, who brought his family to this state at an early day, and settled in Beavercreek township, Greene county. Robert Black received but a very limited education, pursuing his studies first in a log school house in Pennsylvania and later in Beavercreek township, this county, after the removal of the family to Ohio. At an early age he started out in

life for himself, and engaged in farming about one mile below the place where his son now lives. After living there a number of years, he removed to Beavercreek township. He wedded Mary Koogler, a native of that township, and to them were born nine children, three sons and six daughters, namely: Sarah, a resident of Covington, Ohio; Simon, of this review; Jonathan, whose home is in Ludlow; Rebecca, a resident of Beavercreek township; Mary, deceased; Jacob, a resident of Illinois; Annie Maria, of Missouri; Catherine, of Dayton, Ohio; and Eliza Jane, wife of Morris Carter, of Dayton. The father was a self-made man, whose success in life was due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts, for he was entirely without capital on beginning his business career. He cleared about one hundred and sixty acres of land, and at his death owned a well improved and valuable farm of two hundred acres.

Simon Black was educated in an old log school house situated about a mile and a half from his boyhood home, school being conducted on the subscription plan. He early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits, and at the age of twenty years entered into partnership with his father in his farming operations, remaining under the parental roof until his marriage. He then moved one mile north of the old homestead and rented a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, which he subsequently purchased, and later he purchased another farm of about one hundred acres in the same vicinity. Upon his place he raises principally corn and wheat, but also gives some attention to the raising of cattle and hogs.

Mr. Black was married in 1857 to Miss Sophia Garlaugh, who was born in Beaver-



creek township, this county, and they have become the parents of three children, two sons and one daughter, namely: Robert H., Simon D. and Elizabeth, all at home. In 1886 Simon D. married Miss Sarah L. Reese, of Beavercreek township, and they have one child, Dorothy, who is now fourteen years of age and is attending the high school of Fairfield. The sons always assisted their father in the operation of the home farm, and they are now engaged in farming in partnership.

By his ballot Mr. Black usually supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but at local elections when no issue is involved he votes for the men whom he believes best qualified for office regardless of party lines. He has never been prevailed upon to accept political positions of any kind as he prefers to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He and his wife are active and consistent members of the Reformed church; and are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

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### JAMES S. MCCLURE.

James S. McClure, who follows farming in Sugarcreek township, near Bellbrook, was born about a mile south of his present home, his birth occurring on the 8th of January, 1846. He is a son of Cyrus and Mary Jane (Dinwiddie) McClure. His paternal grandfather, Andrew McClure, came to Ohio at an early period in its development, and for a time resided east of the Miami river, but later removed to a farm west of the river, taking up his abode upon the place which is now the home of our subject. There the grandfather spent his remaining days, and

the property remained in the family until 1897. Andrew McClure was a native of Virginia, born on the 3d of March, 1773, near the town of Charleston. He wedded Mary Steele, who was born January 24, 1779, and died on the 5th of November, 1862.

Cyrus McClure, the father of our subject, was born September 1, 1811, and throughout his entire life carried on agricultural pursuits, but died in early manhood, leaving but one child, the subject of this review, who was then about two years old. The mother afterward married again, when James S. McClure was about fifteen years of age. She had removed to Bellbrook soon after the death of her first husband, and thus James S. McClure remained a resident of that city during much of his youth. His maternal grandfather, John R. Dinwiddie, was a wagonmaker and when our subject was not engaged with the duties of the schoolroom he was employed at painting wagons in his grandfather's shop. When fifteen years of age he determined to secure a position, and after working one season went to the old home farm, where he began farming on shares, being thus employed for many years after his marriage or until 1890.

It was in Warren county, Ohio, in 1867, that Mr. McClure was joined in wedlock to Miss Josephine Murphy and unto them has been born one child, Walter, whose birth occurred on the old homestead farm December 16, 1868. He married Miss Mary Scott on the 18th of October, 1892, and is engaged in the undertaking business in Waynesville, Ohio. He has two children, James E. and Carl Scott. In 1869 the subject of this review was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 24th of September of that year. His second mar-

riage took place in Warren county, Ohio, May 24, 1871, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Chenoweth, who was born in that county August 11, 1852, a daughter of George and Letitia (Cox) Chenoweth. The children of the second marriage are: Ida May, who was born November 16, 1872, and became the wife of Perry M. Kelsey, April 27, 1896; Samuel C., who was born March 22, 1875, and was married November 25, 1897, to L. Bertha Hatfield; and Mary J., who was born February 18, 1878, and is at home.

Mr. McClure followed in his father's political footsteps, becoming a staunch Republican. He has served altogether for eleven years as a trustee of Sugarcreek township, has taken an active and influential part in political affairs and has served as a delegate to many conventions. He and his wife hold membership in the United Presbyterian church, and he contributed largely to the erection of the house of worship. His support is never withheld from any movement which he believes will advance the material, intellectual or moral upbuilding of the community.



### JOHN LUTZ.

Earnest and indefatigable labor has been the secret of the success which John Lutz has attained. For more than forty years he has been successfully engaged in blacksmithing and wagonmaking and is thus a well known factor in industrial circles of Xenia. He is among the valuable citizens that Maryland has furnished to the Buckeye state, his birth having occurred near Clear Spring on the 5th of January, 1829

The family is of German lineage and the great-grandfather of our subject came from Germany to the new world. The grandfather, Nicholas Lutz, spent his last years in Pennsylvania. Henry Lutz, the father of our subject, was born near Millersburg, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1802. He married Frances Moudy, who was a native of Williamsport, Maryland, and unto them were born two sons and three daughters, but only two of the number reached mature years, John and Mary, the latter becoming the wife of B. Y. Berry, then a resident of Xenia. In 1859 the father removed with his family to Indiana and settled on a farm near Fort Wayne, but after residing there for ten years returned to Xenia, where he departed this life in 1877, his wife passing away about eight years later.

John Lutz spent the first twenty-four years of his life under the parental roof. His educational privileges were somewhat meagre but he was well trained in lessons of industry and frugality, which proved the foundation of his prosperity in later years. When still a young man he began learning the blacksmith's trade, becoming quite expert in the use of the tools of the smithy. In November, 1853, he arrived in Ohio, locating in Xenia and for fourteen months he was in the employ of James White. He then returned to Maryland for his bride, for ere leaving his native land he had become betrothed to Savilla Wolford. The marriage was celebrated at her home in Maryland in March, 1855, and they began their domestic life in Xenia, where they have remained continuously since. His father accompanied him on his return to this place and together they established a business on Church street where for four years they engaged in blacksmithing. In the spring of 1859 our sub-

ject purchased the wagon works of one of the early settlers and with the exception of the first year he has conducted the business alone, covering a period of more than forty years. In his work he has ever been thorough and reliable, and his straightforward dealings and capability have secured to him creditable success.

In the early part of 1864 Mr. Lutz responded to the country's call for aid and became a Union soldier, joining Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. With his regiment he went to New Creek, Virginia, and he participated in the battle at that place. He took part in no other engagements but experienced many of the hardships and privations incident to a soldier's life. After four months service he received an honorable discharge at Camp Dennison, Ohio, in October, 1864, and then resumed the pursuits of civil life. He has since been engaged in blacksmithing and wagonmaking in Xenia and as the years have passed he has added to his capital until he is now the possessor of a handsome competence. For a number of years one of his sons has been associated with him in the conduct of the business. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz has been blessed with six children of whom the following are living: Jacob H.; John E.; Laura B., now the wife of John F. Sanders; Cora E., and Ida S., the wife of George Sinz. Mr. Lutz and his family are members of the Reformed church and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of Lewis Post, No. 347, G. A. R., while in his political views he is a Republican. His life has been quietly passed, not marked by any event of special importance, yet his history is that of one who has

ever been true and loyal to public and private duty. He is known as an honorable man, a pleasant, sociable companion and a fond husband and father.

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### JOSHUA BARNETT.

In public office as well as in private life Joshua Barnett has shown himself a worthy and loyal citizen, devoted to the best interests of the community. Throughout his business career he has carried on farming and has ever been upright and reliable in his dealings with his fellowmen. Among Greene county's native sons he is numbered, his birth having occurred in the northeastern part of Spring Valley township, October 13, 1852, his parents being John and Amelia (Moody) Barnett, both of whom were natives of Maryland. Soon after their marriage they emigrated to Ohio, settling on a farm in Spring Valley township, Greene county. The father had acquired a good education in his youth and had engaged in teaching before he came to Ohio. Here he owned a farm of one hundred and fifty acres and his labors transformed it into a valuable tract, which annually returned to him a good income. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, eight of whom reached mature years, while five are still living, namely: Oliver, a resident of Xenia township; Edward, who lives on the lower Bellbrook road in Xenia township; James, whose farm borders the upper Bellbrook road, in Sugarcreek township; Virginia, the wife of George Nisonger, of Beavercreek township; and Joshua. The father was an adherent of Republican principles and was a

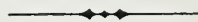


member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Joshua Barnett in his youth. Amid work and play and the duties of the school room the years passed and at the age of twenty-three he entered upon an independent business career. When about twenty-five years of age he made his first purchase of land, comprising forty-five acres in Spring Valley township. He put some improvements upon that farm and made it his home for about four years, after which he sold it and purchased his present farm of seventy-five acres. This is a rich and arable tract of land and annually he garners good harvests. He has splendid improvements upon his place, including an attractive home two stories in height and containing eight rooms. It is tastefully furnished and is celebrated for its warm hearted hospitality. There is a good bank barn and other necessary improvements, and the farm is a monument to the enterprise, capable management and business ability of the owner. He has gained the property through his own well directed efforts.

On the 10th of January, 1877, occurred the marriage of Mr. Barnett and Miss Caroline Simison, of Spring Valley township, a daughter of Milo and Mary (Kelly) Simison. Their home has been blessed with four children: Samuel D., born October 29, 1877; Ohmer J., born February 29, 1880; Ethel; born September 19, 1882; and George C., born December 2, 1888. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, being connected with Gladys chapel and Mr. Barnett has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school for several years. He is now a trustee of the church, does all in his power to extend its influence, and con-

tributes liberally to its support. In 1876 he proudly cast his first presidential vote, supporting Hayes, and has since been a staunch Republican. In 1902 he was the candidate for county commissioner. He has served as a member of the state board of equalization for the counties of Greene, Clinton, Ross, Fayette and Highland, and succeeded in securing a reduction on the assessment for all these counties—over one million dollars for Greene county alone. He is public spirited and progressive and heartily co-operates with every movement and measure calculated to prove of general good. His worth is widely acknowledged and the circle of his friends is only limited by the circle of his acquaintances.



#### JAMES WALLACE POLLOCK.

One of the finest farms in Greene county is that owned and occupied by James W. Pollock. It is well located on the Xenia pike, a mile and a half from Cedarville, in Cedarville township, and it comprises three hundred and sixty acres. One hundred acres of this adjoins the birthplace of Whitelaw Reid, the New York journalist. The Pollock family is of Scotch-Irish lineage, and the first representative of this branch of the family in America was William Pollock, the grandfather of our subject, who came from Scotland and located in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he spent his remaining days. In that county John Pollock was born and grew to manhood. In Westmoreland county of the same state lived Abraham and Jane (Johnson) Elder, who were also of Scotch-Irish descent, and unto them was born a daughter,

Jane. The Elders removed to Logan county, Ohio, about 1820 and there Mr. Elder became a man of note, his ability making him a leader in public affairs. He was elected one of the first judges of the county and filled that position for many years. John Pollock also left the Keystone state and became a resident of Logan county. There he formed the acquaintance of Jane Elder and in 1834 they were married. They located upon a tract of land near Huntsville and there they reared their family of eight children, the subject of this review being the third in order of birth.

It was upon the 12th of January, 1840, that James Wallace Pollock first opened his eyes to the light of day. At the usual age he entered the district schools, and after studying there for some time he pursued a course in a select school near his home. Remaining with his parents until after the breaking out of the Civil war he joined the Union army on the 23d of June, 1862, at Huntsville and was assigned to Company D, Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry, which was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. He took part in some of the principal engagements against Morgan, that at Somerset being the most important. At Philadelphia, Tennessee, on the 20th of October, 1863, he was taken prisoner and was sent to Atlanta and thence to Libby prison. Not long afterward he was transferred to Belle Isle, where he was held for four months, and later he was conveyed to Pemberton and then to Andersonville, where he spent six months during the worst period in all the horrors of that loathsome prison den. During his confinement Mr. Pollock had charge of a mess of one hundred men, for whom he drew the stuff they called rations. The commissary sergeant of a small party

of colored troops was brutally shot by the guard and the rebels would not issue rations directly to the negroes, so it became necessary for white men to draw their supplies. The position was not a pleasant one to fill and few cared to undertake it, but Mr. Pollock volunteered to take charge of the negroes and did so until his removal from the place. At one time the raiders became so numerous and so bold in their depredations,—even at times murdering the defenseless prisoners,—that a committee was formed to remedy the evil. Mr. Pollock was one of the committeemen and aided in bringing the miscreants to justice six of them being hung. When captured our subject weighed one hundred and seventy-five pounds, but under the horrors of prison life his weight was reduced to eighty-three pounds. From Andersonville he was sent to Charleston, where a party of prisoners were kept under guard for six weeks until the stockade at Florence was completed and they were sent there. On the way Mr. Pollock and a comrade, Charles Hoffman, of Buffalo, New York, made an attempt to escape, jumping from the car while it was in motion. A few shots were fired at them, but they managed to get away in the darkness, traveling all night. The next day, however, they were run down by bloodhounds and taken to Florence, reaching there only thirty-six hours after the others. Mr. Pollock still bears on his leg the scars left by the bites of the hounds. After he had spent ten weeks at Florence the prisoners were exchanged in Charleston harbor in 1864 and were then sent home on furlough. Mr. Pollock rejoined his regiment on the 5th of April, 1865, and was mustered out with his command at Camp Parker, near Nashville, on the 19th of June following.

Returning to Logan county he entered Duff's Commercial College, from which he was graduated the following year. He then turned his attention to the drug business, in which he was engaged for several years, during two years of this time carrying on a store at Cedarville, while for a considerable time he was in Xenia. In 1871 he removed to his present farm and has since carried on farming and stock-raising, always having thoroughbred cattle at the head of his herd. For the past ten years he has made a specialty of polled Durham, which popular variety he introduced, being the first man to own one in the county. For many years he had a thoroughbred Devon herd which he exhibited at different state fairs in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and the St. Louis exposition, taking many prizes for the herd. He not only met with success but did much to better the grade of stock in the county. At present he has about fifty head of polled Durhams, known as the Hill View herd, and considered one of the finest of this section of the state. For many years his place was known as the Anderson stock farm, but Mr. Pollock has changed the name to the Hill View stock farm. He is one of the most progressive, enterprising and prosperous stock raisers of the locality and a man of excellent business ability.

During his residence in Cedarville Mr. Pollock was united in marriage to Miss Nettie, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Townsend) Anderson, of that place, the wedding being celebrated November 4 1869. Her father was born on the farm where Mr. Pollock is now living, and it remained in his possession for fifty-six years, but in August, 1869, he was called to his final rest. He was a son of William Anderson, who

came to Greene county from Kentucky at a very early day and settled upon the tract of land which now constitutes the Hill View stock farm. Samuel Anderson was born in 1818 and throughout his life was an active and enterprising agriculturist. His widow is still living at the age of seventy-seven years, making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Pollock. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children. Edith is now the wife of Rev. Pressley Thompson, of Washington, Pennsylvania, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, and they have four children: Wilbur Pollock, Margaret, Pressley, Jr., and Donald Bruce. Jennie is the wife of Leonard Aitken, who is engaged in general mining at Colorado Springs, Colorado, and they have one child, Regina. Junia, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, is still at home.

In his political views Mr. Pollock is a stalwart Republican, never wavering in his allegiance to the party. He has been a most active factor in promoting agricultural interests in this portion of the state, and in addition to his being a member of the board of agriculture he is one of the charter members of the American Devon Cattle Club and one of the founders of the Ohio Spanish Merino Sheep Breeders' Association, and was a member of the state board of agriculture from 1890 until 1894. He was serving as its president at the time he retired from the office. His political service covers six years spent as county commissioner of Greene county, from 1890 until 1896. He filled the office for two terms by election and for one term by appointment. Mr. Pollock has always taken an active interest in educational affairs and served for fifteen years as a member of the Xenia township board of education, and



has always stood for progressive ideas. He gave all his daughters collegiate educations at Monmouth, Illinois. He was a member of the county agricultural board for twenty consecutive years, serving two years as its president, and did much to build up the fair. He and his wife are devoted and loyal members of the United Presbyterian church and for many years he has served as one of its elders. A man of broad views and liberal policy, yet strong in his good name as well as in his business ability, James W. Pollock well deserves mention among the prominent residents of Greene county.

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#### ROBERT GRIEVE.

Robert Grieve is a retired farmer who makes his home in Xenia. His birth occurred on the old family homestead within two miles of the city, July 27, 1831. He comes of a family of agriculturists that through different generations has been connected with the tilling of the soil. The family is of Scotch lineage, the father, Archibald Grieve, having been a farmer of county Selkirk, Scotland, where he was born in 1775. In the year 1812 he crossed the Atlantic to America, landing at New York, where he remained until 1814. He then made his way by boat to Warren county, Ohio, and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of the state. He was united in marriage to Agnes Stephenson, who was born in Roxboroughshire, Scotland, and was a daughter of John and Isabella Stephenson. The marriage was celebrated March 11, 1811, and a year later they sailed for the new world. When Archibald Grieve arrived with his family in what is now Greene

county, he bought one hundred acres of land and immediately proceeded to clear a sufficient amount of this in order to erect a little log cabin which would serve as a shelter for his family, and the wolves also seemed to think that it might serve the same purpose for them. It was often necessary to bar the door in order to keep out the wild animals. Wild deer roamed through the forests and venison was a well known dish upon the pioneer boards, if a member of the family happened to be a good shot. Mr. Grieve proceeded as rapidly as possible in clearing and cultivating his land and in a few years he had a comfortable home, although in early days the family endured all the trials and hardships incident to frontier life. He and his wife were members of the Seceder church, now known as the United Presbyterian church, and although the nearest place of worship in the early days was eight miles distant from their home, it did not prevent these worthy people from attending divine services. Archibald Grieve and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom our subject and four brothers are the surviving members.

Robert Grieve of this review is the only one of the family now residing in Greene county. His oldest brother died in the year 1847. Like most boys of the period Robert Grieve attended the public schools during the winter months and throughout the remainder of the year assisted in the labors of the field and meadow. He was thus engaged until twenty-one years of age, when he put aside his text books and thereafter devoted his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1867 he purchased a farm upon which he long resided—a tract of sixty acres which he cultivated and improved, transforming it into a valuable property.

He still owns this and also has another farm of one hundred acres on the border line of Xenia and New Jasper townships, which is now managed by his son. For many years in addition to the cultivation of crops best adapted to the soil and climate, Mr. Grieve was extensively engaged in raising graded stock, including shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs, and also bred horses. Thoroughly familiar with the best methods of farming and stock-raising and directing his efforts along well defined lines of labor, he met with a richly merited degree of success in his undertakings and as the years passed accumulated a comfortable competence, which now enables him to live retired. He makes his home in Xenia, enjoying the fruits of his former toil, which supplies him with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Grieve married Miss Elizabeth Crawford in 1856. She was a daughter of Robert Crawford, a resident of Xenia, and died in 1888, leaving three sons: Archibald, who is now on one of his father's farms; Rankin, a resident of Xenia, who was sheriff of Greene county for four years; and John, at home. In 1892 Mr. Grieve married Miss Johanna Kyle, who died in 1895. Religiously he is a member of the Second United Presbyterian church.

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#### HENRY H. STAFFORD.

Henry H. Stafford was born in Bethel township, Miami county, Ohio, on the 8th of October, 1836, and is a son of William E. and Harriet Newell (Steele) Stafford, both of whom are now deceased. The subject of this review is indebted to the common

school system of his native county for the early educational privileges which he enjoyed and later on was a student for one term in Carlyle Academy. He then returned to the home farm, living with his uncle and guardian until he was married and giving to his uncle the benefit of his services in the care and cultivation of his uncle's fields.

On the 4th of October, 1864, Mr. Stafford was joined in wedlock to Miss Sarah Ellen Kable, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine Kable, who were early settlers of Greene county. In the year 1867 Mr. Stafford came to this county, living upon a farm which belonged to his wife's mother. They made their home there for about six years and on the expiration of that period our subject purchased his present farm of eighty-nine acres in Beaver creek township. The buildings and improvements here all stand as evidences of his life of industry and enterprise, for all have been erected by Mr. Stafford, including a large and attractive home and a barn, thirty-six by fifty-six feet. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and the fields are under a high state of cultivation, while everything about the place is characterized by neatness.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stafford have been born six children: Harriet Catherine is the wife of Johnson Engle, a resident of Montgomery county, Ohio, and they have four children—Elberta, Stafford, Paul and Elizabeth. Franklin K. is engaged in teaching. He is a graduate of the Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio. Edwin L., Herbert S. and Harry H., are all at home. The last three are graduates of the Beaver creek township high school; and Harry and Herbert are now students in Heidelberg University. Carrie Edith is deceased. The parents and

their children hold membership in the Reformed church, taking a very active part in its work. Mrs. Stafford is now serving as treasurer of the Ladies Missionary Society and Mr. Stafford has been treasurer of the church, also deacon, and is now filling the position of elder. In politics he is a Prohibitionist and has ever been a strong advocate of temperance principles and of all those movements and measures which tend to benefit humanity. During his residence here, covering more than a quarter of a century, he has become widely and favorably known, enjoying in a high degree the confidence and good-will of his fellow men.

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#### TOBIAS DREES.

The name of Tobias Drees is so closely associated with the history of Greene county that this volume would be incomplete without his life record. For forty-two years he figured conspicuously as a representative of building interests and his efforts were equally potent in the moral development of the city. His life, so honorable and upright, forms an example well worthy of emulation by those who appreciate the value of character. He realized fully that "Honor and fame from no condition rise" and that upon the man depends his position in the business and social world. To know Tobias Drees was therefore to honor him, for throughout the years of his manhood he faithfully performed the tasks which devolved upon him and his course was so straightforward that his record was above reproach.

It is known that Tobias Drees was a representative of the family in the ninth generation. He was born February 19, 1819, in the grand duchy of Oldenburg, Germany,

where his family was an old one. In the year 1832 the father started for the new world accompanied by his family. They took passage on a sailing vessel at Bremen and in the month of February arrived in Baltimore, Maryland, making their way to Pittsburg, where they remained for six weeks. During that time the subject of this review acquired a sufficient knowledge of the English language to act as interpreter for the party that accompanied the family, and it was not long before he was quite familiar with the new tongue. He found employment as a waiter in a hotel in Pittsburg, From that city the family removed to Minster, a German village in the northern part of Auglaize county, Ohio, and the father, securing a tract of land, began farming, but later, in connection with his son Tobias, he secured employment on a canal boat running between Troy and Cincinnati.

When sixteen years of age Tobias Drees of this review left home, being allowed the privilege of securing work elsewhere on the condition that he would return a part of his wages for the support of the family, which he did for a number of years. On one occasion while making a trip to Troy he seriously considered the future and what he should make of himself and he determined that whatever came he would lead a life of industry and integrity—a resolution to which he always strictly adhered. He first worked as a teamster and later was a porter and clerk in a hotel. When he had attained his majority he determined to learn a trade and entered upon an apprenticeship to a cooper, but after three weeks he decided that the work would never be congenial and sought and obtained a release from his indenture. He next began learning the carpenter's trade under the direction of the



firm of Crandall & Brown, of Troy, Ohio, entering their service in 1842. They had the contract for building the Greene county courthouse and as the families of the two partners removed to Xenia Mr. Drees accompanied them and completed his term of apprenticeship, during which time he became an excellent workman, having largely mastered the builder's art. He then started in business on his own account in the same building in which the firm of Crandall & Brown was located, and though he began operations on a very small scale he gradually worked his way upward as he demonstrated his ability to faithfully execute the terms of a contract and in a manner highly satisfactory to those who sought his services. His business constantly increased in volume and importance and he secured the contracts for the erection of many of the finest and most important structures of the city, including public buildings and private residences. Notably prompt and reliable he successfully carried on operations as a contractor and builder until 1883, when he became interested in the manufacture of twine and assisted in organizing the Xenia Cordage Company, in which he became a large stockholder and also acted as its treasurer until his death. He invested a portion of his capital in some excellent farm property and for the comfort and gratification of his family erected one of the finest residences of the city.

On the 31st of December, 1846, Mr. Drees was united in marriage to Miss Maria Hypes, who was born in Xenia April 25, 1825, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Wright) Hypes, who came to Greene county from Virginia in 1811. He was born in the latter state, June 11, 1775, and was one of six children born to Nicholas Hypes,

who came to the United States in 1760. When he emigrated to Ohio Greene county was considered a far western district, on the very border of civilization. He secured some unimproved land, a part of which is now included within the city limits of Xenia. There he carried on general farming and in due course of time, owing to the growth of the county, as well as to the improvements placed on the farm, the land became very valuable. The journey westward had been made overland to the Ohio river, then by flat boat to Cincinnati, and thence to Greene county. Upon his one hundred and twenty-five acre farm he erected a log house for himself and family and made it his home for several years. He was a progressive agriculturist, advocated the introduction of modern machinery and did much to promote farming interests in this portion of the state.

When only eighteen years of age Mr. Hypes married Patience Reynolds, of Virginia, who died in 1823, leaving six sons and two daughters, all now deceased. Later he wedded Miss Sarah Wright, a daughter of George and Sophia Wright, who removed from Brunswick county, Virginia, to Xenia. Four children were born of the second marriage of Mr. Hypes, of whom two are living: Maria H., the widow of Mr. Drees; and Samuel H., who is engaged in the fire insurance and real estate business in Xenia. The others were W. L., who was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church; and Fletcher, of the same denomination. Mr. Hypes cast his first vote for the Democratic party. To his surprise that party elected to the legislature a man who could neither read nor write. This displeased Mr. Hypes so much that he became a Whig. He was a strong and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died October 1, 1854,

in his eightieth year and his death was deeply and widely mourned. He had long been a valued citizen of this county and had endeared himself to many friends.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Drees were born six children who came to maturity. Charles W. has for twenty-eight years been a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal church in Mexico, South America and Porto Rico. Ernest K. is now located in the auditing department of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company at St. Louis, Missouri, having filled the position for eleven years; Jennie is the wife of William A. Aiken, who is a civil engineer and spends most of his time in New York city. Frank B. is connected with the Xenia Shoe Factory. Sarah C., is now the widow of Edward C. Nesbitt of Xenia. Wilbur F. is also a resident of Xenia.

To whatever position Mr. Drees was called he gave to it his conscientious attention, and his word was considered as good as his bond. He took a lively interest in the growth and development of his adopted city, and was foremost in encouraging the enterprises tending to this end. He served in the city council two terms, and officiated as a member of the school board. In all the relations of life he preserved the same equable temperament which constituted him a kind husband and father, a hospitable neighbor and a man who never failed to respond to the call of distress or aid a philanthropic enterprise that sought his assistance. Although born and reared in the Roman Catholic faith, he became converted under the preaching of the Rev. John W. White and at once united with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which for nearly fifty years he was conspicuous as a wise leader, liberal supporter and an exemplary Christian. There

was no self-reliance, no boasting of great attainments, but rather a uniform piety, working out practical results, producing genuine fruits, forming the character, regulating the life. His pleasant home was open night and day for the entertainment of ministers. As an official member of the church, holding at various times the offices of steward, trustee, class leader and Sunday-school superintendent, he was always in his place, shirking no duty, cheerfully meeting every responsibility. To the great doctrines of the Bible as expounded by Wesley, he gave whole hearted assent, and though by no means a narrow sectarian he was very strongly attached to his own denomination. He was not ordinarily very demonstrative in his religious life, but there were times when his prayers and his testimony were accompanied by an unction that was quite remarkable. As he consciously drew near to the end of his pilgrimage, his testimony in the classroom and prayer meeting was given with increasing assurance of faith and more and more in the tone of a victor. He passed away April 19, 1889, but the influence of his life is yet a potent factor with many who knew him. Along material and moral lines his efforts were of great good to the community and his memory remained as a blessed benediction to those who knew him well.

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#### ARTHUR L. FISHER.

Arthur L. Fisher, cashier of the Bowersville Bank at Bowersville, Greene county, is one of the native sons of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Clinton county, near Wilmington, in 1858. He is a son of Jacob and Delphia (Smoke) Fisher, both of

whom were natives of Virginia, but were married in Clinton county, Ohio. The father became a resident of that county when but a boy. He was educated in its public schools, worked upon the home farm in his youth, and when in his 'teens started out in life for himself, working as a farm hand until he came to Greene county, Ohio, in the year 1859. When the subject of this review was three months old the father brought his family to Greene county, settling in Caesarscreek township, about one mile east of Paintersville. There he purchased seventy-five acres of land, which he still owns and upon this farm he has remained continuously since, being now one of the venerable and respected residents of the community. In his family were eight children, of whom four are living: Ellen, who is at home with her father; Thomas and Catherine who died in childhood; James, who married Fannie Henry and died leaving a son, Russell, who is living with his mother in Clinton county, Ohio; Arthur L. and Arbelle L., twins, the latter of whom died at the age of nineteen years; Jennie, who is living at home with her father; and Frank, who married Miss Lydia Faucett, and for the past four years has represented the Milwaukee Harvesting Machine Company in Xenia. The mother of this family died in July, 1901, at the age of seventy-five years, and was laid to rest in Wilmington, Ohio. The father has long been a staunch Democrat, but has never consented to accept office, preferring to give his attention to his business affairs. He was formerly identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, but is now holding membership relations with the Methodist Protestant church. Having been born in October, 1819, he is now almost eighty-three years of

age. His has been an honorable and an upright life and his example is in many respects well worthy of emulation.

Arthur L. Fisher pursued his early education in the schools of Paintersville, and later in the Faucett district in Jefferson township, continuing his studies there until twenty-two years of age. In 1882 he became a student in Wilmington College and in 1883 he began teaching in Jefferson township, Greene county, at the Thomas school, continuing his work as a teacher in Greene county for thirteen years. In December, 1896, he was elected cashier of the Bowersville Bank at Bowersville, the only bank in the village, one year after its organization. He has since filled that position with credit to himself and satisfaction to the institution. A general banking business is carried on and already the enterprise has won success that many an older institution might well desire.

On the 14th of June, 1887, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Carpenter, a daughter of Nathan Carpenter, who resides in Jefferson township, and they now have one son, Herbert. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fisher belong to the Methodist Episcopal church of Bowersville, taking an active and helpful part in its work and for the past thirteen years he has been superintendent of the Sunday school. During the erection of the new church in 1902 he was one of the building committee, and is also one of the trustees of the church. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows' Society and has passed all of the chairs, being now the district deputy for his district. He was elected clerk of his township in April, 1888, and held that office for three consecutive terms, while in 1899 he was elected township treasurer and is still filling that posi-



tion, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He votes with the Democracy in general elections. In 1900 he was elected a member of the town council, in which he is serving for the second term. Mr. Fisher is well known in this county, having come here at an early day. He is regarded as reliable and trustworthy in business, while in social circles his friendly and genial nature has made him popular.

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GEORGE R. GORDON.

There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable gentleman whose name initiates this review, since his mind bears the impress of the historical annals of the state of Ohio from the early pioneer days, and from the fact that he has been a loyal son of the Republic and has attained to a position of distinctive prominence in the thriving county where he was born and where he has retained his residence until the present time, being now one of the revered patriarchs of the community.

A native of Sugarcreek township, Greene county, George R. Gordon was born there upon his father's farm October 11, 1815. He is the second son in a family of eight children, whose parents were George and Agnes (McDonald) Gordon. The family was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. The great-great-grandfather McLean, whose granddaughter Mary became the wife of George Gordon, the grandfather of the subject of this review, had obtained considerable knowledge of the sea, in fact, he was so well versed concerning different channels leading from England to

various sections of the world that the discovered that when in mid-ocean that the captain of the vessel in which he had taken passage for America was not following the American course and, believing that he intended to take the passengers to the Mediterranean and sell them to the Turks, ordered the captain to change his course if he did not want to be killed. At the same time Mr. McLean drew his sword and forced the captain to remain in the hold of the ship until it had reached the American harbors. George Gordon, the grandfather of our subject, was numbered among the soldiers of the Revolutionary war. He removed from Kentucky to Ohio in 1802 and settled in Warren county, where he died at the age of seventy-one years.

George Gordon, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1786 and came with the family to Ohio in 1813, arriving in Greene county, in the month of March. Through the succeeding forty years he carried on agricultural pursuits in this county and in 1853 he took up his abode in Xenia, locating in the residence in which our subject now makes his home. He first resided in Sugarcreek township, which was then an almost unbroken wilderness, inhabited by Indians, the work of progress and civilization having been scarcely begun. After removing to Xenia Mr. Gordon lived a retired life until called to his final rest in December, 1879. His wife had passed away in the year 1860. Their oldest son, John M., devoted his life to the work of the gospel as a minister and died at St. Louis Springs, Michigan, in December, 1871. The maternal grandfather of our subject, John McDonald, was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, holding the rank of lieutenant colonel. Although he

served throughout the entire struggle he did not receive a scratch, but afterward lost an eye through an accident, being hit with a spike by his brother.

In the primitive schools which existed in Greene county in pioneer days George R. Gordon pursued his early education, completing his studies in Xenia. When he had attained to man's estate he began farming on his own account and later he engaged in teaching school in Xenia and in the district schools as well from 1840 to 1847. He was employed as a salesman in a general store in Xenia, and then with the money which he had saved from his earnings he embarked in general merchandising on his own account in connection with his brother William I. This partnership was maintained from the fall of 1852 until the summer of 1858, when Mr. Gordon of this review withdrew from the firm and resumed farming, which has claimed his attention continuously since. At one time he and his brother made a speciality of the cultivation of potatoes and in a single season sold between eight and ten thousand bushels. Mr. Gordon has led a very busy, useful and active life, and although he is past the eighty-sixth milestone on life's journey in the year 1901 he put in fifty acres of wheat, as well as the cultivation of other fields, and also gave his attention to the care of three horses. Old age is not necessarily the synonym of weakness or inactivity, and it need not suggest, as a matter of years, helplessness or want of occupation. The business career of Mr. Gordon should put to shame many a young man of much younger years who relegate to others the burdens that he should bear. As the years have passed Mr. Gordon has prospered and has ever been accounted one of the most honorable and straightforward farmers of

this portion of the state. He comes of a long-lived race and one that has every right to claim honesty and industry as among their sterling characteristics. Mr. Gordon has never failed to vote for a president since attaining his majority, and has always been a staunch advocate of the Whig and Republican parties. He is identified with the United Presbyterian church, to which he contributes generously and at all times he has been in hearty sympathy with movements and measures which contribute to the general good. For eighty-seven years he has been a witness of the progress and development of this portion of the state. In his youth he experienced the hardships and privations of pioneer life incident to the establishment of a home on the frontier. As the years have passed great changes were wrought and in the work of progress he ever bore his part as a good and faithful citizen. To-day he is respected and esteemed for his sterling worth and his life history well deserves a place in the annals of the county.

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#### SIMON SPARKS.

The subject of this review is a self-made man who, without any extraordinary family or pecuniary advantages at the commencement of life, has battled earnestly and energetically and by indomitable courage and integrity has achieved both character and fortune. By sheer force of will and untiring effort he has worked his way upward and is numbered among the leading business men of Dayton, Ohio.

For some time Mr. Sparks was associated with the business interests of Bell-

brook, Greene county, and is a native of this county, his birth having occurred on his father's farm a few miles from the village of Bellbrook on the 24th of April, 1832. His parents were Ephraim and Mary (Elwell) Sparks, in whose family were eight children, all of whom reached maturity, namely: Simon; Abigail; Hannah; John; Sarah Ann; Lydia; Ella, and William E., who was state senator from Dayton two terms. In 1806 the family was established in this portion of the state, the name figuring on the pages of Greene county history from pioneer times. The father of our subject was born only a few miles from Bellbrook in 1809, and in early life learned the blacksmith's trade but devoted the greater part of his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. The mother, though born in New Jersey, came to Greene county when a small child in company with her parents and located near Yellow Springs, in the Jersey settlement.

On the old family homestead Simon Sparks of this review was reared and in his youth he assisted in the labors of the fields. He received but six years education and during that time mastered such branches of learning as were taught in the little log school-house near Clifton, Ohio. On leaving the parental roof at the age of nineteen years he went to Springfield, Ohio, where he learned the machinist's trade in the threshing machine shop of John A. Pitts, and remained there until coming to Dayton in 1852 with the railroad company, being in their employ until 1861. During the following twelve years he was superintendent of the Robinson Machine Works at Richmond, Indiana, and also did the drafting and planning for that company. Mr. Sparks

was superintendent of the Woodsun Machine Company of Dayton, Ohio, for twelve years and then formed a partnership with J. F. Perrine in 1883 and purchased the shop and machinery at Dayton, Ohio, which is still owned by them, business being carried on under the firm style of Dayton Engine Works. Their plant is located on Newmarket street, between Sears and Webster, and is a large shop, occupying the full space between those streets. It is supplied with the latest improved machinery both for making traction engines, which are their specialty, and also portable and gas engines. The firm also does the usual repair work connected with a large shop, including the repairing of locomotives. Mr. Sparks is superintendent of the works as well as a member of the firm, being a practical machinist, and the success of the enterprise is principally due to his well directed and energetic efforts. The firm stands prominent among the leading representatives of industrial interests in Dayton and the volume of their business is now extensive. Certainly our subject deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out on his own account when young without capital, placing his dependence only upon the substantial qualities of determination, laudable ambition and perseverance.

On the 25th of December, 1855 Mr. Sparks was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth J. Wiggim, who was born and reared in Dayton, Ohio. Her father, Hugh Wiggim, was a native of Ireland, but during his infancy was brought to Dayton, where he became a prominent business man, carrying on a steam cooperage. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Sparks was blessed with six children, but two died in infancy. Those



living are Albert F., now general manager and superintendent of the James Leffel Wheel Company of Springfield, Ohio; Rose, the wife of H. K. Smith, of Dayton; Grace, now Mrs. J. O. Foss, of Dayton; and Frank S., of Springfield. The wife and mother passed away on the 8th of May, 1890.

Mr. Sparks holds membership in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church of Dayton, of which he was one of the founders, and has been steward since its organization and recording steward of the quarterly conference for twelve years. He is associated with both branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Wayne Lodge, No. 10, of which he is past grand, and is also past chief patriarch of the encampment No. 2, and was president of the Odd Fellows Aid Association for many years. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and has been president of the Gem City Bellbrook Club from the time of its organization. His political support is given the Republican party. Mr. Sparks has always taken a deep interest in Bellbrook affairs and has in his possession many historical papers, including the first rough map of Bellbrook. He has written many able articles on both the Odd Fellows society and the sports of the countryside. Throughout life he has made good use of his opportunities, has prospered from year to year, and has conducted all business matters carefully and successfully, and in all his acts displays an aptitude for successful management. He has not permitted the accumulation of a competence to effect in any way his actions toward those less successful than he, and has always a cheerful word and pleasant smile for all with whom he comes in contact. He has passed into his

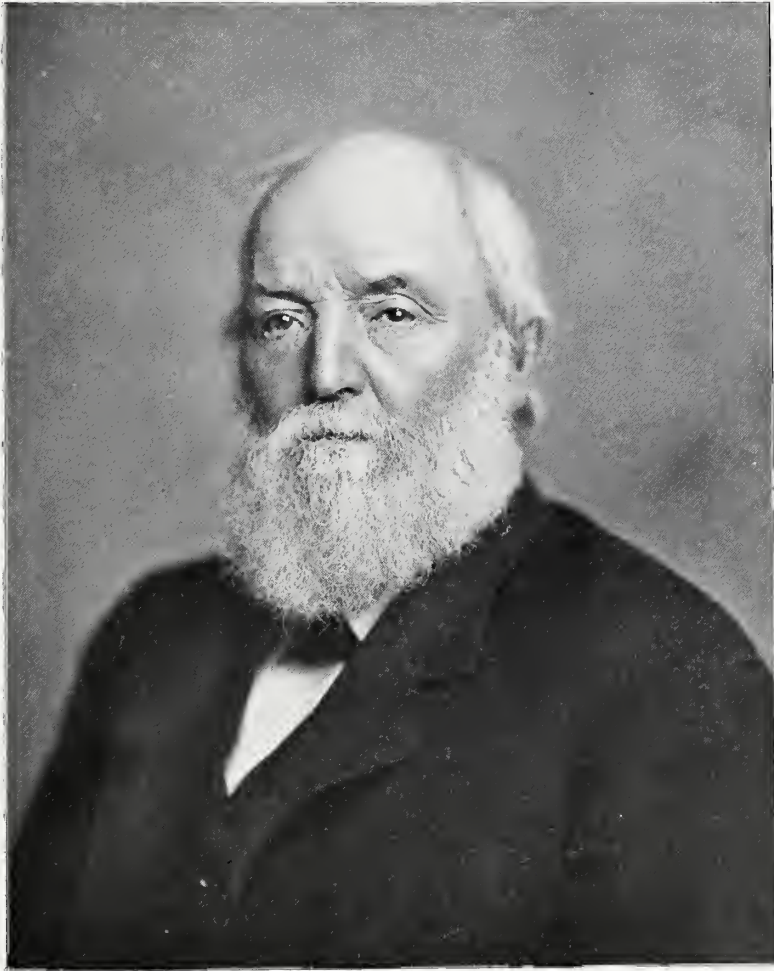
seventy-first year, yet is in good physical condition; was never sick until the last two years. Being a strict temperance advocate he attributes his long life and good health to adhering to these principles. He was made a member of the old original Washingtonians in 1840, and to this day has never violated its pledge to abstain from all spiritual liquors as a beverage.

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#### RICHARD GALLOWAY.

Richard Galloway is an honored veteran of the Civil war and a native son of Greene county, where he has spent his entire life with the exception of the period passed upon the battlefields of the south in defense of the Union. He was born on a farm in Xenia township, now included within the city limits of Xenia, June 7, 1830, and remained at home until after he had attained his majority. He is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Collins) Galloway, both of whom were descendants of Scotch ancestry, their respective families having been founded in America at an early day. The father of our subject was a native of Kentucky and came to Ohio in 1797, before the admission of the state into the Union. He took up his abode in Greene county and as a pioneer settler aided in laying the foundation upon which has been builded the present prosperity and progress of this portion of the state. He engaged in farming and milling for many years, but at length his mill was destroyed by fire. It was one of the early milling plants of the county and settlers came for miles to secure his services in grinding their grain.

In early manhood Samuel Galloway was.



RICHARD GALLOWAY.





united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Collins, who was a native of Pennsylvania and came to this county in 1816. For more than half a century the father resided in this county, passing away in 1851, at the age of sixty-six years. His widow, long surviving him, passed away January 29, 1885, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. They were members of the United Presbyterian church and respected people of the community. The father was a hard-working, energetic man. He took an active interest in all public improvements tending to benefit the county and became one of the first stockholders of the Little Miami Railroad. In his church he filled the office of deacon and when his country became engaged in the second war with England he joined the American army, serving with the rank of corporal. In his family were five children: Richard, of this review; Lydia, who became the wife of A. A. Gordon, of Holton, Kansas, and died leaving one child, George A., who is now extensively engaged in stock-raising in Holton; James C., who died of scarlet fever, in Xenia, at the age of four years; Rebecca, who lives with her brother Richard; and one that died in infancy, unnamed.

- In his youth Richard Galloway attended the public schools and assisted in the work of the home farm until after the beginning of the Civil war, when aroused by a spirit of patriotism he responded to the call for aid and enlisted in September, 1862, as a member of Company D, Seventy-fourth Ohio Infantry, with which he remained for five months. He was wounded at the battle of Stone River and so disabled that he was honorably discharged on the 28th of February, 1863. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

After receiving his discharge Mr. Gal-

loway returned to his home in Xenia, where he has resided continuously since. The first year after his return he was elected county treasurer of Greene county and discharged his duties so acceptably and promptly that he was re-elected and filled the position for a second term. He retired from office as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all concerned—and when his official service was ended he turned his attention to farming and also engaged in the lumber business in connection with Captain A. McDowell, but after continuing in that line of commercial activity for some years he finally sold out to his partner and is now living a retired life at his pleasant home upon the old family farmstead. The present large house was erected by him in the fall and winter of 1858.

In early life Mr. Galloway endorsed the men and measures of the old Whig party but since its dissolution has given his support to the Republican party. He is a member of the First United Presbyterian church in which he was deacon for fully twenty years, until that order was discontinued, since which time he has served as trustee, and is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of his native county.

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#### WALTER HAGAR.

It is not the men who occupy prominent political positions or who win distinction in military circles that are the real founders of a city but they who establish business enterprises, promoting the commercial activity. Among the prominent and honored residents of Xenia, connected with industrial and financial circles was Walter Hagar, the

originator of the paper industry of this place. He advanced to an honorable and conspicuous position in commercial circles, winning prominence entirely through his own efforts, yet by no means were his energies devoted entirely to trade. Family, friends, church and society claimed his attention and he was widely known as an earnest worker for the advancement of all that tends to promote the interest of city and country. He discharged every church and social obligation with a fidelity above question. He was a pleasant genial gentleman, whose cordial qualities endeared him to many friends.

Walter Hagar was born on the 4th of March, 1823, and was one of a family of ten children, whose parents were Isaac and Eunice (Steadman) Hagar. His father was a native of Massachusetts and for sometime was identified with manufacturing interests of that state. His death occurred in 1828 and his wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1854.

When fifteen years of age Walter Hagar entered upon his business career as an employe in the paper mills of his native town—Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts. As the years passed he steadily advanced in his chosen vocation until he was familiar with all the departments of the business. In the year 1857 he removed to Kentucky and for two years was superintendent of the paper mills near the city of Frankfort, where slave labor constituted half the force employed prior to the Civil war. Mr. Hagar came to Ohio and entered into a business compact with the firm of Bachelor, DeCamp & Company, of Cincinnati, to superintend their mills at Lockland. For six years he remained at that place and then removed to Dayton, where for three years he had the management of a paper mill of that city.

Later he spent six years in Clifton, Greene county, where he was engaged in the manufacture of paper under the firm name of King & Hagar. The company was then dissolved and Mr. Hagar removed to Enon, Ohio, where he superintended the construction of the paper mills of the Springfield Republic Company and when the plant was completed assumed its management. After eight years there he came to Xenia and for many years was a very active factor in industrial circles of this place. Probably no other business interests have had as important a bearing upon commercial activity in Xenia as has the manufacture of paper. The company was organized in May, 1881, with a capital stock of twenty thousand dollars. The officers of the company were Hon. John Little, president; F. C. Trebein, vice president; C. C. Shearer, secretary; John S. Ankeney, treasurer; Walter Hagar, superintendent. Mr. Hagar was the prime mover of the enterprise. He formed the plans and then secured the assistance of Mr. Ankeney, the cashier of the Second National Bank. At first the plant was about one-half its present size. It was, however, supplied with excellent machinery, capable of producing six thousand pounds of paper daily. Later the buildings were enlarged and by increasing the speed and also doubling the amount of machinery used, the quantity of paper produced averaged about thirty thousand pounds daily. The success of the enterprise was attributable in a very large measure to the broad experience and business executive ability of Mr. Hagar. Some changes in the offices later occurred, the members of the board being: Hon. John Little, president; F. C. Trebein, vice president; Edwin W. Hagar, treasurer; Horace Ankeney, secre-

tary; and Walter Hagar superintendent and manager. Throughout his entire business career Mr. Hagar was connected with paper manufacturing. At the time of his death, he was the president and the heaviest stockholder in the Hagar Strawboard Paper Company of Cedarville, Greene county, the present president being Edwin W. Hagar.

On February 15, 1847, Walter Hagar was united in marriage to Miss Martha Fuller, a daughter of Harvey and Almeda (Fiske) Fuller, both natives of Massachusetts. To Mr. and Mrs. Hagar was born six children, of whom four are still living: Sarah B.; Mary G.; Edwin W., who takes his father's place in industrial circles; and Albert F., a very prominent attorney of New York city.

Mr. Hagar was identified with the Episcopal church, to which his family also belong, and in politics was a staunch Republican. His life record covers seventy-five years. He passed away on the 11th of August, 1898, respected by all who knew him. With the capacity and experience that would enable him to fulfill any trust to which he might have been chosen, he never sought to advance himself in office, but was content to do his duty, where he could and leave the self-seeking to others. Viewed in a personal light he was of a strong mind, of excellent judgment, firm in his views, yet strong in advancing ideas that he believed to be right, and in his relations with his fellow men he was highly honorable, and his integrity stood as an unquestioned fact in his career. Though severe at times toward men and measures deserving criticism, he was nevertheless a generous friend and a warm advocate of those who are battling for the right and of principles and policies

for the public good. He was recognized by those who knew him as a man of most kindly heart, of sterling worth and integrity pure and incorruptable in all his business and social relations.

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#### JOSEPH R. SMITH.

Joseph R. Smith, who is engaged in farming on Bull Skin pike in Spring Valley township, was born in this township on the 4th of February, 1850, his parents being James and Elizabeth (Caine) Smith. The father was a blacksmith. During his early boyhood Joseph R. Smith resided with his parents in the village of New Burlington, but when he was about fourteen years of age his father began agricultural pursuits on the Poague farm near Roxanna, where he leased land for fifteen years.

Mr. Smith, of this review, remained under the parental roof until about twenty-two years of age. In his youth he acquired a good common-school education and was early trained to habits of industry, economy and integrity, which have proven valuable factors in his success in later life. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Elizabeth Huffman, of Mt. Holly, Warren county, Ohio, where she was born, her parents being Edward and Almira (Loy) Huffman. The marriage was celebrated on the 4th of January, 1872, and then Mr. Smith rented a farm and began agricultural pursuits on his own account. Seven years ago he came to the place upon which he is now living. The farm belongs to his brother, J. W. Smith, who is employed as a bookkeeper in a dry-goods store of Indianapolis, Indiana. Our subject devotes



his attention to the cultivation of the crops best adapted to the soil and climate, and his efforts have brought to him a good income.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born two children: Mellie, the wife of Bert Boston, by whom she has three children—Fred, Harry and Lucille; and Clara, who is employed as a typewriter and bookkeeper in Xenia. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of New Burlington, and Mr. Smith has exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party since casting his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant in 1872.

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#### EDWARD R. WALTON.

Edward R. Walton, who is engaged in farming at New Burlington, is numbered among the native sons of Greene county, his birth having occurred in Spring Valley township on the 5th of January, 1832. The Waltons came to America at an early day and settled on the Schuylkill river. Though they came from England they were of Welsh lineage. In the party were four brothers and one of the number remained in Pennsylvania, while the direct ancestor of our subject removed to Virginia, and two of the brothers went to other parts of the south. His father, Samuel Walton, was born in Frederick county, Virginia, March 26, 1804, while the grandfather, Edward, was born in the same county on the 3d of January, 1777. There the latter lived until after his marriage and two children were born unto him in the Old Dominion. In 1806 he emigrated westward to Ohio, purchasing land where the town of Spring Val-

ley now stands. In 1808 he removed his family to his new home and became an active factor in the early development and progress of this portion of the state. He was a miller by occupation but he never followed that trade here, his attention being given to agricultural pursuits. He had the land surveyed and laid out the village of Spring Valley and contributed in large measure to the pioneer development and improvement of Greene county. Through more than half a century he maintained his residence here, passing away in 1867. In his family were eight children, of whom six reached years of maturity, namely: Samuel, Elizabeth, Moses, Eunice, John, Hannah, Edward and Mary, who died in infancy.

Samuel Walton, the father of our subject, was but four years old when brought by his parents to Greene county. Here he was reared amid wild scenes of frontier life and at an early day he followed farming and teaming. As he acquired some capital he invested in land and became the owner of one hundred and twenty-three acres near the village. Intending to engage in merchandizing he planned to have a store building erected but died before it was completed. He had married Catherine Mendenhall, who was born in North Carolina, and they became the parents of six children, of whom our subject was the third. After the husband's death the mother kept the children together, providing for them as best she could.

Edward R. Walton acquired a good common-school education and when about twenty years of age began teaching, which he followed for three terms. He was first employed in that capacity in Spring Valley under Robert E. Doan. Later he went to Iowa and was employed as a teacher in

Madison county. He spent two years there and purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Adair county, Iowa, for one dollar and a quarter per acre, entering it from the government, and twenty dollars per acre for eighty acres. This he placed under cultivation, putting many improvements upon it, and retained it in his possession for many years.

Returning to Greene county, however, he was here married on the 2d of March, 1871. He took his bride to Iowa, but when a year had passed again came to Ohio. The lady bore the maiden name of Alice Compton, and was a daughter of John and Rebecca (Steddon) Compton. Her father gave her two hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, and being a wealthy man also had a house erected upon it. It was upon this farm that Mr. and Mrs. Walton took up their abode on their return from Iowa. In 1859, however, he started for Pike's Peak in order to dig gold and also on account of his health. On reaching his destination he decided to continue his journey to California, arriving in the Golden state ninety-two days after leaving Omaha. He was with a shepherd's train until he reached Salt Lake, where the train divided, the other section being afterward all massacred by the Indians. Mr. Walton spent five years in California, remaining for some time in the mines and also engaged in the dairy business, in which he met with good success, selling cheese from thirty-five to thirty-seven cents per pound and butter from seventy-five cents to a dollar a pound. He went through the usual experiences of life in the mining camps and upon the frontier, and had considerable trouble with the Indians, who stole his horse and bed. After leaving California he went to Nevada, where

he obtained an interest in some silver mines, the stock of which he still retains as a souvenir of his western trip. After ten years' absence Mr. Walton returned to Ohio. He had spent one winter in Salt Lake City, where he often heard the leading Mormons preach, and had learned to talk with the Indians.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Walton have been born four children: Ruth Etta died in childhood on the 26th of December, 1878; Rebecca C., born May 14, 1874, died on the 29th of December, 1878; and Anna D., born September 11, 1876, died on the 20th of December, 1878, the three deaths occurring within nine days, all caused by diphtheria. Hettie, born January 24, 1880, is now the wife of George McPherson, and is the only surviving member of the family.

In his political views Mr. Walton has always been a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Fremont, in Iowa, in 1856. He has since been a stanch advocate of the party and for seventeen years has served as trustee of his township, while for nine years he was justice of the peace. He had many cases brought before him, and succeeded in effecting compromises in all but two, except in a few that went by default and were appealed to a higher court, but none of his decisions were ever reversed. Mr. Walton is a birthright member of the Society of Friends, as were his parents and his paternal and maternal grandfather. He has been a minister of the gospel for a number of years in the Friends' church, and has occupied many offices in the same, having been a member of the associate committee on Indian affairs. Many exciting and interesting events form a part of his history. He aided in the pioneer development of Iowa, went through all the

experiences incident to the mining camps of California in the days of the early discovery of gold there, and knew something of Indian warfare and modes of life. He was also familiar with Salt Lake City a half-century ago. Now he is devoting his life to the quiet pursuits of the farm and is accounted one of the valued and leading men of Greene county.

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TINSLEY H. BELL.

Tinsley H. Bell, who is engaged in the real estate and loan business in Xenia and is filling the office of notary public, is numbered among the native sons of the county, for his birth occurred on the old family homestead in Xenia township April 6, 1855. His parents were Erasmus U. and Martha F. (Watson) Bell. His father is one of the most highly respected and well-to-do farmers of this portion of the state. He was born in Xenia township, in December, 1829, and is still living. His wife passed away on the 13th of April, 1888, at the age of fifty-five years.

In the district schools Tinsley H. Bell acquired his early education, which was supplemented by study in Smith's Seminary, and when he had put aside his text books he gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits for several years. In 1895, however, he removed with his family to Xenia and has since engaged in the real estate and loan business, negotiating many important realty transfers and placing many loans. He now has a large clientage, so that his business success here is large.

Mr. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Jennie M. Brant, a daughter of Joseph H.

and Amanda (Wheeler) Brant, the latter a daughter of Noah Wheeler. The marriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed with three children: Edna L., Brant U. and Adah F. The family are members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Bell is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his political affiliations he is rather independent, carrying out his honest views without fear or favor. In business he has gained success through untiring industry, sound judgment and honorable effort and in his private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true worth of character.

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JOHN BIGGER.

The influence of each life works for the weal or woe of the community in which the individual resides, but in a review of the history of John Bigger we find little that is not worthy of the highest commendation and his fellow citizens speak of him as one who lived an upright and honorable life worthy of high regard. He was born December 7, 1825, about seven miles southwest of Dayton, in Montgomery county, Ohio. His father, John Bigger, removed from Kentucky to this state, being but a boy at the time he came to Ohio. His mother, Mary (Bradford) Bigger, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio. In their family were four children: Thomas, Joseph, James and John, each of whom became owners of farms in Montgomery county and their respective tracts of land adjoined.

The subject of this review was reared to manhood upon his father's farm and acquired a common-school education. He



lived at home until his marriage, which occurred February 28, 1854, the lady of his choice being Miss Louisa Cathcart, of Montgomery county. She was born in that locality, three miles north of Dayton, and was a daughter of Thomas M. and Elizabeth (McCandles) Cathcart. She was only two and one-half years old when her mother died and was but a maiden of nine summers when left an orphan by the death of her father. She made her home with her guardian, William Bradford, with whom she continued until she was able to earn her own living. She became an expert dressmaker and secured a liberal patronage along that line.

In the meantime the father of our subject had purchased the farm in Sugarcreek township, Greene county, upon which Mrs. Bigger is now living, and had given to his son an interest in the place to the value of three thousand dollars. Mr. Bigger purchased the remainder and with his bride removed to the new home on the 4th of April, 1854. For a number of years they resided in the old house, which was then torn down and rebuilt. Mr. Bigger also made other improvements of a modern character, built a new tobacco shed and other necessary out-buildings and energetically carried on the work of the farm for many years, his labors bringing to him a richly merited success. His business methods were enterprising, practical and progressive, and thus he acquired a good profit. At the time of the Civil war he was drafted for service, but hired John Inglewright to serve as his substitute.

Mr. Bigger was always a staunch Republican in politics, kept well informed on the issues and questions of the day and never wavered in his allegiance to the party, but did not seek or desire office. He was a con-

sistent and faithful member of the United Presbyterian church at Sugar Creek, served as a deacon for many years, did all in his power to advance the church work and was a liberal contributor for the erection of the house of worship. His noble Christian life was ended in death on the 1st of January, 1890, and his remains were interred in the cemetery at Bellbrook.

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#### JOHN O. BARNETT.

John O. Barnett, who makes his home in Xenia township, was born April 21, 1833, in Spring Valley township, this county, his parents being John and Amelia Ann (Mowdy) Barnett. His parents were born, reared and married in the state of Maryland and the mother was of German lineage. The father was reared upon a farm and after his marriage became overseer of a plantation, being thus employed until his removal to Greene county, Ohio, in 1830. He made the trip overland with his wife and children. They were also accompanied by a family by the name of Cromwell, who were relatives, and they traveled in a wagon drawn by a six-horse team. After reaching their destination they took up their abode in Spring Valley township, where the father spent his remaining days. He was a son of Henry Barnett, who about two and one-half years after the arrival of John Barnett, also sought a home in Ohio, taking up his abode near the village of Jamestown. In the cemetery of that place his remains are now interred. The father of our subject was a Democrat in his political views in early life, but later he renounced his allegiance to that party and became a staunch

Republican. His wife passed way October 13, 1864, and was buried beside her husband in the cemetery at Xenia. In their family were eleven children. Those living are as follows: John Oliver is the oldest of these. Edward, a resident of Xenia township, entered the service of the Union army as a corporal of Company C, Seventy-fourth Ohio Infantry, and came out as second lieutenant. James resides in Sugarcreek township. Joshua makes his home in Spring Valley township. Virginia became the wife of George Nisonguer, of Beaver creek township. Daniel W. Barnett, an older brother of our subject, was educated for a physician and was practicing at Burlington, Iowa, on the breaking out of the war, when he entered the service as a physician in the reserve corps. He died at Burlington, Iowa. Henry, another brother, was a farmer of Xenia, where his death occurred. Mary, deceased, also reached mature years. The parents of this family were both members of the Methodist church and their lives were in consistent harmony with Christian principles.

John Oliver Barnett pursued a common school education and remained with his parents until about twenty-six years of age. He was married January 5, 1859, to Miss Mary Holmes, who was born in Sugarcreek township, a daughter of William and Nancy (Finney) Holmes. The father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Hamilton county, Ohio, where they were married. Mr. Holmes was a blacksmith by trade, but spent the latter years of his life as a farmer. In his political views he was a Republican and both he and his wife belonged to the United Presbyterian church. Both have now passed away and four of their seven children are also deceased. Those still living are: Nan-

cy, who resides with her nephew in Xenia township; James, a resident of Columbus; and Mary, the wife of our subject. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Barnett have been born seven children: John William, who resides upon a farm adjoining his father's and who married Anna Kyle, by whom he has two children, Joseph Wright and Rachel Mary; Sarah Etta, who married Albert Ferguson, of Greene county, by whom she has three children, William, Paul and Robert; Edward; and Rosa Cora, at home; and three who died in early childhood.

After his marriage Mr. Barnett rented different farms until 1870, when he leased a farm which adjoins his present property and there engaged in the cultivation of the soil for twenty-three years. In 1893 he purchased his present home, comprising one hundred and thirty-six acres. It is a finely improved tract of land, rich and arable, upon which stands a pleasant residence, good barns and other modern equipments. Mr. Barnett votes with the Republican party and he and his wife are connected with the First United Presbyterian church of Xenia. He has always made his home in this county and has a wide acquaintance. Among those who know him he has many warm friends, for his career has ever been in harmony with honorable and upright manhood.

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#### GEORGE ENGEL.

In an analyzation of the character and life work of George Engel we note many of the characteristics which have marked the German nation for many centuries—the perseverance, reliability, energy and unconquerable determination to pursue a course

that has been marked out. It is these sterling qualities which have gained for Mr. Engel success in life and made him one of the substantial and valued citizens of Greene county. He is to-day recognized as one of the leading nurserymen of southern Ohio, having successfully engaged in this line of business in Xenia since the spring of 1878.

Mr. Engel spent the first twenty-five years of his life in the fatherland, having been born in the grand dutchy of Hesse-Darmstadt on Christmas day of 1848. His parents were Philip G. and Catherine (Newman) Engel, but the mother died during the boyhood of our subject, while the father passed away in 1880. They had but two children, George and his brother Ludwig. The father followed the florist business for many years and thus in his youth George Engel became familiar with that pursuit. He remained under the parental roof during his boyhood and in accordance with the laws of his native land, he was placed in school when a lad of six years, pursuing his studies continuously until fourteen years of age. Like his father he was trained to habits of industry and economy and this added to the natural traits which he inherited from a worthy ancestry provided him with the surer qualities by which to attain success in life.

In 1873, however, he determined to try his fortune in the new world and sailed from Bremen to the West Indies, but he did not find the opportunities which he there sought, and in the fall of 1874 he came to the United States, landing in Brooklyn, New York, where he made his home for two years and was employed in a greenhouse. Later he spent about eighteen months in Louisville, and from that city, in the spring of 1878, he came to Xenia, which has since been the

place of his abode. Here he purchased a greenhouse of T. G. Wilson in the western part of the town and from a modest beginning he has steadily increased his business until it has now assumed extensive proportions. He has gained the reputation of being one of the leading nurserymen of southern Ohio and at the same time has won substantial success. His ground covers nine acres, upon which he has a modern two-story house, and he constantly employs three men to assist him in carrying on the business.

Mr. Engel was united in marriage to Miss Fredericka Siefert, and unto them has been born one child, Georgia E. The family are identified with the Lutheran church and in his political views Mr. Engel is a stanch Republican. While in his native land he served for a year and a half in the Hessian army, participating in the Franco-Prussian war. He was under the command of General Mantofel and met the enemy in several hard fought battles. His bravery and fidelity to duty were such as to secure him the respect of his comrades and the approval of his superiors, and at the close of the conflict he was granted an honorable discharge—his discharge papers being still in his possession. In 1881 Mr. Engel became identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Xenia and is still a worthy exemplar of that fraternity. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of Honor and belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought—which by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man—and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way



upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of people of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Greene county.

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### SAMUEL HOWER.

The life record of Samuel Hower closed October 20, 1899, and in reviewing his history we find that there is much in his career that is worthy of commendation. He lived an honorable, upright life and was considered in all his relations with his fellow men trustworthy in business, and loyal and devoted to his family. He was born in Maryland, March 20, 1829, his parents being John and Mary (Bovey) Hower, both of whom were natives of Maryland, and in the year 1834 came to Greene county, Ohio, casting in their lot amid its early settlers. They journeyed across the country and took up their abode near Trebein, where they lived in a little log cabin, experiencing all the hardships attendant upon pioneer life. Subsequently they removed to Beavercreek township just east of the home farm of Mrs. Jennie Hower, the widow of our subject.

Samuel Hower obtained but a limited education for his services were needed upon the home farm. He lived with his father until his marriage, which important event in his life occurred on the 2d of December, 1858, the lady of his choice being Miss Barbara Heddleson, a native of Beavercreek township. Her death occurred in 1877 and she was laid to rest in Union cemetery in Byron, Ohio. The children of that union are John Lewis and Nettie, but the latter is now deceased and is also interred in Union

cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Hower chose Mrs. Jennie Miller, their wedding being celebrated on the 26th of January, 1882. She was born in Bath township, and is a daughter of Harrison and Eliza (Miller) Le Van. The parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and at an early date came to this county, living in Bath township, and later in Beavercreek, where they died. Unto them were born five children, the eldest being Mrs. Hower, of this review. The others are: Mabel, the wife of William Schauers, a resident of Bath township; Samuel, who is living in Osborn; William, who resides in Beavercreek township; and Lee, who makes his home in Clark county, Ohio. The parents are both deceased and were laid to rest in the cemetery at Fairfield, Ohio. Throughout his life the father had carried on agricultural pursuits.

Mrs. Hower was first married February 14, 1877, to Samuel Miller, a native of Bath township, who devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. His parents were John and Ann (Reece) Miller. The married life of the young couple was not of long duration, for on the 11th of October, 1877, Mr. Miller was called to his final rest. One child was born of that union, Bessie, now the wife of Basil Greene, a native of Beavercreek township and a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Hower) Greene, the latter being a sister of Samuel Hower whose name introduces this review. Michael Greene was a native of Greene county, Ohio, and was one of the pioneer settlers of this county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hower was blessed with three children: Anna Laura, who is now attending the Beavercreek high school; Samuel H., also attending school; and Jennie Belle, who completes the family.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Hower

took up his abode upon the farm where his widow now resides. He erected good buildings there, made excellent improvements and developed a splendid farm, owning about five hundred acres of the rich land of this county. His labors were attended by a gratifying degree of success for his work was ever directed by sound judgment and strict business principles. He held membership with the Lutheran church and his life was in harmony with Christian principles and teachings. In politics he was a Republican, but never sought office, preferring to devote his attention to his business affairs. Well may he be classed among the self-made men of Greene county, for, dependent entirely upon his own resources from an early age, he steadily worked his way upward and his persistent resolution, combined with unflagging energy, made him one of the substantial residents of his neighborhood. He died October 20, 1899, and was laid to rest in Union cemetery, in Byron, Ohio. His widow is a member of the United Brethren church. She still resides upon the old homestead in Beavercreek township and in that locality is widely and favorably known.

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ALEXANDER C. KYLE.

An honored veteran of the Civil war and for many years a resident farmer of Greene county, now living a retired life, was born in Cedarville township, near the village of Cedarville, August 7, 1839. The family is an old and prominent one of this locality, having been established here in pioneer times. Samuel Kyle, the grandfather, was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and with his parents emigrated to Kentucky, the

family settling near Cynthiana. When about twenty-three years of age he was married to a Miss Mitchell and unto them were born six children. She died about 1813 and in 1815 Samuel Kyle married Rachel Jackson and fifteen children were born of this marriage. He followed farming and was one of the leading agriculturists of his community. He was also prominent in public affairs, filled the office of associate judge, and was the promoter of many movements for the general good. He gave the land upon which the school-house was built in which the subject of this review pursued his education.

Joseph Kyle, the father of our subject, was born upon his father's farm in Cedarville township, June 10, 1809. He always followed farming and to some extent he engaged in stock-raising, his labors bringing to him a comfortable living. He was a strong Republican in his political sentiment and held some of the minor offices in his township. He was a member of the old Seceders church, afterward the United Presbyterian church, and for many years served as one of its elders. When about twenty-one years of age he married Ann Cassel, who was also a member of the Seceder church. She died about 1844, when forty years of age, and the father of our subject died August 28, 1881, upon the old family homestead where he had so long resided. Their burial place is in the cemetery of Xenia. In the family were five children, of whom three are yet living. Mary died at the age of seventeen years. Ruth Ann was married January 18, 1882, to A. R. Bickett, of Xenia township. Joseph is the next younger. Jane E. is the wife of J. W. Hicks, a farmer and stock-raiser of Mitchell county, Kansas, and they have five sons and

one daughter. Samuel A., the youngest of the first family, enlisted in 1862 for service in the Civil war as a member of Company F, Thirty-fourth Ohio Infantry, and was taken prisoner at Cedar Creek in 1864. He was brought home by his father and died soon afterward, his death really resulting from starvation, because of lack of food in the southern prison. He was only twenty-one years of age when he thus laid down his life on the altar of his country. After the death of his first wife the father of our subject was married in 1849 to Mrs. Hadasah Hunter, nee Kennedy, a native of Ireland, and they became the parents of four children: Joseph, who is now a professor in the Xenia Theological Seminary; John K., who died upon the old home farm in 1877; Leah M., who died August 10, 1881, at the age of twenty-five years; and Rachel, the wife of Andrew H. Cresswell, a farmer of Cedarville township. The mother of these children died June 14, 1898, at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Cresswell.

As before stated Alexander C. Kyle pursued his education in a school standing upon land given by his grandfather for the purpose. His business training was that of the farm, where he early became acquainted with the duties of field and meadow. He continued upon the old homestead until after the inauguration of the Civil war, when on the 25th of July, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. He then re-enlisted in the United States Volunteer service, continuing with the army until December 22, 1865. He was in the department of West Virginia, participating in the Lynchburg campaign in 1864. In May, 1862, at Princeton, West Virginia, he was wounded, but except when injured he

was always found at his post of duty, valiantly defending the nation's starry banner.

After the close of the war Mr. Kyle returned home but a little later went to Kansas, where he remained until 1878, when he again came to Ohio, where he has since lived. In Cedarville township, Greene county, he operated a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, until within the last two years, when he retired, having put aside the more arduous duties of field and meadow, and built him a pleasant home in Cedarville, where he now resides.

On the 25th of November, 1896, at Cedarville, Mr. Kyle was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah J. McCollum, a daughter of Samuel and Eliza Cresswell. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kyle are members of the United Presbyterian church and throughout the community they are held in warm regard by reason of their sterling worth. Mr. Kyle is to-day as true to his duties of citizenship as when he followed the stars and stripes upon southern battlefields, and is deeply interested in all measures tending to promote the welfare and improvement of his county.

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#### WILLIAM A. SHAPPEE, M. D.

In tracing the career of a successful physician it is usually found that he possesses certain marked characteristics in addition to having a thorough knowledge of the healing art and good financial ability. There must be a ready sympathy and the power of entering into the feelings of others, united to that self-poise and conscious strength which naturally emanate from a strong self-reliant soul. Dr. Shappee is fortunate in being gifted with many of the qualities of the capable physician and his



cheery helpful optimism is a source of help and comfort in many a home shadowed by sickness and suffering. For twenty-seven years he has practiced in Xenia, where he has obtained a high reputation in his chosen calling.

The Doctor's father, Thomas B. Shappee, was born and reared in the state of New York, where he followed farming for a livelihood, for a number of years, passing away there about 1897. He married Julia Ameigh, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom the Doctor is the eldest. He, too, was born in the Empire state on the old homestead near Elmira, his natal day being June 14, 1848. In the common schools he acquired his early education and when but a boy of sixteen years he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company A, Eighty-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He had been at the front a little less than a year when he lost his right leg at the battle of Farmville, Virginia, and on this account was honorably discharged, June 18, 1865.

Immediately after the Doctor entered the State Normal school in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated and later he pursued a course in the scientific department of the same institution, completing his studies by graduation in 1872 with the degree of B. S. He then engaged in school teaching, which he followed for a few years with good success, giving his leisure time and evenings to the study of medicine until he was at length graduated in 1875 from Pulte Medical College, Cincinnati. He afterward made his home with Dr. J. E. Lowes of Dayton, Ohio, and in 1875 he took up his abode in Xenia, where he has been engaged in practice continually since. In 1889 and again in 1891 he pursued a post-graduate

course in Chicago and has ever kept in touch with the progress made in the profession. He is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy and the Ohio State Homeopathy Society, the Miami Valley Medical Society and the Dayton Homeopathic Medical Society, and through the interchange of thought which is one of the features of these institutions, he keeps thoroughly informed concerning the advancements that are being continually made by members of the medical fraternity.

The Doctor was married to Miss Harriet Close, a daughter of Peter Close, who belonged to a prominent Pennsylvanian family. Her mother bore the maiden name of Lucinda Holmes and by her marriage became the mother of eight children. The Doctor and his wife have a pleasant residence at No. 127 East Main street, where his office is also located. He affiliates with the Republican party and socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife are very devout and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in their lives exemplify its teachings and beliefs. He is a man of broad humanitarian principles and readily responds to every call for his services even when he knows that no financial return will be received. He has spared neither time nor expense in perfecting himself in his chosen calling. His offices are equipped with all modern devices known to the medical profession and he has himself invented a number of useful instruments that have proven of value in the medical practice. His patronage is now very extensive and is constantly increasing and widely is he recognized as a most prominent and capable practitioner of Greene county.

## LAWRENCE H. McCARTNEY, D. O.

Among the worthy citizens that Pennsylvania has furnished to the Buckeye state is Dr. Lawrence H. McCartney, of Xenia. He is the only child of John H. and Marada (Graham) McCartney. His father was also a native of the Keystone state but removed to Kansas, where for a number of years he successfully followed farming, carrying on agricultural pursuits, and where he still lives. Mrs. McCartney died in 1892.

The Doctor was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1874, and acquired his literary education in the schools of Kirksville, Missouri, where he was graduated. He afterward engaged in teaching with good success for three years but did not find that profession entirely congenial and took up the study and practice of osteopathy, entering the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, from which he graduated in the fall of 1898 and upon receiving his diploma in August of that year immediately located in Xenia, where he began practice, continuing until May, 1899. At that date he removed to Kansas but after a short time returned to Xenia in the spring of 1900, and has since been a practitioner of this place. Deep research and numerous experiments concerning the cause and cure of disease led to an understanding of the profession of osteopathy and it is sufficient to say that no discovery connected with the healing art has been more widely accepted or been of greater benefit than this in recent years. Dr. McCartney now has a very large practice, which indicates his success.

July 9, 1899, was celebrated the marriage of the Doctor and Miss Eva Percival, a daughter of William O. Percival of Kansas. They are members of the First Meth-

odist Episcopal church and he gives his political support to the Republican party. On the 7th of December, 1901, he was elected treasurer of the Ohio Osteopathic Society, which was recently incorporated. His office comprises a suite of two rooms and is located in the Steele block.

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CHRISTIAN S. WEAVER.

That so many of her native sons have continued their residence in Greene county, is an indication that this portion of the state affords good opportunities for business advancement. Mr. Weaver is among those who, born here, have always lived within the borders of the county and by the exercise of good business ability and sound judgment, he has advanced to a position among the successful agriculturists of his community. He was born in Caesarscreek township, January 29, 1840, his parents being George and Hannah (Fout) Weaver, who were natives of Virginia and became early settlers of this locality. In their family were seven children, of whom six are yet living, as follows: John H., a resident of Indiana; Christian S.; James H., who makes his home in Illinois; Robert, of Caesarscreek township; Mary, the widow of Joseph Whittington, of the same township; and Frank, who resides in Bellbrook.

To the district schools near his home Christian S. Weaver is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed in his youth and which fitted him for life's practical duties. He was married on the 23d of March, 1866, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Powers, a native of Caesarscreek township and a daughter of Alfred

and Susan (Burrell) Powers. Her father was born in Clinton county, Ohio, and during his early boyhood came to Greene county, where he met and married Miss Burrell, whose birth here occurred. They had six children: Allen, who resides in Tennessee; Mrs. Weaver; Aniel, a resident of Caesarscreek township; Ellen, the wife of Harvey Humston, of Xenia, Ohio; Harland, now deceased; and Eli, a resident of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver began their domestic life upon a farm adjoining their present home, and when a number of years had passed came to the place which is now their residence. Their home is one of the largest and most attractive in this portion of the county; the farm comprises one hundred and sixty-four acres of rich land and each spring the fields give promise of golden harvests. In the pastures are found good grades of stock and upon the place are all modern equipments and accessories which facilitate farm work and result in bringing a greater financial return. Industry and enterprise have ever been numbered among the sterling characteristics of Mr. Weaver, who is accounted one of the leading agriculturists of central Ohio.

The home of our subject and his wife has been blessed with eleven children: Charles, who married Sylvia Turner, and resides in Caesarscreek township; Alfred, of New Jasper township, who married Ida Thomas and has two children, Floyd and Cleavill; Samuel, a resident of Missouri; Harland, who married Luella Smith and with their daughter Elma resides in Caesarscreek township; Lodema, deceased; Ann and Effa, twins, the former the wife of Walker Fugat, of Clinton county, by whom she has two children—Ralph and Fred, while Effa

is the wife of Jasper Thomas of Jefferson township and has one child, Myrtle; Wilbur, Bud, Walter and Clara, all at home.

Mr. Weaver espoused the cause of the Democracy and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have several times elected him to the office of township trustee. Though always a man of activity, he is thoroughly domestic in his tastes and is not identified with any clubs or societies. To every enterprise calculated to advance the prosperity of Greene county he gives his strong endorsement and is accounted one of its popular citizens.

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#### CHARLES E. WILLIAMSON.

Charles E. Williamson is engaged in the operation of a good farm situated on the Dayton and Waynesville pike in Sugarcreek township, Greene county. He was born on the farm which he now owns and thus it is endeared to him by the associations of his boyhood as well as those of later years. His birth occurred December 7, 1865, his parents being Joseph C. and Mary Eleanor (Cramer) Williamson. The father was born in the same township in the year 1827 and died January 10, 1898, at the age of seventy-one years. His wife passed away in the same year when about the same age. The Williamson family was founded in Ohio by Eleazer Williamson, the grandfather of our subject, who was brought to Ohio by his parents when a small boy. For a time the family lived in Cincinnati, or upon the site of the present city, for at that time the metropolis of to-day had hardly been established. Subsequently both the grandfather and the great-grandfather of our sub-



ject came further north. The former was married in this state and settled near the place upon which Charles E. Williamson now lives. Later he removed across the line into Montgomery county to the farm upon which Alexander Williamson is maintaining his residence and there he died at the age of sixty-seven years, his remains being interred in Bellbrook cemetery.

For a time Joseph C. Williamson, the father of our subject, resided in a log house, but about 1864 the pioneer dwelling was replaced by a good frame residence. He carried on agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life. In his political views he was a Republican but was never an aspirant for office. He belonged to the Presbyterian church and was most loyal to its teaching and belief. In the family were six children: William Calvin, who lives in Sugarcreek township; Robert E., who married May Allen and resides in Montgomery county, Ohio; Joseph A., a resident of Montgomery county, who married May Elliott; Charles E., the subject of this sketch; Thomas E., who married Jennie Bradford and makes his home in Montgomery county; and Maggie E., who became the wife of Howard Wood, and died in Montgomery county, leaving a son, Herman W.

Upon the old home farm in the county of his nativity, Charles E. Williamson was reared, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He acquired a fair common school education and assisted his father until he had attained his majority, when he started out upon an independent business career. He then rented land of his father and has since devoted his time and energies to the cultivation of the crops best adapted to this soil and climate. He now owns the

old homestead of one hundred and five acres, a part of which he inherited, while he purchased the remainder of the other heirs. The fields are well tilled and bring to him a golden tribute for his labors. His efforts are of a progressive and practical nature and as the years pass he is enabled annually to add to his competence.

On the 22d of February, 1893, Mr. Williamson was married in Spring Valley to Miss Nellie Z. Fulkerson, a daughter of Amos and Susan (Beck) Fulkerson. She was born and reared in Spring Valley and pursued her education in its schools. By her marriage she has become the mother of one son, Nevii Amos, who was born on the home farm, December 24, 1894. Mr. Williamson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, but is not an active political worker, giving his entire attention to farming interests. He is widely known throughout the county of his nativity and his warmest friends are those who have known him from boyhood.

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#### JOHN F. HAVERSTICK.

The spirit of enterprise and progress, which has been such a potent factor in the rapid development and upbuilding of this country is manifest in the career of John F. Haverstick, a wide-awake business man who is now serving as general manager of the Central Union Telephone Company of Xenia. He is numbered among the native sons of this city, his parents being Frederick and Leah (Zellers) Haverstick. The parents were born and reared at Hagerstown, Maryland, coming to this county with their



J. F HAVERSTICK.





parents before their marriage, and throughout the years of his business career the father followed farming, but for twenty years prior to his death was an invalid. He passed away in 1888. In the family were four children.

Like the others, Mr. Haverstick of this review, attended the public schools of Greene county, acquiring a good education which well fitted him for life's practical duties. He laid aside his text-books at the age of sixteen years and entered upon his business career, learning the trade of a carriage trimmer, which he followed until 1882. He then entered official life, for nine years filling the position of deputy county clerk. In the year 1890 he was elected county clerk and served in that capacity to the satisfaction of all concerned until 1900, when no longer desiring political office he retired to private life and accepted the position of general manager of the Central Union Telephone Company, which had been tendered him. He assumed charge on the 3d of December, 1900, and is proving his capability by the excellent manner in which he controls the affairs of the company. He superintended the construction of the present plant, which was substituted for the old plant of the Miami Telephone Company. It was erected at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars and is equipped with the western electric method, the most improved telephone system known to the business. When Mr. Haverstick took charge and put in operation the new plant, there were only two hundred and thirty subscribers. Two years have not yet passed, and yet the number has been increased to six hundred and fifty subscribers. Mr. Haverstick is also in charge of the Middletown plant which is operated by the same company and has an office in

Xenia, employing seven operators. There are two switchboards, three men and two assistants in the accounting room. Mr. Haverstick is thoroughly familiar with the telephone business and his capable control has resulted in advancing the financial success of the company and in giving entire satisfaction to his patrons. He is also vice-president of the Home Building & Loan Association of Xenia.

On Christmas day of 1876, Mr. Haverstick was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Bosler, a daughter of Thomas Bosler, and unto them have been born a daughter, Edith M., now the wife of W. L. Reynolds, of Dayton, Ohio. The family home is at 441 North King street. Fraternally Mr. Haverstick is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of Honor, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while politically he is a Republican. He never wavers in his allegiance to the party. He is alert to business opportunities and possibilities; is also deeply interested in the development and upbuilding of his native city, and throughout Xenia and Greene county enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends.

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#### WILLIAM TOBIAS.

Not many men who have passed the age of four score years and are residents of Greene county can claim this portion of the state as the place of their nativity, but William Tobias is a native son of Greene county, his birth having occurred in Beavercreek township, March 14, 1821. There is a particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable gentle-

man whose name initiates this review, since his mind bears the impress of the historical annals of the state of Ohio from the early pioneer days, and from the fact that he has been a loyal son of the Republic and has attained to a position of distinctive prominence in the township where he was born and where he has retained his residence until the present time, being now one of the revered patriarchs of the community.

Mr. Tobias is still an active factor in agricultural circles in Beavercreek township. He was born March 14, 1821, his parents being Samuel and Elizabeth (Hanney) Tobias, both of whom were natives of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and were of German lineage. In pioneer days they started westward and took up their abode in Greene county, driving across the country from Pennsylvania. Locating in Zimmerman, the father purchased twenty-five acres of land and erected a log cabin which is still standing although it has been remodeled. His death occurred when his son William was about seven years of age, and the mother afterward became the wife of Michael Swigart. Her death occurred about 1871 when she was seventy-six years of age. By her first marriage she had three sons and three daughters: Lydia, who became the wife of William Kirkpatrick, but both are now deceased; Margaret, who married Noah Enry, but both died in Illinois; William, of this review; Daniel, who resides near Troy, Miami county; Samuel, deceased; and Catherine, who married Walley Haines, but both are now deceased.

When a little lad William Tobias made his way from home to the little log school-house of his district, where sitting upon a rude bench, he conned his lessons, becoming familiar with the common English

branches of learning. After he was eight years of age he went to live with Peter Swigart, a brother of his step-father, with whom he remained until twenty-two years of age. After his marriage he began farming upon rented land and when several years had passed he purchased a tract of land in 1870, becoming the owner of ninety-six acres. He remodeled the house, built a good barn, and successfully carried on general farming and stock-raising.

On the 24th of December, 1846, Mr. Tobias wedded Sarah Swigart, and unto them were born two children: Martin Luther, now a resident of Beavercreek township, married Christine Peoples, and they have two children, Edgar and Clara. The mother died and Martin afterward wedded Mary Barnhart, by whom he had three children, Eva, Grace and John. Samuel, the second son of the family, married Emma John and resides in Dayton. They have three children, Homer, Howard and Harold. The first wife of William Tobias died in 1851 when about twenty-four years of age and was laid to rest in Mount Zion cemetery. On the 19th of June, 1852, he was again married, his second union being with Jane Miller, who was born near Cincinnati, in Hamilton county, Ohio, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Wheeler) Miller. Her mother was born in Maryland, her father, Willerson Wheeler, being a planter and slave owner until he liberated his slaves and moved to Baltimore, where he lived until his daughter Elizabeth was fourteen years of age, when they went to Pennsylvania, where she met the gentleman who became her husband and who was a native of Center county, that state. Three times they came to Ohio, locating first in Columbus, but after two years returned to the Keystone

state. Their third trip was made by water to Cincinnati. Mr. Miller was a soldier of the war of 1812, serving under General Harrison. He died in 1840, and was laid to rest in the Byron cemetery, while his wife passed away in 1854 in Dayton. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tobias have been born the following children: William, of Beavercreek township, who married Jennie Alice Garlough and has one child, Emerson D.; Catherine, the wife of John W. Barney, of Dayton, by whom she has four children, Dora, Bertha, Eugene J. and Ralph; Elizabeth, who is the twin sister of Catherine and is at home with her parents; Daniel and Calvin, now deceased; Orville, of Beavercreek township, who married Effa Miller, by whom he has one child, Raymond; one who died in infancy; Newton W., of Ohio, who married May Kemp and has one child, Vivian G.

In his political views Mr. Tobias is a Republican, who has long endorsed the principles of the party, but has never been an office seeker. Both he and his wife are members of the Reformed church. During his long residence in the county he has witnessed much of its growth and development, has seen many changes and has taken an active and helpful interest in its progress and improvement.

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#### JOSEPH KYLE, D. D.

Although Dr. Kyle has been a resident of Greene county for only a few years, he has been so closely and prominently connected with the educational and moral interests of the county in that time that no history of the county would be complete without the

record of his career. It is widely acknowledged that the most important profession to which a man can direct his energies is that of teaching, whether it be from the pulpit, from the lecture platform or from the schoolroom. Its primary object is ever the same,—the development of one's latent powers that the duties of life may be bravely met and well performed. The intellectual and moral natures are so closely allied that it is difficult to instruct one without in a measure influencing the other, and certainly the best results are accomplished when the work goes hand in hand. Christian instruction is having an influence over the world that few can estimate, for it is in youth that the life of the man is marked out, his future course decided and his choice as to the good or evil made. Dr. Kyle is devoting his time, energies and thought to educational work and in former years engaged in preaching the Word from the pulpit. He is now professor of systematic theology in the Xenia Theological Seminary.

Dr. Kyle is a native of Greene county, his birth having here occurred on the 20th of November, 1849. He represents a family that for almost a century has been connected with this portion of the state. His father, Joseph Kyle, Sr., was born in this county, June 20, 1809, and followed farming for a livelihood. After arriving at years of maturity he married Ann Cassil, who at her death left five children, and later he married Mrs. Hadassah Hunter, a daughter of John Kennedy, of County Derry, Ireland. Of this union four children were born, of whom Dr. Kyle of this review is the oldest. The father died on the 28th of August, 1881, and the mother passed away on the 15th of June, 1898.

The Doctor pursued his early education



in the common schools of Greene county and afterward attended the Monmouth College, where he was graduated with the class of 1872, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Later he pursued a theological course in the Xenia Theological Seminary and then became connected with the mission field of Nebraska, where he remained for four months. On the 1st of January, 1877, he located in Springfield, Ohio, and accepted the pastorate of the United Presbyterian church, where he was ordained and installed April 24, 1877, there remaining until the 1st of September, 1891. While there the new church edifice was erected and dedicated, in August, 1887. He was then called to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, in charge of the Fourth United Presbyterian church, continuing as its pastor for eight years. On the expiration of that period he came to Xenia, in September, 1899, and is now professor of systematic theology in the Xenia Theological Seminary.

Dr. Kyle has been twice married. He first wedded Miss Ella M. Barnett, a daughter of William A. Barnett, the wedding being celebrated on the 14th of October, 1880. The lady died on the 25th of October, 1897, and on the 7th of June, 1900, the Doctor was again married, his second union being with Miss Marion L. Brown of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Mrs. Jane Brown. This union was blessed with one child but it died in infancy. The Doctor and his wife reside on North King street and their home is the center of a cultured society circle. It is noted for its hospitality and the cordial and kindly feeling which always exists there in the entertainment of their many friends. The Doctor is a strong advocate of the Prohibition party. He takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to

the welfare and progress of the community along all lines of advancement. He is a man of strong force of character, unequivocal in his championship of all that is right, and yet there is in him an abiding charity which has won for him the respect, confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been associated.

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#### ALLEN FAULKNER.

Allen Faulkner was born July 29, 1824, in Caesarscreek township on the farm which is yet his home, his parents being Thomas and Mary (McGuire) Faulkner. The father was a son of Robert Faulkner, a native of Berkeley county, West Virginia. In his family were four children: Susanna, Thomas, David and Elizabeth.

Thomas Faulkner was born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, November 8, 1787, and as his mother died when he was about seven years of age he went to live with his grandmother. His grandmother was a most pious and devout Christian woman, and from her he received his early religious impressions which proved of benefit to him in moulding his character in later life. In 1810 he wedded Mary McGuire, a daughter of Jonathan and Catherine McGuire. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the mother died when Mrs. Faulkner was quite young. She, too, was reared by her grandmother, from whom she received Christian training. Thomas Faulkner had been reared in the faith of the society of Friends, but because he married outside of the church he was disowned by the denomination. Feeling it his duty, however, to be working for Christianity, he became a member of the Church of Christ. Later,

after careful thought and deliberation, he joined the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife had become a member when sixteen years of age. In 1828 they left that denomination and became identified with the Methodist Protestant church, in which Mr. Faulkner served as class leader for many years. In 1806 he had removed from Virginia to Ohio and two years later his wife came to the Buckeye state. He had about one hundred dollars in currency when he sought a home in Greene county. In 1808 he took up his abode in Caesarscreek township on Painter run and there rented a farm for five years. He was drafted for service in the war of 1812, but shortly after his marriage he obtained his release from the army on the payment of one hundred dollars. In 1816 he purchased a farm with money saved entirely from his own earnings and upon this place spent his remaining days. It was a tract of one hundred and thirty acres covered with a dense forest at the time he came into his possessions, but he cleared and developed it and the house which he built is still occupied by our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner became the parents of eight children, of whom two died in infancy. The others were Jonathan, who lived and died in Iowa; Mrs. Elizabeth Conklin, of Lumberton, Ohio; David, deceased; Lucinda, the deceased wife of Samuel Painter; Allen; and Mary, the deceased wife of Thomas Way, who is now in Georgia. The father of this family voted with the Whig party and served as trustee of his township. He died April 16, 1871, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, five months and ten days, and his wife passed away July 5, 1873, at the age of eighty-three.

In an old time log school-house Allen

Faulkner pursued his education, but attended school only when the weather was so bad that he could not work upon the farm, this being largely through the winter months. He always remained on the old family homestead and when his father was unequal to the task of caring for the place, its management and operation devolved upon our subject. This farm comprises two hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, all of which is cultivable and is now well improved.

On the 18th of July, 1847, Mr. Faulkner married Ablona Hartsock, who was born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, in 1828, a daughter of Elijah B. and Elizabeth (Steidley) Hartsock. The father was born in Maryland, February 28, 1798, and removed to Virginia, in 1811. There he was married in 1820 and ten years later he came to Ohio, settling on Price run, in Caesarscreek township, where he spent his remaining days. He and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist Protestant church and took a very active interest in its work, and for a long period he served as class leader. His death occurred in 1864 when he was sixty-six years of age, and his wife passed away fifteen years afterward. Their children were: Washington, now deceased; William Harrison, who lives in Iowa; Francis Marion, who has also passed away; Elizabeth A., now Mrs. Faulkner; James Frederick, a resident of Caesarscreek township; Andrew Jackson, who makes his home in Nebraska; and Mary Catherine, who is the widow of Rev. O. P. Stevens, formerly a pastor of the Methodist Protestant church of Xenia.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner have been born eight children: Jonathan R., who died in infancy; Franklin K., who is also deceased; Lydia Catherine, the deceased wife

of Jesse Painter; Cordelia J., who married William Bales, a resident of Clinton county, Ohio, by whom she had five children,—Emery, Thomas, Allen, now deceased, Lorenia and Flo; Louisa Elma, the wife of Eli Haines of Caesarscreek township, by whom she had three children,—Lizzie Mary, Homer Harvey, deceased, and Bernice; Thomas, who married Minnie Peterson, a daughter of C. C. Peterson, and by whom he has three children,—Howard P., Lawrence T. and Dorothy, all living with Mr. Faulkner of this review on the home farm; James, a resident of Xenia, who married Ola Peterson, a daughter of C. C. Peterson; and Cora, who has passed away.

Our subject and his son Thomas are staunch Republicans and both have served as trustee of Caesarscreek township. Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner are members of the Methodist Protestant church, while Thomas and his wife belong to the Society of Friends, and James and his wife are connected with the Reformed church. The family is one of prominence in the community for its members are recognized as people of genuine worth, closely associated with agricultural interests and reliable in all life's relations. The success of Mr. Faulkner's life is not due to any happy succession of advantageous circumstances, but to his own sturdy will, steady application, tireless industry and sterling integrity.

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#### HON. JOHN H. COOPER.

An enumeration of the men who have been honored by Greene county and have in turn conferred honor and dignity upon public office there would be incomplete were

there a failure to make prominent reference to the Hon. John H. Cooper, who served for six years as judge of the probate court. He was a son of the Rev. Ebenezer Cooper of the Reformed church. His father was born in South Carolina in 1792 and although that state was his place of residence during his youth he was educated in New York city and pursued his theological studies in Philadelphia. Upon completing the course he returned to the south to enter the ministry there, first becoming pastor of the church at Fayetteville, Tennessee. Later he accepted the pastorate of a church in Fayette county, Indiana, where he continued his ministerial labors until he lost his health. He then resigned and gave up all connection with the work of the church as a pastor but never lost his deep interest in the cause of Christianity and its promulgation. Removing to Cedarville, Greene county, Ohio, he here spent his remaining days and his influence was widely felt for good throughout the community. After completing his education Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Jane McMillan of South Carolina, who survived him until 1888. They reared a family of six sons and one daughter.

Judge Cooper, whose name introduces this review, was born in Fayette county, Tennessee, January 13, 1831, and when a youth of sixteen years came to Greene county, Ohio, with his maternal grandfather, Daniel McMillan, a pioneer settler of this portion of the state. The lad attended school in Xenia with his uncle, D. McMillan, the famous cattle man of this county. When he had completed his educational training he entered the store of James C. McMillan, for whom he engaged in clerking for a number of years. He then began busi-



ness on his own account as a member of the firm of Stark, Lytle & Cooper, dealers in general dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, carpets and other household commodities, that connection being maintained until 1861. Mr. Cooper next entered into partnership with W. C. Hutchison & Company as an active member of the firm of Cooper & Hutchison until 1879, when by popular suffrage he was called to the position of the county treasurer, and so capably did he serve that he was re-elected for the second term, filling the position until chosen probate judge of Greene county. It was in 1884 that he was elected to that position for which he qualified on the 9th of February, 1885. On the expiration of a three years' term he was re-elected and discharged his duties most creditably and honorably, winning the high commendation of a large majority of the citizens of Greene county.

On the 19th of October, 1859, in Xenia, Judge Cooper was married to Miss Julia Platter, a daughter of Christian Platter, who was born in Ross county October 19, 1840. Five children graced this marriage but three of the number died of scarlet fever at ages varying from four to eight years, while Belle died in 1888 at the age of seventeen years. The surviving member of the family is Emily P., who is still living with her mother.

The Judge was a leading and active member of the Republican party, believing that its principles would best conserve the national welfare. He was a man of excellent business and judicial ability. He long held membership in the Presbyterian church of which for many years he was a ruling elder. On the 27th of May, 1892, he was called to his final rest and his remains were interred in Woodland cemetery. His widow

and daughter still survive him. He left to them not only a comfortable competence but the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. A man of great natural ability, his success in business, from the beginning of his residence in Xenia, was uniform and rapid. His life was an example in all respects and he ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth was deserving of the highest commendation.

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#### JOHN M. HILL.

John M. Hill, who is a factor in agricultural circles in this county, was born in Wayne county, Indiana, September 11, 1852, his parents being Elijah and Rebecca (Mills) Hill. On the maternal side the ancestry can be traced back to Joseph Mills, the great-grandfather of our subject, who was born in the parish of Tamaho, Kildare county, Ireland, on the 1st of May, 1736. His father was a native of Wayne county, Indiana, while the mother of our subject was born in Preble county, Ohio. They were married in the former county and took up their abode in the latter county when Mr. Hill of this review was a youth of twelve summers. There he remained until he was about seventeen years of age, in which year his mother died. He spent the following year in Wayne county and then came to Greene county, Ohio, but after a year passed returned to Preble county. His father died January 1, 1873, at the age of forty-six years and eleven months.

Mr. Hill of this review acquired a good common school education. In February, 1873, he once more came to Greene county,

where he has since remained, with the exception of six years which he and his wife spent in Preble county. He married Miss Mary A. Compton, whose birth occurred in Clinton county, Ohio, August 12, 1856, the wedding taking place May 21, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Hill enjoy the high regard of many friends in this portion of the state. They are identified with the Society of Friends, and Mr. Hill gives his political support to the Republican party.

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### JESSE COMPTON.

Jesse Compton is a retired farmer residing near New Burlington. The greater part of his land is in Greene county, but his home is situated across the line in Clinton county. He is, however, so widely and favorably known throughout this portion of the state that he well deserves representation in this volume. He was born in the township of Spring Valley on the 12th of January, 1825, his parents being Samuel and Allie (Thatcher) Compton. The ancestry of the family can be traced back to Samuel Compton, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, who emigrated from England to North Carolina. The great-grandfather also bore the name of Samuel and came to Ohio before our subject's grandfather, making the trip in 1803. He settled just south of the Greene and Warren county line about one mile west of the northeast corner of Warren county, and when his death occurred his remains were interred upon the old farm there. He died February 6, 1805. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Lewis, died May 17, 1821. It is probably that the first of the name in America left England be-

cause of the persecution of the Quakers in that country, and when the Comptons left the south it was because they were opposed to slavery.

Samuel Compton, the father of our subject, was a Whig and a very strong anti-slavery man, whose home became a station on the underground railroad, and thus he often assisted the refugees on their way to freedom. He was a native of South Carolina, born in 1796, and with his father, Amos Compton, came to Ohio in 1805. The grandfather took up his abode on the west bank of Caesars creek across the road from where another Amos Compton now resides. He secured land, comprising a part of the military tract, at a very low figure, having nearly four hundred acres, and upon that place he spent his remaining days, developing a good farm. He married Rebecca Millhouse, who was born August 11, 1767. Both were natives of South Carolina and were married in that state. Amos Compton passed away September 14, 1824, at the age of fifty-four years, his birth having occurred on the 9th of July, 1770. In the family of this worthy couple were eight children: Betty, born in South Carolina March 3, 1794; Samuel, the father of our subject; Mary, born December 21, 1798; Rebecca, born November 6, 1800; Lydia, born January 20, 1803; Sally, who was born in South Carolina February 13, 1805, and died August 31, 1823; John, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, March 1, 1807, and died March 26, 1893, at the age of eighty-six years and twenty-five days; and Ann, born January 13, 1812.

Samuel Compton, the father of our subject, was only about nine years of age when he accompanied his parents to Ohio. Here he married Allie Thatcher, a native of Vir-

ginia, whence she came to the Buckeye state during her early childhood to make her home with her grandmother at Wilmington. It was there that the parents of our subject became acquainted. Samuel Compton removed to the western portion of his father's farm, where he built a hewed-log house and log barn. The former is still standing, but is weather-boarded and transformed into a modern dwelling. Throughout his remaining days he carried on agricultural pursuits and as the years passed transformed his farm into a very valuable property. His death occurred March 12, 1861, and his wife, who was born March 10, 1804, died August 14, 1885, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. In their family were eight children: Jesse; Rebecca, born October 8, 1826; Nancy, who was born October 2, 1828, and died May 2, 1899, at the age of seventy years and six months; Amos, born December 19, 1830; John M., who was born May 6, 1833, and died on the 9th of August following; Samuel T., who died in infancy; Martha who was born April 1, 1840, and died on the 22d of December, 1841; and Lydia, born December 16, 1842, and now deceased.

In his youth Jesse Compton acquired a common-school education and remained at home until his marriage, which occurred when he was about twenty-three years of age, the date of this important event being October 12, 1848. He married Esther Spray, who was born near her present home in Clinton county, a daughter of Jesse and Mary (Cook) Spray. Her parents were natives of South Carolina, but came to Ohio with their parents and were married in this state. All were by birthright Friends. Her mother was a daughter of Charity Cook, who was born July 28, 1799. Her son,

Joseph Cook, a preacher in the Friends society, made a number of trips back to England. Mrs. Spray was born June 3, 1803, and died May 4, 1844. Mrs. Compton's father, Jesse Spray, was a son of Samuel Spray, who was born in Pennsylvania, removed to South Carolina and afterward to Ohio. Jesse Spray was born February 5, 1801, and lived to be almost eighty years of age, while his wife was only about forty years of age at the time of her death. The grandfather, Samuel Spray, was a recorded minister of the Friends church, born March 23, 1758, while his death occurred on the 20th of March, 1836.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Compton were born seven children: Uriah, who was born in Greene county, September 1, 1850, was married to Samantha Harris, and lived in Ashland, Iowa, until his death. He left five children. Martha, born in Warren county, Ohio, April 13, 1852, is at home. John, born in Greene county July 7, 1854, married Jennie Morris and lives in Spring Valley township. They have one child. Mary A., born in Clinton county, Ohio, August 12, 1856, was married May 21, 1879, to John M. Hill. Lydia J., born in Clinton county November 28, 1858, became the wife of Joseph H. Hill and has one child, Jesse E., born in Greene county April 8, 1887. Elizabeth A., born August 21, 1869, married Oscar Shambaugh, of this county, and has two children. Miriam N., born January 30, 1877, is the wife of Earl Steele, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Compton has always given his political support to the Republican party. Throughout his entire life he has resided in this portion of Ohio, and those who know him are familiar with his honorable record. He has always been a man of strong prin-



ciples, marked individuality and force of character, and throughout his entire life, covering more than seventy-seven years, he has ever commanded and enjoyed the respect of his fellowmen.

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REV. DAVID MACDILL, A. M., D. D.,  
LL. D., L. H. D.

No compendium such as the province of this work defines in its essential limitations will serve to offer fit memorial to the life and accomplishments of the honored subject of this review—a man remarkable in the breadth of his wisdom, in his indomitable perseverance and his strong individuality, and yet one whose entire life has not one esoteric phase, being an open scroll, inviting the closest scrutiny. True his have been “massive deeds and great” in one sense, and yet his entire life accomplishment but represents the result of the fit utilization of the innate talent which is his, and the directing of his efforts in those lines where mature judgment, rare discrimination and a broad view of life has led the way. Throughout the years of his manhood his efforts have been given to the uplifting of his fellowmen, to the dissemination of truth and to the study of the laws of life and of eternity that he might be a power for good in the world and yet his acts have ever been in harmony with the mandate “Let your light shine before men that others seeing your good works may glorify your Father, which is in Heaven.”

Dr. MacDill was born August 10, 1826, in Preble county, Ohio, and completed his literary education in Center College, of Kentucky, in the class of 1849. He studied

theology at Oxford and Allegheny, and was licensed to preach on the 7th of April, 1852, by the First Ohio Presbytery, being ordained at Chillicothe September 8, 1853. In early manhood, in fact in the year of his ordination, he was married to Miss Martha E. Gordon, of Xenia, and the years have witnessed their co-operation in a work for their fellow men that has had a most widespread influence for good.

In September, 1853, Dr. MacDill accepted the pastorate of the church of his denomination at Cherry Fork, Ohio, where he remained until June 1, 1876. He was then in charge of the church in Henderson, Illinois, from March 3, 1877, until June 1, 1884, and in the meantime he had become an active factor in the work of Christian education. He served as professor of philosophy in Monmouth College, of Monmouth, Illinois, from the 1st of September, 1876, until 1885, and has been professor of apologetics and homilectics in Xenia Theological Seminary since September, 1885. He has not only engaged in pastoral and educational work, but is also widely known as an author of works bearing upon theology. His first publication, however, issued in 1863, was a *Life of Judge Morrison*. In 1881 he brought forth a volume entitled *Secret Societies and afterward The Bible, a Miracle*. Among his more recent publications are *Mosaic Authorship of the Pentateuch*, *Pre-Millennialism Discussed*, and *Common Sense and Logic Applied to Darwinism and Theology*.

So varied has been his work, so extended its influence that it is almost impossible in a brief review to give a complete idea of the extent and scope of his labors. He is a man of strong force of character and endowed with rare qualities of leadership. He has long been a leader along reform lines.

He was a pioneer worker in his denomination in the matter of conducting series of meetings in order to win men to the church and to Christ. He believed that some such preparation was necessary before the pentecost could come. In the days when many public debates upon religious questions were held he did his full share of that work, and while never seeking a contest of any kind he did not hesitate when called upon for such a labor, and his strong logic, sound reasoning and incontrovertible evidence were the means many times of not only setting at naught the defense of his opponent, but also of convincing many auditors.

In the dark days of the Civil war Dr. MacDill had more than one opportunity to display his loyalty and courage. Although he was not found upon the battle-field he was a most earnest worker for the Union cause at home, and spoke in behalf of the Union when it had many enemies north of the Ohio and denounced slavery when the system had its advocates and apologists north as well as south of the Mason and Dixon line. When the invasion by southern troops was threatened he was made lieutenant of the home guards in his community, and when the famous Morgan raid actually occurred the Doctor was taken prisoner and saved the life of a friend and neighbor at that time by resolutely refusing to disclose his hiding place. The man in question had fired on the advance guard of Morgan's men and had he been caught would doubtless have been executed without trial or ceremony. But neither threats nor cajolling could induce Dr. MacDill, while a prisoner, to betray his friend, and Dick Morgan found that at least one man in Adams county could keep a secret. Truth telling has ever been a fixed habit with him, but

he felt that there were certain questions which he had no right to answer before such a court of inquiry. Release followed before he had long been a prisoner, and the Doctor returned home with honor unsullied to gladden the hearts of anxious friends and parishioners.

But the time came ere long when the community realized that Dr. MacDill belonged to the whole church and to the country as well as to Adams county. A man with his gifts could not long keep in the background, so after more than a score of years spent in his quiet country home, devoted to the work of the church and to broad and comprehensive study he was called to occupy the chair of philosophy in Monmouth College, and from that intellectual center his fame spread abroad. He remained in Monmouth until the demand for his services in a more important field were made, he being called to the chair of homiletics and apologetics in Xenia Theological Seminary. In his present position his business is chiefly to defend the Bible, and few men are better prepared for the work. He has not only been a close and discriminating student of the Word, but also of the history of the countries with which had to do at the time of its compilation. Not only have students profited by his lectures upon the subject, but as an author he has published some valuable works along those lines, which have caused deep thought among student and which present incontrovertible fact and logic that is unanswerable.

But while Dr. MacDill has ever shown forth strong intellectual and remarkable mental strength in his work it is probably his characteristics of kindliness, charity, helpfulness and brotherly love that have so endeared him to those with whom he has

come in contact. His talents are crowned with character. He holds friendship and confidence inviolable and has the ability of readily understanding the disposition and situation of others, and thus is enabled to extend to them the counsel of help needed. He has passed the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten, but the evening of life is not to him a period of inactivity. His labors are yet felt as a moving force in the realm of thought, his usefulness has increased rather than diminished. As he advances he seems to see more clearly the great principles which govern life and to understand more thoroughly the great plan of Christian salvation, "to feel eternal spring within his heart," and to give more freely out of the rich stores of his learning and experience.

Dr. MacDill received the degree of A. M. from Center College and also the degree of LL. D., while Miami University conferred upon him the degree of L. H. D., and Monmouth College the degree of D. D. He has been honored by the ministry of his church, being elected moderator of the second synod of Ohio and as moderator of the general assembly which met in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, in 1892, and he has taken a prominent part in general assemblies held in different parts of the country from the east to Oregon. His influence is always found on the side of progress and his voice did much toward bringing about a change in the church laws, allowing instrumental music in the churches. Under Governor McKinley the Doctor was appointed a trustee of Miami University and re-appointed under Governor Nash, each term being for nine years, and he will deliver the charge to Dr. Benton when he is inaugurated presi-

dent of Miami University September 9, 1902.

We hereby acknowledge our indebtedness for most of the material for this sketch to Dr. Scouller's Manual of the United Presbyterian church.

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WILLIAM H. BICKETT.

Upon a farm two miles east of Xenia on the Jasper pike William Harvey Bickett now resides, there carefully carrying on agricultural pursuits, whereby he is winning a most comfortable competence. He is a worthy representative of an honored family of Greene county and well deserves mention in this volume. His birth occurred December 6, 1835, on the old family homestead, just a short distance north of his present place of residence, his parents being William R. and Isabella (Alexander) Bickett. He began his education in the subscription schools, such as were common at that day, and later continued his studies in the free district schools of the county. His training at farm labor was not meager, for he early began the work in the fields and continued at home with his parents until the 1st of May, 1864, when in response to his country's call for aid he offered his services to the government and joined the boys in blue of Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. He was mustered in at Camp Dennison, went to the front, and for four months was engaged in defending the old flag, largely in garrison duty. On the expiration of that period he was mustered out at Camp Dennison and after his return he served out his time in the National



Guards, having previously enlisted for five years in that military organization. Like the other members of the family, he performed his share of the farm work, and the practical experience which he gained in his youth has been of value to him in the conduct of his own farming interests in later life.

On December 9, 1868, Mr. Bickett was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret J. Stoops, a native of this county and a daughter of John and Betsey (Simpson) Stoops, Mrs. Bickett being their only child. The mother died and was buried at Monmouth, Illinois. Mr. Stoops was a native of Virginia, but at an early day came to Ohio. He was three times married, and by his first union had four children, while of the third marriage there were two children, but both died in early life.

Mr. and Mrs. Bickett began their domestic life upon a farm located between Jasper and Jamestown pikes, where they remained for about fifteen years. On the expiration of that period our subject purchased his present farm about 1883, and has erected all of the buildings upon it. This includes a fine modern residence, large barns and all the necessary shelter for grain and stock. He also has the latest improved machinery, has had many rods of ditching dug and his entire place of eighty-three acres is well improved.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bickett has been blessed with four children. Frank Simpson is a bookkeeper of Xenia. He was educated in the township and public schools of Xenia and is not only a successful business man, but is very prominent in church work. He is the secretary and treasurer of the Sabbath-school of the Second United Presbyterian church of Xenia, having filled

those offices for a number of years. James R., the second son, operates the home farm and makes a specialty of the raising of Lincolnshire sheep, having taken many prizes at county and state fairs. Jennie May died at the age of two years. Warren, who completes the family, is attending school in Xenia.

In politics Mr. Bickett is a Republican, and both he and his wife are members of the Second United Presbyterian church of Xenia. Their two eldest sons belong to the Young People's Society of that church, of which Frank is now serving as corresponding secretary, while James is serving on the membership committee. The name of Bickett has never been associated with anything dishonorable, but is synonymous with good citizenship and with upright conduct in all the walks of life.



#### ARCHIBALD J. McELROY.

Archibald J. McElroy has reached the eighty-third milestone on life's journey. He is a native of Ross county, Ohio, his birth having occurred on the 14th of July, 1819. His grandfather, Daniel McElroy, was a native of Ireland and on coming to the United States became one of the early settlers of Virginia, where he spent the remainder of his life. The parents, Daniel and Grizelle (Johnson) McElroy, came to Greene county about 1824 and settled on land about two miles east of Cedarville. The father was a native of Virginia and removed to Ohio when a young man. He was a millright by trade and followed that business until middle life, when he turned his attention to farming, and his last days were

spent upon the farm on which he located on coming to this county. He owned one hundred and twenty-three acres of land, which for many years was known as the McElroy farm. He served in the war of 1812 and at all times was as loyal to his country as when he wore the nation's uniform. His wife, who was born in Nova Scotia, in 1794, died upon the old homestead in Cedarville township, at the age of fifty-five years. By her marriage she became the mother of ten children, five of whom are yet living.

In a log school house of Cedarville township Archibald J. McElroy pursued his education, while his business training was received on his father's farm, where he remained until about 1860. He then removed to a farm just north of Cedarville, where he remained for a short time and then purchased a farm south of the town, comprising one hundred acres of improved land, on which he lived for six years. His next home was in the village, but after a short time he purchased his farm at the edge of the town, consisting at first of thirty-two acres, to which he has since added until he now has fifty-two and a half acres. Upon this he has since lived and here he has always engaged in general farming and stock-raising from the time he first made the place his home.

In 1855 Mr. McElroy was married, near Xenia, to Miss Mary Ellen Little, a daughter of John and Mary (McCoy) Little, natives of South Carolina, who came to Ohio at a very early day in the history of this county and spent the remainder of their lives near Xenia. Her father was a prominent farmer, but both are now deceased. Mrs. McElroy was called to her final rest in 1881, when about fifty-five years of age. She was a member of the Reformed Pres-

byterian church and a most estimable lady, and though her remains were interred in Massies Creek cemetery her memory is still enshrined in the hearts of all who knew her. She left two sons. John R., the elder, is a stationary engineer residing in Dayton, Ohio. He married Miss Morris, of Illinois, who died leaving one child, Daniel, and later he wedded Miss Minnie Cline, of Cedarville, by whom he has a son, Kenneth. Daniel W., born August 20, 1861, in Cedarville, was educated in the schools of Cedarville and in the collegiate institute in Paxton, Illinois. He has engaged in farming upon the home place all his life and is a progressive and practical farmer. He belongs to the Reformed Presbyterian church.

It is in that church that Archibald McElroy holds membership, and its principles have been the guiding spirit of his life. In his political views he has always been a Democrat. He has witnessed the marvelous growth and development of Greene county through many years, and his aid and co-operation have never been withheld from any movement or measure which he believes will contribute to the general good. He has now reached the evening of life, but he yet maintains an active interest in public affairs. His honorable career, embracing the strong traits of an upright manhood, have gained for him respect and veneration in his declining years.

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C. W. McBEE.

With the farming interests of Sugar-creek township C. W. McBee is identified, having purchased his present home in 1887. He here owns sixty-eight acres of land, which he has placed under a high state of

cultivation, and its neat and thrifty appearance indicates his careful supervision. Mr. McBee is a native of what is now Grant county, West Virginia, but was then Hardy county, his birth having occurred on the 3d of July, 1852, his parents being William and Mary (Gouldizen) McBee. His boyhood days were spent upon the mountain farm where they raised cattle and sheep, and thus he became familiar with the best methods for caring for stock, spending many a day in herding. He acquired a fair common-school education and in January, 1873, came to Greene county, being then a young man of twenty-one years. Here he worked as a farm hand by the month for a short time, after which he returned to West Virginia, where he continued for a year and a half, but, believing that he might have better business opportunities in the Buckeye state, he again came to Greene county in March, 1875. Seeking employment as a farm hand, he worked by the month until his marriage, which important event in his life occurred on the 27th of December, 1876, the lady of his choice being Miss Jane Turner, who was born in New Jasper township, Greene county, a daughter of Elijah and Frances (Bales) Turner, also natives of this county. She acquired a good common-school education and has proven an able assistant to her husband on life's journey.

Mr. and Mrs. McBee began housekeeping on land which belonged to Mr. Turner, remaining there for about three years, after which they went to Clinton county and purchased land. Eight years were passed in that locality, at the end of which time Mr. McBee sold his property there and in 1887 returned to Greene county, since which time he has resided upon his present farm, a tract of sixty-eight acres, which is well improved

and there are good modern buildings upon the place, together with the machinery which facilitates farm work.

Two children have come to bless the home of our subject and his wife: Bertha, who was born on the 11th of April, 1878, and Raper, born July 19, 1875. Both are still with their parents. Mr. McBee votes for the Republican party. He faithfully performs his duties of citizenship and is interested in public measures tending to advance the general welfare. His chief attention, however, is given to his business affairs and his labors have brought to him creditable success. All that he possesses is the result of his own efforts, and as the architect of his own fortunes he has builded wisely and well.

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#### ROBERT LYTLE.

There may be found in almost all American communities quiet, retiring men who never ask for public office or appear prominent in public affairs, yet who nevertheless exert a widely felt influence in the community in which they live and help to construct the proper foundation upon which the social and political world is built. Such a man is Robert Lytle, who is now engaged in the real-estate, loan and insurance business. His enterprise, ambition, activity and resolution, as manifest in his business career, are most commendable characteristics, and have brought to him the prosperity which he is now enjoying.

Mr. Lytle is a native of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, his parents being James and Fannie (Smart) Lytle, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state.



The father was born in Cumberland county and was a farmer by occupation. In 1843, accompanied by his family, he started by wagon for Greene county, Ohio, reaching his destination after twenty-three days upon the road. He settled in what is now the western part of Cedarville township, and after about four years purchased land. He followed farming throughout his active business career and died at the age of seventy-three years, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy years. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are yet living.

Robert Lytle, however, is the only member of the family now in Greene county. He obtained his education in the country schools and assisted his father on the farm, remaining at home until 1853, when he came to Xenia. Here he began clerking for J. C. McMillan & Company, remaining in the employ of that firm until after the commencement of the Civil war, when he joined the boys in blue as a member of Company D, Twelfth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made captain. He served until September, 1861, when he was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, and then returned home.

In 1864 Mr. Lytle accepted a position as bookkeeper in the Second National Bank of Xenia and was promoted from time to time, filling the position of teller up to 1884, when it was found that the bank was seriously involved. Against his wishes, he was elected cashier and in that capacity made a determined effort to put the bank on a sound financial basis. This, however, he was unable to do, and the bank was forced to close in 1888. He then embarked in the real-estate, loan and insurance business, and has since carried on operations along that

line, doing a good business in each department, placing many loans and negotiating a large number of important real-estate transfers, in addition to writing considerable insurance.

On the 12th of January, 1881, Mr. Lytle was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Monroe, a native of Greene county and a daughter of George and Martha Monroe, of Xenia. Our subject and his wife are members of the Third United Presbyterian church and he also belongs to Lewis Post, G. A. R., of which he was one of the incorporators. In politics he was formerly a Whig, but on the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the new Republican party, the principles of which he has since endorsed, although he has never sought or desired office. Almost sixty years have passed since he accompanied his parents to Greene county, and throughout the intervening years he has been a valued and progressive citizen of this portion of the state and a business man whose integrity and trustworthiness are above question.

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#### GEORGE N. PERRILL.

George N. Perrill, whose connection with the business interests of Bowersville has contributed largely to the commercial activity and consequent prosperity of the village, is the president of the Bowersville Bank and the owner of the grain elevator there. He was born near what is now Milledgeville, Fayette county, Ohio, on the 11th of August, 1856, a son of John and Margaret J. (Sparks) Perrill. The former was born near Cynthiana, Pike county, Ohio,



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and after attaining his majority he removed to Fayette county, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred in the year 1898. His wife was born in Kentucky, and with her parents came to Fayette county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Perrill were consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the former gave his political support to the Republican party. In their family were eleven children, nine of whom reached years of maturity.

George N. Perrill, the eldest, began his education in the district school and later pursued his studies in the high school of Washington Court House, Ohio. He was early trained to the work of the home farm and to habits of industry and self-reliance, and they have been salient features in his successful career. He remained on the old homestead until his marriage, which occurred March 14, 1878, the lady of his choice being Miss Elizabeth Vanniman, of Bowersville, a daughter of Stephen and Rebecca Jane (Early) Vanniman, who were pioneer settlers of this part of the county.

After his marriage Mr. Perrill purchased a farm of one hundred acres in Jefferson township and conducted that farm for twelve years. He then purchased another farm of one hundred acres south of the town, whereon he lived for two years, after which he turned his attention to the grain trade when the railroad was built through this part of the county and thus afforded shipping facilities. He leased the first elevator in the place, conducting it for three months, when it was destroyed by fire. At that time he was the senior member of the firm of Perrill & Lewis, which connection was continued for six years, since which time Mr. Perrill has been alone in his grain operations. His business interests have

been very successfully conducted. He is not only the owner of the elevator and successfully and extensively deals in grain, but has extended his efforts to other lines. He has added to his land until he now owns two hundred and seventy-seven acres, constituting a very valuable tract south of the town. He was also instrumental in organizing the Bowersville Bank, and was its president from the beginning. It was capitalized for twenty thousand dollars, has good deposits and undivided profits and is regarded as a sound and trustworthy financial concern. Mr. Perrill has owned considerable real estate here and is also a stockholder in the Commercial Bank at Washington Court House.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Perrill have been born two children: Edith, who was educated at Cedarville College; and Arthur, who finished his education at Ada, Ohio. The daughter is now the wife of Luther Chitty, of Bowersville, and they have one child, Donald Perrill. Our subject and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Protestant church, in which he is serving as a trustee. He contributes liberally to its support, and takes an active interest in all public matters pertaining to the general progress and improvement along social, intellectual, material and moral lines. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant camp meeting board, and is serving as a director of the County Agricultural Society. For three years he filled the office of township trustee, but has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking, preferring to devote his time and energies to his business affairs, which have been so wisely planned and carefully conducted as the years have passed by as to win for him very gratifying and honorable success.

## ORLANDER B. LA FONG.

Orlander B. La Fong, now deceased, ranked among the old and highly respected citizens of Beavercreek township. He was a man who, in every relation of life, commanded the confidence, good will and respect of those with whom he was associated. His word was as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal. Not only in business, but in every situation in which he was placed he was known for his integrity and for his fidelity to everything which he believed to be right.

Mr. La Fong was a native of Virginia, his birth having occurred in Botetourt county on the 21st of October, 1817. He was a son of George B. and Casander (Lovell) La Fong, the latter a native of England. The father was born and reared in Virginia, but his father came from France. During his boyhood Orlander B. La Fong accompanied his parents on their removal from Virginia to Ohio, the family settling on Ludlow creek in Beavercreek township, Greene county. About 1840 they removed to the farm upon which Mrs. La Fong, the widow of our subject, is now living. The parents spent their remaining days upon this place and when called to their final rest their remains were interred in the Hawker cemetery.

Mr. La Fong, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the public schools of his township. While yet a young man he took charge of the farm, and upon his father's death purchased the property comprising two hundred and seven acres. Year after year he continued the work of development and improvement until he was the owner of one of the best farms in this part of the state. As a com-

panion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Rebecca Black, their wedding being celebrated on the 14th day of June, 1860. The lady is a native of Beavercreek township and a daughter of Robert and Mary (Koogler) Black. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and her mother in Greene county, Ohio. The former came to Ohio when a boy and took up his abode in Bath township, Greene county, but in the spring of 1836 he removed to Beavercreek township. By his marriage he became the father of nine children: Sarah, now Mrs. Frederick, a resident of Miami county, Ohio; Simon; Jonathan, who is living in Beavercreek township; Mrs. Rebecca La Fong; Mary, deceased; Jacob, who makes his home in Illinois; Ann Maria, now Mrs. Simpson, of Missouri; Catherine, who resides in Dayton, Ohio; and Mrs. Jennie Carter, also of Dayton. The father died in 1872, at the age of sixty-five years, while his wife passed away in 1888, at the age of seventy-nine, and was buried in Hawker cemetery. The home of Mr. and Mrs. La Fong has been blessed with four children: Aletha is now the wife of J. F. Harshman, of Greene county. Sarah is the wife of Isaac N. Kable and they reside in Beavercreek township with their children—Oscar, Pearl, Clay and Etta Marie. Oscar B., a resident farmer of Beavercreek township, married Effa Trubee. They have three children—Anna Lovell, Orlander and Robert. Rebecca is the deceased wife of John F. Shoup, and at her death left one child, Forest, who is living with his grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca La Fong.

Mr. La Fong gave his political support to the Democracy and was firm in his advocacy of its principles. Both he and his wife were members of the Mount Zion Re-

formed church, which relation the latter at present sustains. He always devoted his energies to farming and displayed splendid business ability in conducting his affairs. His life was at all times upright and honorable, and he was officially connected with his church. For some time before his death he was ill, but he bore his sufferings with Christian fortitude. To his family he left not only a comfortable property, but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. His loss in his household is an irreparable one. His wife is still living upon the home place, although she is renting the farm. She, too, is widely known in this county, and the circle of her friends is an extensive one.

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### JOHN A. STULL.

Perhaps every state in the Union has furnished some citizens to Ohio, and Maryland has sent a large quota of enterprising, honorable men who have become active factors in business circles here. Among the number is John A. Stull, of Beavercreek township, who was born in Frederick county, Maryland, December 7, 1834, his parents being Joseph and Margaret (Havener) Stull. The father was also a native of Frederick county, Maryland, but the mother was born in Germany. Joseph Stull carried on agricultural pursuits in his native state until 1858, when he brought his family by rail to Ohio, settling in Beavercreek township, where he spent his remaining days, passing away in 1884 at the advanced age of eighty-two years. His wife was also eighty-two years old at the time of her death, which occurred March 30, 1890. They were laid to rest in Beavercreek cemetery, where also

sleep two of their sons. In their family were the following children: John A., Horatio, Mary, Henry and Joshua, and Henry, deceased. Mary is the widow of George Bowers and resides in Lewisburg, Ohio. Joshua became a member of the company that was organized at Alpha and joined the Seventy-fourth Ohio Infantry. He was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea and died in New York city of typhoid fever while in the service. Both the parents were members of the Lutheran church and Joseph Stull was a Whig in ante-bellum days, but when the Republican party was formed he joined its ranks. He came to Ohio a poor man, but was quite successful in his business undertakings, and steadily and persistently carried on his labors until he had acquired a comfortable competence.

In his parents' home John A. Stull spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He was educated in the common schools of Maryland and with his father and the family came to Ohio. Here he worked by the month for two years, receiving fifteen dollars per month the first year, and sixteen dollars per month the second year. He then rented a farm and for three years his parents lived with him, his mother keeping house. Altogether he operated rented land for eight years, and in 1869 he purchased one hundred acres, to which he has since added ten acres. All the improvements upon the place have been built by our subject, including a good residence and substantial barns. His fields are richly cultivated and he is now successfully engaged in stock raising and in general farming. He has made a specialty of the cultivation of tobacco, which crop annually brought to him a good financial return.

On the 6th of March, 1859, Mr. Stull



married Miss Harriet Freese, who was born in Xenia township, a daughter of Jacob and Harriet (Babb) Freese, natives of Frederick county, Virginia, where they were reared and married. Eight children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Stull: Alice, the wife of Henry Toms, a farmer of Spring Valley township, by whom she has three children, Guy, Hazel and Charles; Carrie Belle, who became the wife of James Sanders and died leaving one son, Ernest; Charles W., who is now the farmer at the county infirmary; Ida M., who married Joseph Michaels, of Alpha; Ralph Babb, who is at home; John Edward, who married Margaret Casey and is now in the employ of the National Cash Register Company, of Dayton; Pearl, the wife of Thorburn Charters, of Xenia, by whom she has one child, Marguerite; and Mabel, who died at the age of thirteen years. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Stull votes with the Republican party, having firm faith in its principles, yet never seeking or desiring public office.

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#### JACOB H. HARBINE.

He whose name heads this brief sketch belongs to one of the first families of Ohio, and ranks among her most favorably known and prosperous citizens. Mr. Harbine, second son of John and Hetty (Herr) Harbine, was born December 3, 1832. He obtained a rudimentary education in a country school, then attended the Xenia high school, and later pursued his studies in Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. Mr. Harbine's life has been an open book, known and read of all men. In business he ex-

perienced from the beginning unusual success and his honest and honorable dealings with his associates have left him singularly free from personal enemies. His beautiful home at Harbine Station, Ohio, attests the quiet elegance of Mr. Harbine's tastes. His is one of those retiring natures that prefer seclusion to publicity, the quietude of the home to the noise and confusion of the forum.

His present biographer would fain say a few of the many creditable things that might be said of Mr. Harbine, though they could not add to the respect and esteem in which he is held by all who know him. Mr. Harbine, however, modestly but firmly protests, desiring rather that his daily life stand as his highest encomium while he lives; the memory of that life as his most fitting monument when life is done.

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#### REV. SAMUEL WILSON, M. D.

Rev. Samuel Wilson well deserves mention in the history of Greene county, for he was an active factor in the moral and intellectual development of this portion of the state. Through more than a quarter of a century from 1830 until 1856 he served as pastor of the Associate, now the Second United Presbyterian, church of Xenia, and from 1855 until 1877 he was professor of Hebrew and theology in the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He also served as the first professor of Hebrew in the theological department of Wilberforce University of this vicinity. For a time, moreover, he conducted a private academy.

Dr. Wilson was born May 5, 1806, in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. His fa-

ther, William Wilson, was born in the north of Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and came to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, settling there in 1791. He was the first enrolled theological student on the American continent. He entered the Associate Seminary established at Service, Pennsylvania, in 1794, and therein pursued the regular theological course, devoting his entire life to the work of the ministry in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. For some time he was located at Noblestown, and afterward at Montour, the latter church constituting the present congregation of Clinton and Robinson. At the time of his death he was serving as pastor of the church in Robinson. In May, 1842, he was called to the home beyond.

Rev. Samuel Wilson pursued his education in Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in 1824, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Having determined also to devote his life to the Christian ministry, he then entered the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, of which the Xenia Seminary is the successor. He completed his course there and was licensed to preach on the 16th of August, 1829, by the Muskingum Presbytery, and on the 27th of April, 1831, he was ordained by the Miami Presbytery. He located in Xenia, as pastor of what was then the Associate church, and conducted an active pastorate there for a quarter of a century, at the end of which time he resigned in order to give his entire attention to the work of teaching Hebrew and theology in the Xenia Theological Seminary. At length he laid aside that work in 1877, because of the infirmities of age. Under his direction the church of which he was pastor had made rapid and satisfactory progress, and when he entered the educational field he proved

one of the most capable instructors ever connected with the institution.

Dr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Cunningham, of Xenia, March 6, 1832, and unto them were born nine children: William H.; Elizabeth, the wife of Rev. J. P. Lytle, D. D.; Margaret, the wife of Alexander Caskey; Rev. James C., of Erie, Pennsylvania, upon whom also has been bestowed the degree of Doctor of Divinity; Martha; Frances, the wife of Rev. J. M. French; John Wallace, of Kansas City, Missouri; Ella, the wife of L. D. Cain, of Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Samuel S., a medical practitioner of Xenia. The father of this family died September 5, 1887. His wife passed away in 1889.

Dr. Wilson was prominently connected with the early abolition movement, being one of its leaders in Greene county. He was converted to the movement by reading a small book, called Jay's Inquiry, and the Liberator, published in Boston by William Lloyd Garrison. At that time he was not aware that there was another abolitionist in the county, but soon discovered that there were four others: Rev. Mr. Hoague, of Clifton; Thomas Steele, David Monroe and Joseph Harbison, of Xenia. By means of agitation they succeeded in exciting a sufficient amount of interest to justify them in calling a convention, but the question of a place of holding the meeting proved to be an important one, as they were barred from every church or public building in Xenia. There was no alternative but either to abandon the project of holding the convention or to hold it in the yard of one of the agitators, and Dr. Wilson was the only one of the number who dared to offer his home for the purpose. A platform for the speakers was erected in his yard directly under the

point where the pulpit of the First United Presbyterian church now stands. During that meeting a mob collected on what is now the southeast corner of Market and Collier streets and was only prevented from attacking the meeting by the intervention of an old blacksmith and pumpmaker by the name of John McClellan, who with a club in hand dared any man to cross the street and molest his preacher. This was the first anti-slavery convention held in Greene county, and from it developed the Anti-slavery, the Free-soil or the Liberty party, as it was at different times called, to which the Whigs very soon attached themselves. The intense opposition to this movement was manifested in the fact that Dr. Wilson's own church door was closed against him when he requested the use of the church for the meeting previously referred to, but it was not long afterward that he ventured to introduce the subject into the pulpit and he continued to preach anti-slavery doctrines in spite of the fact that he drove from his congregation quite a number of influential members. Among those who remained there were many who opposed the doctrine but who accorded to him the privilege of preaching his views and were faithful in defending him while so doing. He was always a stanch advocate of the rights of the colored man, and was materially interested in manipulating the underground railroad.

At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing the Doctor to have been a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these traits have been shadowed forth within the lines of this review. Strong in his individuality, he never lacked courage, but there were, as dominating elements in his personality, a lively human

sympathy and an abiding charity, which, as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally gained for Dr. Wilson the respect and confidence of men.

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#### SAMUEL S. WILSON, M. D.

Dr. Samuel S. Wilson, who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Xenia, was born in this city February 5, 1853, and at the usual age entered the public schools. He afterward continued his studies in the high school and later entered the Ohio Central College at Iberia. He was also a student in Westminster College of Pennsylvania, and he determined to devote his life to the alleviation of human suffering through the administration of the remedial agencies known to the medical profession. He began reading under the direction of Dr. D. D. Moore, of Xenia. He afterward became a student of the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati and was graduated from that institution on the 4th of March, 1880. He then took a competitive examination which he successfully passed and entered Mercy Hospital of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, as house physician, in which capacity he served for one year. He then opened an office in Xenia, where he has since been in active practice. In 1896 he established a private hospital in order to give better care to his surgical cases, and has successfully continued this since. He is a close, earnest and discriminating student, and in 1895 he pursued a post-graduate course in the Polyclinic of New York. He is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, the Ohio



State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Mary K. Harper, a daughter of Rev. James Harper, D. D., LL. D., then professor of theology and Hebrew of the Xenia Theological Seminary. The marriage was celebrated June 13, 1888, and unto them have been born two children: Lois Harper and Frederick Harper. The parents are members of the Second United Presbyterian church, of which the Doctor is ruling elder. In politics he is a Republican, and for the past three years has represented the first ward in the city council. He is a man of high character, an industrious, ambitious student and a gifted surgeon.

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#### OLIVER WHITSON.

One of the brave soldier boys who while yet in his 'teens went forth to battle for the Union and now an enterprising farmer, stock-raiser and breeder of fast horses, Oliver Whitson is well known throughout Greene county and this portion of Ohio. His home is on the Burlington pike in Spring Valley township, and he was born in the house in which he now lives February 29, 1848, his parents being Solomon and Hannah (Compton) Whitson, the former born October 12, 1807, the latter May 13, 1813. She was a daughter of Stephen and Dinah Compton, who drove across the country from North Carolina to Ohio at a very early day. The paternal grandparents were Jordan and Mary Whitson, who probably came from the same section of the south and cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Ohio. Solomon Whitson learned the black-

smith's trade and also followed the millwright business. He purchased and operated the Burlington mill and after selling that property bought land upon which our subject now resides. He had to clear this before it could be cultivated, but his unflagging labors soon wrought a change in its appearance and it became a valuable farm. He erected a frame house and was regarded as one of the progressive agriculturists of the community.

Upon the home farm Oliver Whitson spent his boyhood days and acquired a common-school education, but when only sixteen years of age he joined the army as a private of Company B, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Infantry in 1864. He had been in the state militia and now entered the United States service. For two months he was on the eastern shore of Maryland, guarding a boat landing, being in Forts Marshall and McHenry. The first battle in which he participated was at Monocacy, where almost at first the troops were ordered to make a bayonet charge. Later he participated in some skirmishes, and while guarding wagon trains at Berryville was in a severe fight. There his command was captured. About twenty minutes later, while being marched through the town, Mr. Whitson determined that he would never enter a Rebel prison, and seeing a navy revolver lying in the road he stooped to pick it up, but a guard ran his horse against him and knocked him over. He was then ordered to get on a horse, but pretended that he could not, and when his captors threatened to shoot him he got the horse between him and the Rebels and broke for liberty. They shot at him and many bullets flew around him, but none struck him, and he managed to escape to the bushes. He

found a few other Union men, and under cover of the night they made their escape, going to Harper's Ferry and passing directly through the Rebel camp. Mr. Whitson was at the front for a little more than four months and never received a scratch.

After his return home he began earning his own living, but continued to live on the old homestead, and at the time of his father's death fell heir to forty-eight and a half acres of land. In 1871 Mr. Whitson was married to Miss Josephine Hurley, of New Burlington, and unto them were born three children: Lea, who lives in Dayton; Lizzie, the wife of Alfred Peterson, of Xenia, by whom she has one child, Vesta; and Osy, the wife of Edward Gano, by whom she has two children, Myrtle and Lea. The wife and mother died in 1886, and two children had died in infancy. On the 28th of November, 1888, Mr. Whitson married Mrs. Eva Hurley, nee Lemar, of Clinton county, Ohio. They have two children, Hazel and Clarence.

In 1889 Mr. Whitson went to Webb City, Missouri, to handle stable horses. From boyhood he had had a fondness for a horse and the first one which he ever owned, —making a trade for it,—won the first race in which he ever ran, it being at Jamestown, where he did his own driving in a sulky that weighed about five hundred pounds. He has both bred and raised colts to train and has owned some very valuable fast horses, including Red Hal that made a mile in 2:07, but afterward went lame. He now has Legal Hal, which he has raised and which has made a record as a four-year-old of 2:19¼. He also raised Lady Hal, a full sister to Legal Hal, and she made the fastest yearling record ever made in the world, pacing a half-mile in 1:07. Mr. Whitson re-

mained in the west but a year and after returning to Ohio located in Fairfield, where he conducted a hotel and handled fast horses. He next took charge of the Greenlawn Stock Farm, owned by Dr. D. W. Greene, of Dayton, remaining there five years. He now resides in the old family home, where he is engaged in farming and in breeding and training fast horses, having gained more than a local reputation in this way. He is an excellent judge of a fine animal and always has some splendid roadsters. In politics he is a Republican and was appointed to fill a vacancy as township trustee, and has been twice elected, proving a capable officer and public-spirited citizen.

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#### WILLIAM L. HAGLER.

Upon an excellent farm about five miles southeast of Xenia resides William Leonard Hagler, who is accounted one of the progressive and wide-awake agriculturists of his community. He was born about a mile east of his present home in what is now New Jasper township, his natal day being May 8, 1827. His father, Samuel Hagler, was born in Hardy, Virginia, August 7, 1794, and after arriving at years of maturity he was married in Warren county, Ohio, to Anna Fudge, also a native of the Old Dominion. He was of German descent and was a son of Leonard and Mary (Peterson) Hagler, who had a large family. His wife, Anna Fudge, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, and was a daughter of Jacob Fudge. In early life he emigrated westward and cast in his lot with the early settlers of Warren county, Ohio. After a year or two he returned to Virginia and brought

his family to the new home. His father, Leonard Hagler, died in 1834. He had but two sons, who reached years of maturity, Eli and Samuel. The latter, the father of our subject, at once began work here, and with characteristic energy cleared and developed one hundred and fifty acres of land, placing the tract under a high state of cultivation. As his financial resources increased he also added to the property, and at the time of his death owned a valuable tract of two hundred acres, which each year returned to him golden harvests. His death occurred August 7, 1880, when he was eighty-six years of age, and his wife passed away in 1884, at the age of eighty-four, both being laid to rest in the family burying ground upon the home farm, where a fine monument marks the place of their interment. Both were members of the German Reformed church, and Mr. Hagler was a Whig in his early political views, supporting that party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the Republican party. Unto them were born fifteen children: Elizabeth Ann, who became the wife of Mathew Smith, but both are now deceased; Mary Amanda, who is the widow of Gideon Spahr and resides in Bellbrook; Sarah Jane, who is the widow of Philip Sutton and makes her home near the powder mill in Xenia; William Leonard, of this review; Henry Christian, deceased; Martha Eddy, the widow of William Sutton, of Jamestown; Catherine Charlotte, the wife of Austin Long, of New Jasper township; John Milton and Moses Allen, both of whom are deceased; Clarissa Rebecca, the widow of Durban Long and a resident of Jamestown; Hannah Minerva, who is the widow of David Dean, and is living in Xenia; Emily Louisa, who is the widow of John Dean and

resides in New Jasper township; Samuel Harrison, who died in childhood; Anna Samantha, who is the widow of Jacob Peterson and makes her home in Xenia; and Harriett Rosaltha, who died in childhood.

William L. Hagler, of this review, received but limited educational privileges, attending to some extent the subscription schools near his home. His training in farm work, however, was not meager, for he early became familiar with the work of developing and improving a farm. When twenty-six years of age he was united in marriage on the 24th of September, 1851, to Miss Mary Lyon Scroggs, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, January 4, 1831, a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Lyon) Scroggs. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, and in his boyhood became a resident of Jefferson, Ohio, and afterward removed to Belmont county. In 1855 Mr. Hagler purchased the farm upon which he now resides, comprising one hundred and thirty-three acres. The barns and other out-buildings upon the place have all been erected by him, and are indications of his life of activity, industry and usefulness. He also planted an orchard when he first located here, which is now in good bearing condition. He has used excellent machinery in carrying on the farm work and is widely known as a progressive agriculturist, who in connection with the tilling of the soil is engaged in the raising of Jersey cattle and Poland China hogs, and also has fine black-top merino sheep.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hagler have been born seven children: Lottie Jane, the eldest, is the wife of David Livingston, who resides near Columbus and is a member of the United Presbyterian church. They have five children—Paul, Ralph Hagler, Frank



Alexander, Ella Nora and Jenette Lee. Moses Allen married Martha Wead and resides in Xenia township. Charles Franklin, also a resident of Xenia township, wedded Jennie Crawford and they have two living children—Mary Jane and Charles Crawford. George Mallow married Catherine Ruth Anderson and their home is in Spring Valley township, where they reside with their six children—Joseph Lewis, Carrie Margaret, Ollie May, Albert Abijah, Fred William and an infant son. Emily is the wife of John Galloway, of Xenia, and they have one child, Mildred Hagler. William is deceased. Anna M. is the wife of Ralph Spahr and they reside on the old home farm, Mr. Spahr having the management of the farm work, which he ably conducts. Mr. Hagler has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded to those who have reached the evening of life, and whose record has ever been blameless and honorable.

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#### JOSEPH DEVOE.

Joseph DeVoe, who is engaged in general farming and stock raising, owns and cultivates a farm of one hundred and eight acres in Caesarscreek township. He was born in Jefferson township, Greene county, March 7, 1850, and is a son of David and Mary (Ary) DeVoe. The paternal grandparents were Joseph and Abby (Oglesbee) DeVoe, and the former was a son of David DeVoe, who was of French descent. His father died in his native land, France, but the mother afterward came to this country. David DeVoe spent his days in Virginia and

it was in that state that Joseph DeVoe, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared, spending his youth near Winchester. He married Miss Abby Oglesbee, also a native of that locality, and about the year 1817 he sought a home in Ohio, taking up his abode near what is now the village of Paintersville. In his political support he was a Whig, and both he and his wife were Methodists in religious faith. In their family were six children: David J., now deceased; Evaline, who is the widow of John Ary and resides in Caesarscreek township; George W.; Ephraim, who has passed away; Sarah Jane, who became the wife of Nathan Fisher, but both are now deceased; and Asa, who has also departed this life. Joseph DeVoe, the grandfather of our subject and the father of this family, was called to his final rest in 1860, and his wife passed away in 1858. Both were laid to rest in the Salem burying ground.

David DeVoe, the father of our subject, was born in 1822, and after arriving at years of maturity he wedded Mary Ary, who was born August 13, 1825. The marriage was celebrated in Jefferson township, and in 1868 they removed to Paintersville, where the father of our subject purchased a farm, upon which he spent his remaining days, passing away on the 23d of January, 1899, at the age of seventy-six years. His widow still survives him and is now living in Paintersville. Like her husband, she belongs to the Methodist Protestant church. He was a Republican in political views and as a business man was reliable and energetic, while as a citizen he was ever loyal to the best interests of the community. Unto him and his wife were born eleven children: Eliza Jane, the wife of Thomas Bone, of Illinois; Sarah, the wife of William A. Powers, of

Jefferson township; Lucinda, the wife of L. V. Johnson, of Jefferson township; Joseph, our subject; William, who is living in Jefferson township; Aaron, a resident of Caesarscreek township; Margaret, David and George, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, the wife of I. Mason; and Jesse, a resident of Xenia township.

In the public schools of Jefferson township Joseph DeVoe was reared and educated. He lived with his father until his marriage, which occurred March 28, 1872, the lady of his choice being Miss Caroline Faulkner, a daughter of David and Emily J. (Mussetter) Faulkner. Her father was born near Paintersville, October 7, 1819, and his parents were Thomas and Mary (McGuire) Faulkner. He was educated in the district schools and remained upon the home farm until September, 1838, when he was married. He then rented land from his father for a time and afterward purchased a tract, carrying on agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death. He had become the owner of one hundred and ninety-four acres of well developed land, improved with all modern accessories and equipments, and in his business undertakings he was quite successful. Seven children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner, all of whom are yet living, namely: Mary, the wife of Francis Linkhart, of Xenia, by whom she has four children; Harvey C.; Caroline, now Mrs. DeVoe; Samuel P., who married Martha Painter; Elijah B., a resident of West Carlton, Ohio; Harriet M., who became the wife of Thomas B. Linkhart, a resident of Lumberton, Clinton county, Ohio; and Elizabeth Catherine, the wife of John Anderson, a resident of Clinton county, Ohio. The parents held membership in the Methodist Protestant

church, and for many years Mr. Faulkner served as a class leader. He took a deep interest in religious work and labored earnestly and effectively for the upbuilding of the cause of Christianity. His political support was given the Republican party, and for several terms he served as trustee of his township. His death occurred in 1896 and his wife passed away in 1900, being laid by his side in the cemetery at Jamestown.

After his marriage Joseph DeVoe removed to the farm which is now his home. He has erected all of the buildings upon the place and they stand as monuments to his enterprise and capable management. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and the well tilled fields return to him a golden harvest for his labors. He is energetic, progressive and persevering, and the success which he has acquired is the ultimate result of these characteristics.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. DeVoe has been blessed with three children: Annie B., the wife of Stacey Wilson, of Caesarscreek township, by whom she has one child, Goldie; Mollie, the wife of James Sessler, of Silvercreek township; Ida May, the wife of Oscar Gordan, of Caesarscreek township, by whom she has two children, Forrest and Everett J. Elmer Strickle, a son of Mollie by a former marriage, is also a member of the DeVoe household. Mr. DeVoe exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and upon that ticket he has been elected to the office of township trustee and to other local positions. In the Methodist Protestant church he and his wife hold membership, and he is also serving as one of the trustees of that organization. In manner he is courteous and pleasant, winning friends by his genial disposition and honorable char-

acter which commands the respect of all. He is public spirited in an eminent degree, and through all the years of his life has given his support to whatever is calculated to promote the general welfare.

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IRA W. BALDWIN, M. D.

Dr. Ira W. Baldwin devoted his life to a profession calling for much self-sacrifice as well as for strong mentality, close application and unflagging energy, but in the rank of his chosen profession he won distinction and throughout the county in which he made his home he was widely and favorably known. His birth occurred on a farm in Greene county on the Clifton pike, October 11, 1838. There were two children born unto David P. and Julia Baldwin, of whom he was the elder. His early education was acquired in the common schools and later he continued his studies in Antioch College. His leisure time was given to the study of medicine, and he afterward entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, where he completed a course by graduation in the year 1867. Immediately afterward he located in Enon, Ohio, where he opened an office and remained for two years. He then removed to Clarksville, Iowa, where he practiced successfully for the same length of time, but having a stronger preference for his native state than the one of his adoption he returned to Spring Valley, Ohio, and thence came to Xenia. He afterward spent eight years as a medical practitioner of Yellow Springs, and also engaged in farming, but his last days were passed in Xenia, where he died on the 2d of February, 1902.

The Doctor was a very prominent and influential man, whose many excellencies of

character were worthy of commendation and of emulation. He was a member of the Sixty-sixth Illinois Infantry during the Civil war, but owing to disability he received an honorable discharge. Later, however, he re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. For nine years he was identified with the United States pension board of Greene county, and for four years he served as postmaster at Yellow Springs, having been appointed under President Cleveland, his administration being highly satisfactory to all concerned. The Doctor was also actively and prominently connected with journalistic interests for a considerable period. He was the founder of the Greene County Democrat and afterward purchased the Xenia Democrat News, consolidating the two papers, both of which have since been merged into the Xenia Herald. He was the founder of the Saturday Morning Post and continued his newspaper career until 1882. He was one of the most prominent and influential Democrats in the county and his labors were effective in promoting the growth and success of Democracy. He believed most firmly in the principles of the party and his influence was ever exerted on its behalf. It was in the year 1899 that he returned to Xenia, continuing his residence in this city until called to the home beyond.

In 1869 the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Allen, the only daughter of the late John C. Allen. Unto them were born three children: Benjamin, John and Minnie, who are still at home with their mother. Mrs. Baldwin was also one of a family of three children, but is now the only survivor. Her parents were J. C. and Mary (Arnold) Allen, the latter a daughter of Jesse Arnold. Mr. Allen was one of



Greene county's well-to-do and progressive farmers and died in Greene county July 4, 1890. His wife had passed away when Mrs. Baldwin was only five years of age.

For many years Dr. Baldwin was identified with the Methodist church as a leading and faithful member. He also served as one of its trustees, filling that position at the time of his death. He took a very deep and active interest in church affairs and his efforts for the upbuilding of the church were not without results. In manner he was genial and jovial, and his personal characteristics were such as to make him a popular citizen. Public spirited, he co-operated with every movement for the general good and lived an upright, honorable life commending him to the confidence and respect of all. The funeral services were held in the First Methodist Episcopal church and conducted by the Rev. A. C. Turell, assisted by Rev. Hamilton, of Cedarville, and Rev. Elliott, of Yellow Springs, the remains being interred in Woodland cemetery.

"His youth was innocent, his riper age  
Marked with some acts of goodness  
every day,  
And watched by eyes that love him, calm  
and sage,  
Faded his late declining years away.  
Cheerfully he gave his being up and went  
To share the holy rest that waits a life  
well spent."

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#### WILLIAM H. LUMPKIN.

William H. Lumpkin, who is engaged in the operation of the Mendenhall farm in Spring Valley township two miles northeast of New Burlington, was born in Wayne

county, Indiana, September 6, 1862, his parents being Silas H. and Sarah E. (Thornburg) Lumpkin. When our subject was but six years of age the father removed to Dallas county, Iowa, where the family lived for ten years and then took up their abode in the town of Stewart, Guthrie county, Iowa. It was there that William H. Lumpkin was reared to manhood.

He acquired a fair common-school education and afterward worked as a farm hand by the month. When but twenty years of age he secured a position in a round house at Stewart and on attaining his majority he received an offer from Edward Walton, who owned land in Iowa, to come east and enter his employ. This Mr. Lumpkin agreed to do, and for three years remained in the service of Mr. Walton. At that time he became acquainted with Miss Amy B. Mendenhall, and their friendship ripening into love, they were married September 28, 1886. The lady is a daughter of John and Eunice (Compton) Mendenhall, both of whom are living in Spring Valley township. For a year after his marriage Mr. Lumpkin resided in Spring Valley, and then began farming in the township upon land owned by Mr. Anderson. He continued its cultivation for four years, but for the past decade has resided upon the Mendenhall farm, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation.

Five children have been born unto our subject and his wife: Albert J., born in Spring Valley township February 14, 1888, Edward R., who was born in the same township June 16, 1890, and Lawrence, born November 17, 1901, are still living, while two children are deceased, Elmer T., who died at the age of one year and nine months, and Mabel, who died at the age of one year and

five months. The parents hold membership with the Society of Friends, and since 1884 Mr. Lumpkin has supported the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business affairs, in which he is meeting with creditable success.

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#### WILLIAM D. PETTIGREW.

William D. Pettigrew, now deceased, was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, June 17, 1832, and was one of the four children of William and Margaret (Carruthers) Pettigrew that reached years of maturity. In the country schools he acquired a good practical education, and when a young man he learned the trade of carriage painting, which he followed for a number of years. At the time of his father-in-law's death he assumed the management of the undertaking business which had been established by Mr. Metsker, and was connected with that enterprise until his life's labors were ended.

Mr. Pettigrew was united in marriage to Miss Metsker, a daughter of David M. Metsker, who came of a family of German lineage. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Templeton) Metsker, who were farming people, respected for their genuine worth. Mr. Metsker, the father of Mrs. Pettigrew, became one of the foremost citizens of Xenia and possessed many characteristics that endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew were born six children: Elizabeth, now the wife of N. Snider; Mrs. H. C. Carr, of Dayton, Ohio; Carrie, the wife of Mr. Bebb, of Xenia; Elsie, the wife of

H. Jobe, of Greene county; and William D. and Sarah, who resides with their mother.

Mr. Pettigrew affiliated with the Republican party and kept well informed on the issues of the day, but never sought or desired office. He was a Mason in high standing, having taken the degrees of the commandery, in which he was made a Knight Templar. His death occurred at his home at No. 21 Church street, April 16, 1891, and his remains were laid to rest in Woodland cemetery. His entire life was passed in this state and he was widely known as a man who could be trusted, who was reliable in business and honest in all his relations with his fellow men.

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#### JOHN Q. COLLINS.

When the rebellion in the south threatened the stability of the Union, there flocked to the standard of the nation men from all walks of life. They came from the workshops, the counting rooms, the offices and the fields, all permeated with the one unconquerable determination to save the Union at the cost of their lives if need be. Among the loyal men of Ohio who wore the blue was John Q. Collins, who experienced many of the hardships of war but never faltered in the performance of duty until wounds unfitted him for further service. He is now numbered among the enterprising farmers of Spring Valley township, living on the lower Bellbrook pike, four and a half miles southwest of Xenia.

Mr. Collins was born in Xenia township, six miles north of the city, April 4, 1841, a son of Samuel and Rebecca (McClellan) Collins. The father, born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1804, came to Greene coun-

ty with his parents in early boyhood. The grandfather, William Collins, settled on Massies creek, and after a few years removed to the locality in which our subject was born. He spent his remaining days upon a farm and was one of the worthy pioneer settlers of this portion of the state. He had ten children, all of whom reached mature years, and reared families of their own with one exception. The family is of Scotch lineage but representatives of the name removed to Ireland and thence to America.

Samuel Collins was the fifth in order of birth in his father's family. He acquired a good common-school education and for one year engaged in teaching. In 1836 in Spring Valley township he was married at the home of John McClellan, the father of the bride, and the next day the young couple went to the home of Mr. Collins' father, where a reception was held, and on the same day Mr. Collins' sister was married. The mother of our subject carried all her possessions to her new home in saddle bags. The father had already purchased a piece of land and had erected a stone house, a part of which is still in use. It was in that house that our subject was born. The father successfully followed farming for many years and at the time of his death owned over five hundred acres of land. He died suddenly of apoplexy at the age of fifty-four years. He was a Whig and strong anti-slavery man; was a warm friend of the cause of education, and was a consistent worker and faithful member of the Associate church. In his family were eight children: Nancy E., who became the wife of John H. Jobe, and died in Greene county; William H., of this county; John Q.; Lydia, deceased; James Martin, of this county; Mary Jane, the wife of John D. M. Stewart, of Xenia; Isabella, the wife of S. K.

Williamson, of Cedarville; and Anna Rebecca, the wife of R. W. Moore, of Xenia.

On the old homestead farm John L. Collins spent the days of his boyhood, attending the district schools of the neighborhood in the winter months and working in the fields through the summer. He was twenty years of age at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and on the 9th of October, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Seventy-fourth Ohio Infantry. After about two months' drilling in the camp at Xenia the regiment went to Camp Chase and in April, 1862, proceeded to Nashville, taking part in the battle of Stone River on the 31st of December of that year. There Mr. Collins had the bone in the left lower limb shattered. He was soon afterward taken prisoner and remained in the hands of the rebels from Wednesday until the following Monday, when the Confederates retreated and left him to the Union soldiers. He remained in the hospital at Murfreesboro for about three weeks and on the 21st of January, 1863, on account of his injuries, was honorably discharged and returned home. For six months thereafter he was confined to his home and for a number of years was lame.

On the 6th of March, 1866, Mr. Collins was married in the First United Presbyterian church in Xenia, to Harriet A. Farquer, a native of Greene county, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Sarah (Finney) Farquer. Her mother died in 1863, her father in 1865, and thus she was early left an orphan. John Farquer was a native of Kentucky, born April 5, 1790, and removed with his parents to Warren county, Ohio, when quite young. In 1813 he enlisted for service in the war of 1812 and after being discharged resumed farming in Warren county. He later removed to Xenia, Ohio,



where his death occurred. In February preceding his marriage Mr. Collins purchased ninety-two acres of land where he now lives. He at once began the work of cultivation and improvement and his labors soon wrought a great change in its appearance. He now has a splendid home, heated with furnace and tastefully furnished and his farm is under a high state of cultivation. He has placed six hundred rods of tiling upon it and the fields now return to him an excellent income. He has piped water a distance of forty rods for his cattle, and has secured ample barns for the shelter of grain and stock. He has a telephone connection with the city and his place is modern and well equipped throughout.

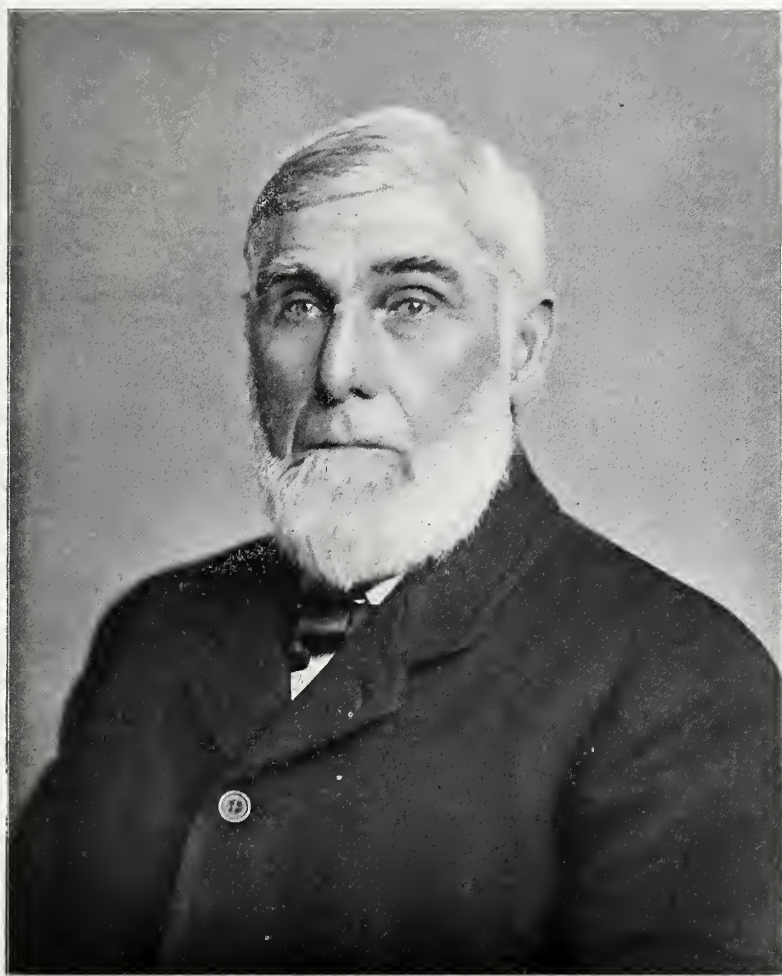
Unto Mr. and Mrs. Collins have been born three children. Pearl, who was graduated in Xenia College in 1886 and in Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, in 1887, is now the wife of T. Dales Kyle, of the Citizens National Bank, and has two children—Lois and Philip Collins. Mabel is at home, and the third child died in infancy. Mabel completed the high school course in Xenia with the class of 1893, and was graduated in the college at Tarkio, Missouri, with the class of 1895. The family are identified with First United Presbyterian church of Xenia, in which Mr. Collins has been a very active worker and liberal supporter. For ten years he has served as a teacher in the Sunday-school. In 1864 he proudly cast his first presidential ballot as a supporter of Lincoln. He has since voted the Republican ticket, and is deeply interested in the growth and success of the party, believing its principles most conducive to the national good. In his business affairs, his private life and in

all relations in which he has been placed he has shown himself to be an honorable and upright man, true to manly principles and a high standard of ethics.

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#### ADAM R. BICKETT.

Adam Reynolds Bickett is one of the honored citizens of Greene county, who has passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey. His career has ever been such as to command the respect and confidence of men and he is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family. His home is located about three miles east of the city of Xenia and upon the farm adjoining this place he was born June 24, 1829, his parents being William R. and Isabella (Alexander) Bickett. The ancestry can be traced back to Ireland, where Adam Bickett, the grandfather of our subject, was born. At length determining to try his fortunes in America he crossed the Atlantic and after a long voyage of thirteen weeks took up his abode in Pennsylvania, where he spent his remaining days. He married Elizabeth Reed and among their children was William R. Bickett, who was born in Coaquilla Valley, Pennsylvania, about 1796. In 1818 he started with his mother and the other members of the family—the father having previously died—for Ohio. The journey was made with a six-horse team and during the first winter the family lived with Robert Hamell, a brother-in-law of William R. Bickett, who had located in Greene county the previous year. In the spring of 1819 the family purchased one hundred and fifty acres of wood land and William and his brother John built a log house, which re-



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mained the home of the family for many years. Pioneer conditions existed and they experienced all the hardships and difficulties incident to a settlement upon the frontier. Venison was a common dish upon their table, as was wild turkey and other game. After arriving at years of maturity William R. Bickett was married in 1827 to Isabella Alexander, and they became the parents of six children: Adam R., of this review; Mathew A., a well known farmer of the county; Mary Jane, who became the wife of Solomon Foust, who died a few months later, leaving a son, Edward; Elizabeth Isabella; Lydia Ann, who died when twenty years of age; and Harvey. The parents were devoted members of the United Presbyterian church. The father was a very active and influential man in his community, and at his death many friends mourned their loss. He passed away in 1865 and his wife died April 4, 1883, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, and was laid by his side in the cemetery at Xenia.

In the subscription schools Adam Reynolds Bickett began his education and remained at home assisting in the development and cultivation of the farm until 1864, when he abandoned the plow and took up the rifle in defense of his country, becoming a member of Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry as a private. He was at the front for four months and was mustered in and out at Camp Dennison, returning from the front in August, 1864. He had previously belonged to the national guards and had enlisted for five years.

After his father's death Mr. Bickett assisted in the operation of the home farm until his marriage, which important event

in his life occurred on the 9th of December, 1867, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Agnes Wright, who was born near Oldtown, Greene county, a daughter of John B. and Sidney (Simpson) Wright. The young couple began their domestic life upon the farm which is now the home of Mr. Bickett. He has made excellent improvements here and now has a valuable and desirable property. He erected a good residence, large and substantial barns and commodious outbuildings, his place being now well equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences. Within its borders are comprised one hundred and ninety-six acres and the land is highly cultivated. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bickett was blessed with three children: Clinton Wright, now deceased; Mary Belle, who is with her father; and Lydia S., who died at the age of sixteen years. The mother passed away in 1879 at the age of forty-two years and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Xenia. She was a member of the United Presbyterian church and a most-estimable lady.

On the 18th of January, 1882, Mr. Bickett was again married, his second union being with Ruth Anna Kyle, a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Cassill) Kyle. Her father was a native of this county, born near Cedarville, and a son of Judge Samuel Kyle, who was born in Kentucky but removed to Greene county at a very early date and became one of the distinguished and influential pioneer settlers here. Unto the parents of Mrs. Bickett were born five children: Mary, who died in childhood; Ruth Anna, the wife of our subject; Alexander C., who served in the Civil war as a member of Company F, Thirty-fourth Ohio Infantry, and is now living in Cedarville; Jane Eliz-

abeth, the wife of J. W. Hicks, of Kansas; and Samuel A., who was also a member of Company F, Thirty-fourth Ohio Infantry. He was on picket duty with General Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley at the time that gallant officer made his famous ride. At Salisbury, South Carolina, he was taken prisoner and was the only one of the company captured at that time that returned alive. His death, however, occurred a very short time after he had reached home, as the result of starvation in the rebel prison. The mother of this family passed away September 30, 1845, at the age of forty years. The father afterward married Mrs. Haddassah Hunter and they had four children: Joseph, who is now a member of the faculty of the Theological Seminary, at Xenia, Ohio; John Kennedy and Leah M., who are deceased; and Rachael, the wife of Andrew Cresswell, who is living near Cedarville. Mr. Kyle died August 28, 1881, at the age of seventy-two years and his second wife passed away June 14, 1898, at the age of eighty-one.

Mr. Bickett and his present wife are leading and influential members of the Second United Presbyterian church of Xenia, of which he has been an elder for eighteen years, and are people of the highest respectability and worth. Throughout the years of his manhood he has carried on agricultural pursuits and his enterprise and thrift have ever been manifest in the neat and attractive appearance of his place. His business methods, too, are above question, for he is ever honorable, straightforward and progressive. The many excellent qualities of heart and mind, which characterize our subject and his estimable wife have gained for them a circle of friends which is almost co-extensive with their circle of acquaintances.

#### WARREN HAMILTON GLOTFELTER

Warren Hamilton Glotfelter is a self-made man, who from an early age has depended upon his own efforts for a livelihood. His strong purpose and indefatigable industry have brought to him the success which he is now enjoying. He is accounted one of the well-to-do farmers of Sugarcreek township, where he has a good tract of land. His birth occurred upon the farm where he now lives, his natal day being August 1, 1855. His parents were Solomon and Lydia (Gerhard) Glotfelter. His father was born in Pennsylvania, August 24, 1804, and was a son of Adam and Elizabeth Glotfelter. About 1816 his grandparents started westward with their family and cast in their lot with the early pioneer settlers of Greene county, Ohio, making their home in Beavercreek township. There the grandfather secured a tract of wild land which he transformed into a good farm, making his home thereon throughout his remaining days.

Solomon Glotfelter spent the first twelve years of his life in the state of his nativity and then accompanied his parents to Ohio. Here he assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm and experienced all the hardships and trials which come to those who establish a home upon the frontier far from the comforts which are had in an older civilized district. When only eighteen years of age he was first married, his wedding being celebrated on the 8th of April, 1824, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah John. Unto them were born six children, but William is the only one now living. When last heard from his residence was in Menier, Tazewell county, Illinois. After the death of his first wife Mr. Glotfelter was again married, his second union being with Lydia

Gerhard, who was born in Liberty township, Frederick county, Maryland, July 9, 1815. Mr. Glotfelter took up his abode upon the farm on which our subject now resides. It was a tract of forty acres of land and upon it was a log house and log barn. The original cabin now forms a part of the residence, but additions have been made to it and it has been modernized, transforming it into a good comfortable residence. Mr. Glotfelter also erected a good barn and made many other improvements. He devoted his attention to the cultivation of the fields and the years brought to him good harvests. By his second marriage there were three children. Henry Clay, the eldest, born August 22, 1844, married Catherine Benham and resides in Dayton. He enlisted for one hundred days' service in the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Regiment during the Civil war and was corporal. Ruffina is the wife of Samuel Benham of Goshen, Indiana, and has two living children, while one son, Jesse A., died December 21, 1901. Solomon Glotfelter, the father of our subject, was called to his final rest August 7, 1880. As the years passed he had prospered in his undertakings and he extended the boundary of his forty-acre farm until it comprised about two hundred acres, a fact which indicates that his life was one of industry. His political support was first given to the Whig party and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the new Republican party. He and his wife were consistent members of the German Reformed church. Mrs. Glotfelter survives her husband in a ripe old age and makes her home with her son, Warren H., on the old homestead.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm work for Warren H. Glotfelter in his youth. He enjoyed

the pleasures of the play ground, performed the duties of the schoolroom and assisted in the labors of field and meadow. When about nineteen years of age he took charge of the home farm and cared for his father and mother. His previous training well fitted him for this experience and he is known as an enterprising agriculturist.

On the 3rd of October, 1882, in Alpha, Ohio, he was married to Miss Anna S. Volkanand, by the Rev. David Winter, D. D. The lady was born in Alpha, February 20, 1856, and is a daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Broat) Volkanand, both of whom were natives of Germany, and there reached years of maturity. The father came to America when about twenty-three years of age and located near Xenia, being employed for some time at different places. The mother afterward crossed the Atlantic and they were married in Greene county, Mr. Volkanand continuing to work as a day laborer for some years until he had acquired sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a small tract of land on the Miami river in Beavercreek township. He has added to this tract and is now the possessor of two farms. His life has been one of toil and perseverance and now he can enjoy the fruits of his former labor. In his family were seven children, of whom six are yet living, and Mrs. Glotfelter is the second in order of birth. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Herman Ray, who was born in Sugarcreek township, July 16, 1883; Clay Roy, born in the same township, July 26, 1885; Katie May, born August 10, 1887; and Frank McKinley, born on the 20th of April, 1893.

When age gave to Mr. Glotfelter the right of franchise he indicated his political preference by casting his first presidential



vote in 1876 and since that time he has never wavered in his allegiance to the Republican party. His wife is a member of the German Reformed church and he formerly belonged to Tabor Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Xenia, and he now holds membership relations with Magnetic Council, No. 231, J. O. U. A. M., at Bellbrook. It has often been said that the greater majority of failures are caused by a lack of persistence of purpose, by the turning aside from a given course into other fields of activity and that if more men would persevere in carrying out the work which they first undertook they would be more prosperous. Mr. Glotfelter has always followed farming, having never sought a variation of labor, and he has found that in the cultivation of the field he can gain not only a living but can secure each year some surplus which in the aggregate has made him the possessor of a comfortable competence.

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ROBERT W. DOUGLAS.

Robert W. Douglas is engaged in the practice of law in Xenia and is meeting with success as a representative of the profession, owing to his thorough preparation, close application and marked devotion to his client's interests. He is one of a family of eight children who were born unto John P. and Adeline (McLaughlin) Douglas. The father was a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, and there acquired his education. He was a valued and trustworthy citizen and for nine years filled the position of county clerk to the satisfaction of all the residents of Pike county. In the meantime he taught school during the winter and during vacations, though he made

farming his life work and through the tilling of the soil he was enabled to provide his family with a good home. He died in the year 1894. His wife was a daughter of Samuel McLaughlin, who also followed farming for a livelihood. She still survives her husband and is now living in Waverly, Ohio.

The subject of this review was born in Scioto county, Ohio, December 18, 1858, and when five years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Pike county, this state, where he acquired his education in the common schools and made his home until coming to Xenia, in 1886. When quite a young man he received the appointment of government gauger, continuing to serve in that capacity until 1889. While a resident of Waverly he also served as both village and county school examiner. He had devoted considerable of his leisure time to the study of law and after removing to Xenia he gave his entire time to mastering the principles of jurisprudence under the direction of Judge Scroggy, being admitted to the bar in 1891. In 1899 he was licensed to practice before the supreme court. Through the past eleven years he has practiced in the county seat and has been connected with much important litigation. He has won a number of cases, exciting widespread interest, and has gained a liberal clientage. In 1896 he was elected justice of the peace in a Republican township and received a large majority, although he is a staunch Democrat. This fact certainly indicates his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. For three years he filled the office in a most creditable manner, but he has never sought political preferment to any extent, preferring to give his time and energies en-

tirely to his practice. For pastime he has engaged in the breeding and raising of fine pacers and trotters. He is an excellent judge of horses and always owns a fine roadster, taking great delight in driving a fine horse.

Mr. Douglas was united in marriage to Miss Ella Oglesbee, the accomplished daughter of Reece Oglesbee, one of the most progressive and enterprising men of Clinton county in his time, but who died when Mrs. Douglas was a small child. The wedding ceremony was performed December 10, 1887, and their union has been blessed with one child, Reece O. The family have a very attractive home on Monroe street, Orient Hill, and Mr. Douglas occupies double offices in the Allen block, where he attends to the legal interests entrusted to his care.

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### JOHN M. TARBOX.

John M. Tarbox, one of the "captains of industry" in Cedarville, long connected with the milling interests here, was a native of York county, Maine, born December 3, 1829, his parents being John and Lucy (Merrill) Tarbox. The father served his country as a loyal soldier in the war of 1812, and in his business career carried on general farming and stock-raising. He and his wife were also natives of York county, Maine, and there both spent their entire lives, the former passing away when about fifty-six years of age, our subject being then a youth of ten, while Mrs. Tarbox had died two years before. Both were members of the Congregational church and were widely and favorably known in

the community in which they made their home. In their family were seven children but John M. is the only one yet living.

In the public schools of his native county John M. Tarbox, the youngest of the family, pursued his education and there remained until 1849, when he determined to make his home in Ohio and came to Cedarville. He had previously learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a short time after coming to Greene county, and then turned his attention to farming, cultivating a tract of land near Cedarville for four or five years. He then began the operation of a sawmill in Cedarville township on the old McFarland place, there remaining for fifteen years, when the water power became exhausted. He then built his present mill in Cedarville and has since continued its operation. In the manufacture of lumber he has found a good business, and his industry, capable management and perseverance have resulted in bringing to him a comfortable competence.

In the year 1852, in Cedarville, Mr. Tarbox led to the marriage altar Miss Rachel Nichol, a daughter of John Nichol, of this place. Her father came to Cedarville about 1840 and was long a worthy and valued citizen but is now deceased. Mrs. Tarbox died in February, 1901, and thus the couple, who had traveled life's journey happily together for almost a half-century, were separated. She was a devoted member of the United Presbyterian church. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, four of whom are yet living. Lucy J. is the wife of William H. Barber, a farmer of Cedarville township. Maria is the second of the family. Merrill died at the age of a year and a half. Elizabeth died at the age of ten months. William J. is en-

gaged in the sawmill business with his father. He wedded Mary Harbison, and they have three children living,—Janet, Rachel and Ellen. Thomas N., who is the postmaster at Cedarville, married Miss Maggie McMillan, a daughter of Harvey McMillan, deceased, of Cedarville township, and their children are May, Eula and Eva.

Mr. Tarbox exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has served for two terms as a member of the village council. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church and resides in a pleasant cottage in Cedarville, having many friends in the town and throughout the surrounding district.

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#### W. HUNTER BULL.

W. Hunter Bull, who is serving as superintendent of the Woodland cemetery of Xenia, is one of the native sons of Greene county, his birth having occurred in East Point district, Xenia township, on the 29th of June, 1846. His father, William Bull, was born in this county, November 5, 1805, his birthplace being near Wilberforce. He represented one of the old pioneer families of this portion of the state. His parents were James and Ann (Gowdy) Bull, whose marriage was the first celebrated in Greene county, and it is said that at least one hundred guests were present. The children born of this union were William, the father of our subject; John, who died in 1834; Susanna, the wife of James Turnbull; Margaret, the wife of James Hopping; James Law; Robert Scott; Amos; and Rankin. William Bull, the father of Hunter Bull, was educated in the primitive schools of the times and

throughout his entire life followed farming. He married Abigail Kyle, a daughter of Joseph Kyle, who was also an agriculturist and engaged in the tilling of the soil until called to the home beyond. Mr. Bull died in February, 1886, while his wife passed away in April, 1888.

At the usual age W. Hunter Bull began his education in the common schools near his home and later continued his studies in the Cedarville high school. Under the parental roof he spent the days of his boyhood and youth and, when not occupied with the duties of the schoolroom and after completing his education, he gave his attention to farming. He thus engaged in the work of cultivating the crop best adapted to this climate until 1888, when he took up his abode in Xenia, where he established a grocery store, successfully carrying on business that line until 1892, when he sold out and accepted the position of superintendent of the Woodland cemetery, in which he now served most acceptably for ten years. Neat and orderly is everything within the grounds and the silent city is made a beautiful one under his care.

On the 12th of February, 1873, Mr. Bull was married to Miss Anna A. Corry, a daughter of William R. Corry, who was born in Pennsylvania, but when four years of age was brought to this county, where he resided until his death, which occurred in October, 1887. His widow still survives him. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bull has been blessed with four children: Charles L., Kitty E., Carrie M. and William C.

Mr. Bull has ever been a progressive and public-spirited citizen and at the time of the Civil war he manifested his loyalty to the Union by enlisting as a member of Com-



pany A. One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, joining the army in February, 1865, when only eighteen years of age. He then served with the Army of the Potomac until the close of hostilities, when he was honorably discharged. The family to which he belongs has been remarkable for its patriotism for generations, his paternal great-grandfather, Richard Bull, being a soldier of the Revolution, and the grandfather, James Bull, having served in the war of 1812. William Bull, the father, while not in the war himself, sent four sons. On the maternal side, Joseph Kyle was a soldier of the war of 1812, and is buried in Woodland, while his father, who was buried at Massies Creek cemetery, where both Richard and James Bull were buried, was also a soldier of the Revolutionary war. It is also worthy of notice that the son of our subject, Charles L. Bull, is captain of the Xenia company, Ohio National Guard, which he was instrumental in raising and organizing. Mr. Bull has always been a strong Republican and has twice been the candidate of his party for county sheriff. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church. He is straightforward in all his dealings, reliable in all life's relations and has many friends beyond Greene county as well as within its borders.

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DANIEL H. BEAM.

Daniel H. Beam, deceased, was for many years a leading and representative citizen of Caesarscreek township, where his birth occurred on the 2nd of February, 1833, his parents being Daniel and Anna (Haines) Beam. The father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Augusta county, Virginia, where their marriage was celebrated.

They became residents of Caesarscreek township, settling near the stream which gives the township its name, and there they remained throughout the residue of their days, the father carrying on agricultural pursuits. In their family were seven children, but Mrs. Jane St. John is the only one now living. Daniel H. was the fifth in order of birth. The others were: William, Silas, John, Mary and Julia, all of whom died with typhoid fever in 1846, as did the father, the six deaths occurring within five weeks. The mother long survived her husband, passing away in 1882 at the age of eighty-one years.

Daniel H. Beam, whose name introduces this record, had such educational privileges as the common schools of that day afforded and at the early age of thirteen years the burden of the responsibility of the care of the family devolved upon him, owing to his father's death. Throughout his entire life he carried on agricultural pursuits and was a progressive and enterprising farmer, whose well directed efforts returned to him a good income. He became quite well-to-do, owning three hundred and fifty acres of land at the time of his death.

On the 21st of December, 1854, Mr. Beam was united in marriage to Miss Susan Keiter, who was born in Caesarscreek township, and was a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Weaver) Keiter, both of whom were natives of Hampshire county, Virginia, where their marriage was celebrated. They came to Greene county, Ohio, taking up their abode on the Wilmington pike in Caesarscreek township, where they spent their remaining days, Mr. Keiter passing away August 10, 1870, at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife died December 18, 1876, also at the age of seventy-five. Both

were devoted members of the Baptist church and took a very active part in religious work. In their family were twelve children: Elizabeth, Harrison and John, all now deceased; Mary, the wife of B. Middleton of Iowa; Margaret, the wife of Elisha Bales of Silvercreek township; Nancy, deceased; Mrs. Beam; George, of New Jasper township; Jane, the wife of Joseph Buckwalter of Cedar creek township; James and Edward, twins, the former in Arkansas, and the latter in Clinton county, Ohio; and Sarah, the wife of Asa Haines of Caesarscreek township.

By their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Beam became the parents of eleven children, but their first born died in infancy. William, the second, resides in Clinton county, Ohio. He married Sarah Peacemaker and they have two children, Clyde and Jennie. H. Alva, born August 12, 1858, was educated in common schools and resides on the home farm. Emma is the wife of Charles Hurley of Sugarcreek township and has one child, Leona. Addie died at the age of eight years. Luretta is the wife of Thomas Boyd of Spring Valley township and has three children, Mary, Ruth and Samuel. Frank, of Clinton county, married Elizabeth Johnson and has five children, Paul, Edith, Howard, Alva and Flora. Mary is the wife of Frank Woods of this county and has four children, Opal, Beam, and Clarence and Clark, twins. Frederick died in childhood. Albert Dean, born March 2, 1873, resides on the home farm and is now serving as justice of the peace of Caesarscreek township, being the youngest man to hold that office in the county. Flora is the wife of Clarence McKay of Clinton county, Ohio, and has two children, Albert and Eva.

Mr. Beam was called to the home beyond

September 27, 1893, at the age of sixty years. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, took an active part in its work and served as steward. His wife is also identified with the same denomination. In politics he was a Republican and was ever loyal and true to the principles in which he believed. He was widely known for his unswerving integrity and strong purpose, for his fidelity to the duties of home and citizenship, and wherever known he was held in high esteem.

Like his father, Albert D. Beam is a Republican and in the year 1900 was elected justice of the peace so that he is now serving in that office and in the prompt and faithful discharge of his duties he has won high commendation. He is also active in religious work and is serving as trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church. Having received a good practical education he successfully engaged in teaching school for six years, and he is a well known and highly esteemed young man. In connection with his brother Alva he is now operating the home farm, which comprises four hundred acres of valuable land. The house was erected in 1878 by their father and is a large and attractive residence. They are extensively engaged in stock-raising and dealing. The family needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for through many years it has been a prominent one and those who bear the name ever sustain the family reputation for allegiance to all that is honorable and upright.

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#### EDGAR ADDISON STORY.

Edgar Addison Story is identified with the building interests of Bowersville and with real estate dealing there. He is a rep-

representative of that class of citizens who, while advancing individual success, also promote the public welfare. He was born in Jefferson township, Greene county, about one mile southeast of the village in which he makes his home, the date of his birth being May 16, 1857. His parents were Henry and Ann Eliza (Brown) Story. The father was born in Jefferson township, August 9, 1835, and died of heart disease the 1st of March, 1898. His parents were Alfred and Elizabeth Story, natives of Virginia, whence they came to Ohio in the year 1835, arriving in Greene county in the month of August, after an overland trip. They settled in the southeastern part of Jefferson township near where our subject now resides. The grandfather purchased two hundred acres of timber land for fifty cents per acre and at once began to clear away the meadows and plant the fields. It was an arduous task to cut down all of the trees and prepare the land for cultivation and so dense was the forest that he even had to fell some trees before there was space enough in which to build a cabin home. He erected what is called a double log house and upon the farm which he there developed spent his remaining days, being one of the substantial and respected agriculturists of the community. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, their religious belief forming part of their daily lives and molding their relations with their fellow men. In the early days Alfred Story was a Democrat in his political views, but just prior to the Civil war when the Democracy largely favored secession he joined the ranks of the Republican party which stood as the defender of the Union. In his family were ten children, seven sons and three daughters.

Henry Story, the father of our subject, was the youngest of the family that reached mature years. His birth occurred a few days after the arrival of his parents in this county, and here he spent his entire life. The children all died under the age of twenty-six years, with the exception of Robert, who was the eldest of the family, and Henry. The former died in Greenfield, Ohio, in March, 1896. In the common schools of Jefferson township Henry Story pursued his education, although his privileges in that respect were somewhat limited, as his services were needed upon the home farm, he being there employed until his marriage. On the 2d of June, 1856, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Ann Eliza Brown, and unto them were born five children: Edgar A., whose name introduces this review; Walter G., who for fourteen years has been in the employ of the Methodist Book Concern in Bellevue, Kentucky; William A., who is a bookkeeper in the employ of the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, Ohio; Elmer E., a school teacher, having for eight years had charge of the children's department of the Greene County Infirmary; and Clara Roberta, who married Harry Wilson, an engineer on the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad, now a part of the Panhandle system, residing in Lancaster, Ohio. When the father of our subject was married the grandfather gave him a small tract of land and upon it he began his domestic life, adding to it as the years passed until at one time he owned one hundred and eighteen acres. This he cultivated and improved until after the inauguration of the Civil war, when he could no longer content himself at home, his country being endangered. Accordingly in August, 1861, he enlisted at Xenia, Ohio,



in Company A, Ninety-fourth Ohio Infantry, as a private, to serve throughout the entire year, or for three years. In 1864 he was honorably discharged in Columbus, having faithfully aided the Union troops through three years. He then returned to his home and remained upon the old home place until 1875, when he sold that property and purchased another farm that is now owned by G. N. Perrill. This he operated until 1891, when he sold his land and removed to Lancaster, Ohio, which was his place of residence until September, 1896. At that date he came to Bowersville, where he spent the residue of his days, passing away on the 1st of March, 1898. In politics he was a Republican, and had served as trustee and in other township offices. An earnest Christian man, he was a very active and influential member of the Methodist Episcopal church and had filled many of its offices. His widow still survives him and is living in Bowersville at the age of sixty-five years. She was the daughter of William G. and Elizabeth Brown, natives of Virginia, where Mr. Story was also born. Her father and his family came to Clinton, Ohio, about 1838, and the following spring took up their abode in Jefferson township, where Mr. and Mrs. Brown remained until they were called to their final rest, the former passing away in 1884, at the age of eighty-two years, while his wife died in 1862, at the age of sixty-one years.

Mr. Story, whose name forms the caption of this record, pursued his studies in the district schools of Jefferson township, until he had mastered the common branches of English learning and in 1875 he matriculated in the Western University at Delaware, Ohio, where he remained for a year. He then returned home, living with

his parents until 1880, when he made preparation for a home of his own by marriage, the lady of his choice being Anna S. Wilson, one of the native daughters of Jefferson township. Her parents, David L. and Mahala (Aldridge) Wilson, both died in the village of Bowersville. The home of our subject and his wife have been blessed with six children: Fred Rosebrook, Jessie, Audra, Paul and Harry, all of whom are under the parental roof, and one child now deceased.

In the fall of 1875 Edgar Addison Story began learning the carpenter's trade and has followed it continuously since, being now actively associated with building interests in Bowersville. He has erected a number of houses here and also a business block in the town, and deals extensively in real estate. He buys land on which he erects a residence, then sells the property. In this way he has contributed to the improvement of the village as well as to his individual success. In politics he is a Republican, and at the time of the incorporation of Bowersville, he was elected its clerk, which position he has since filled. A member of the Odd Fellows' Society, he has three times filled all of its offices. His wife belongs to the Methodist Protestant church, and both are widely and favorably known in the community. Mr. Story belongs to one of the oldest pioneer families of the county. Two-thirds of a century ago his grandfather became identified with the work of progress and improvement here, and this work is now carried on by our subject, who is known as a reliable and honorable business man, having a good knowledge of the vocation which he has chosen as a life work and living faithfully up to the terms of his contract.

## CLINT F. LOGAN.

Clint F. Logan, who is filling the position of city clerk in Xenia and is a popular resident of this place, was born in Poland, Ohio, April 26, 1849. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent and the paternal grandfather of our subject was born on the Emerald Isle, but when a young boy he left that land and, with an older sister and her husband, took passage on a westward bound sailing vessel, from which he landed on American shores. His brother-in-law then bound him out until he became of age, and after he had attained man's estate he followed farming for a livelihood, making that pursuit his chief occupation until his death.

His son, William Logan, the father of our subject, was born in Virginia, May 11, 1806, and when he became connected with the business world he followed contracting on an extensive scale, making a specialty of the construction of large buildings, such as courthouses and churches. He gained a wide reputation for his skill and ability along those lines and many important structures in Ohio were erected by him. He was brought to this state by his parents when only six years of age, the family locating in Poland, where he spent many years. He married Miss Mary Ann McKnabb, a daughter of Patrick McKnabb, who was born in Scotland and died in the United States. The father of our subject departed this life in 1890 and the mother passed away the following year. In their family were ten children, of whom five are still living.

Born and reared in Poland, Ohio, Mr. Logan of this review there acquired his education, and being anxious to earn his own livelihood he accepted a clerkship in a hard-

ware store in Youngstown, Ohio. He afterward worked for the Illinois Central Railroad Company, remaining in that employ until 1869, when he became connected with the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad Company as telegraph operator at Hubbard, Ohio. After a year, however, he turned his attention to the coal business in Kentucky, where he remained for three years, and in 1877 he took up his abode in Xenia, Ohio, where he has remained since. He engaged in the plumbing business as a member of the firm of Karons & Logan, a partnership which existed until 1891, when Mr. Logan was elected city clerk on the Republican ticket. He is still serving in that capacity and his course has been one which has gained for him high commendation. He was also tendered the position of secretary of the Woodland cemetery by the board of directors and accepted it, and he is likewise secretary of the workhouse.

Mr. Logan was united in marriage to Miss Amber R. Barnes, a daughter of Henry Barnes, of Xenia, who was a prominent and influential citizen. He served for four years as county treasurer and four years as sheriff of Greene county. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Logan was celebrated November 18, 1879, and four daughters have been born unto them: Mary R., who in June, 1901, became the wife of C. Wharton; Henrietta T.; Sabra M. and Elizabeth J. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have a pleasant and attractive home at No. 4, Columbus avenue. Fraternally Mr. Logan is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the National Union. In his political affiliations he is a Repub-

lican, and warmly endorses the principles of the party. It was on that ticket that he was chosen to his present position as city clerk, in which capacity he is now capably serving, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity.

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ADONI JONES.

Adoni Jones, a well known farmer of Spring Valley township, residing on the Cincinnati pike, was born in Colerain township, Hamilton county, Ohio, November 2, 1846. On the paternal side he was of Welsh and German lineage. His parents were William F. and Ann (Heath) Jones, the former born in Butler county, Ohio, March 13, 1809, and the latter in Leicestershire, England, April 12, 1820. Mrs. Jones was a maiden of twelve summers when her parents, William and Sarah Heath, crossed the Atlantic to America, taking up their abode in Hamilton county, Ohio, where she became acquainted with Mr. Jones, their marriage being celebrated in October, 1841. The father of our subject was a cooper by trade and followed that pursuit for some years, but subsequently abandoned it and purchased a farm in Hamilton county, there spending his remaining days.

Upon the old homestead in that county the subject of this review was reared to manhood, assisting in the labors of the fields and meadows during the periods of vacation, while in the winter months he attended the common schools. In 1881 he came to Spring Valley township and was here married on the 24th of May, of that year, to Miss Esther Ferguson, the esti-

mable daughter of Edward and Ann M. (Medskere) Ferguson. Her father was born in Frederick county, Virginia, June 2, 1809, and when twenty-one years of age came to Greene county in company with his parents, Samuel and Mildred (Garrison) Ferguson. The grandfather of Mrs. Jones, Samuel Ferguson, was a native of Scotland, and at an early date located in Virginia. His wife was of Irish extraction. Mrs. Jones was born and reared in Spring Valley township, and the farm upon which she and her husband are living was left to her by her aunt Esther, or Hettie, as she was usually called. She had married Ivy Mendenhall, who died September 20, 1875, leaving no children. Mrs. Mendenhall reared a sister of Mrs. Jones, Lucinda C. Ferguson, who became the wife of Thomas Worley and now resides near Mound Valley, Kansas. For some time Mrs. Jones made her home with her aunt, and upon the death of the latter inherited the old homestead according to the terms of the will. Mr. Jones has since remodeled the barn, has erected other buildings and has enclosed the place with a modern iron fence. Neatness and thrift characterize everything about the farm and indicate the careful supervision of our subject.

Three children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones: Pearl Anna, who is a student in Jacob's Commercial College in Dayton; Myrtle M. and Iva Luella. The parents are members of the Baptist church at Mercer's Run, and Mr. Jones is serving as one of the deacons. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party. Both he and his wife are held in high esteem throughout the community, for their



lives have ever been such as to commend them to the confidence and good will of all.

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WILLIAM C. CLINE.

William C. Cline, now deceased, was one of the well known farmers of Beaver-creek township, his home being near Alpha. He spent almost his entire life there, and his splendid characteristics won him the respect of all with whom he came in contact. He was born in Beaver-creek township December 20, 1829, his parents being Adam and Barbara (Herring) Cline. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, while his mother's birth occurred in Germany. They became pioneer settlers of this county, taking up their abode just north of Alpha on the farm that is now owned by Mrs. Cline, the widow of our subject. There they spent their remaining days and were laid to rest in the Beaver-creek cemetery. They held membership in the Reformed church, and died in that faith, the father passing away February 2, 1854, while the mother's death occurred on the 7th of May, 1865, at the age of sixty-nine years.

William C. Cline pursued his education in the common schools of his native township and early was drawn to the work of the farm, remaining with his parents until his marriage, which important event in his life occurred on the 3d of August, 1858, the lady of his choice being Miss Nancy Ann Harner, who was born in Beaver-creek township October 12, 1834, and is a daughter of John and Magdalene (Haines) Harner. Her father was a native of Bath

township, Greene county, while her mother was born in Beaver-creek township. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Cline were John and Sarah (Koogler) Harner. Their son, John Harner, pursued his education in Bath township, and for a time resided in that locality, but after his marriage removed to Beaver-creek township, where he spent several years. He afterward resided for several years near the village of Bellbrook, Ohio, and the last few years of his life were passed in Beaver-creek township. Both he and his wife were laid to rest in Beaver-creek cemetery. His death occurred on the 6th of April, 1873, when he was sixty-seven years of age, while his wife was called to her final home on the 6th of June, 1876, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Harner were born twelve children, of whom six are now living: Simon, who resides in Michigan; John, who makes his home near Xenia; Calvin, who is also living in Michigan; Mrs. Margaret Wolf, who makes her home in Bath township; Nancy, the widow of William C. Cline; and Miss Catherine Harner, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Cline. The parents were consistent Christian people, holding membership with the Reformed church, and Mr. Harner was a Republican in his political views. One of the brothers of Mrs. Cline, William Harner, was a member of the One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, becoming an officer in that division of the army. He proved a loyal soldier, and at length he laid down his life on the altar of his country, being killed in the battle of the Wilderness.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cline they began their domestic life upon the farm north of Alpha, where they re-

mained for a number of years, and in 1868 they took up their abode in the village, where Mr. Cline lived a retired life throughout his remaining days. He had purchased a nice home in Alpha and there he enjoyed a well earned rest. For a number of years he was actively associated with agricultural pursuits and through his careful management and unfailing diligence he won a competence which enabled him to put aside business cares. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cline was blessed with the following named children: Lina, who married Horace Ankeney and has seven children, Florence, Samuel, Alfred, Elizabeth, William M., Herman C. and Rachel H.; Jessie, the deceased wife of Lewis Ankeney, by whom she had six children, Fred C., William Nelson, John Blaine, Catherine, Lewis and Jessie L.; Maggie, the wife of Thomas Lehman, a resident of Dayton, Ohio, by whom she has three children, Jonathan Cline, Honora and Thomas C.; William, who resides with his mother and married Miss Flora Routzong; Maud, also at home; and John, who has departed this life.

At the time of his death Mr. Cline owned about five hundred acres of valuable land. He was very successful in business affairs and was thus enabled to leave his family in comfortable circumstances. He died October 6, 1875, when more than seventy-five years of age, his birth having occurred December 20, 1829. He was then laid to rest in Beaver cemetery. In politics he had been a Republican, and had ever been an upright, honorable man who enjoyed in a high measure the warm regard of his friends. The estate is still owned by Mrs. Cline, who capably superintends her business affairs. She is a member of

the Reformed church and is widely and favorably known in Greene county. The life record of Mr. Cline proves that success is not a matter of genius, but can be won through earnest and indefatigable effort. His example is one well worthy of emulation and his life record well deserves a place upon the pages of the history of his native county.

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### JAMES L. RANEY.

After years of activity and honorable connection with agricultural interests James L. Raney retired to private life and took up his abode in Xenia, where his last days were passed. He was one of a family of ten children born unto James and Martha (Siler) Raney. His birth occurred in Virginia, but when only a year old he was brought by his parents to Greene county, Ohio, the family settling near Cedarville, where the father died. In his youth our subject worked in the fields through the summer months and in the winter season attended school. His childhood was passed on the home farm, and after he had completed his education he engaged in teaching school, a profession which he followed for two and one-half years after his marriage. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and in addition to the cultivation of the crops best adapted to the climate he engaged in raising stock. In all his business undertakings he was enterprising and progressive, and he also possessed strong resolution and untiring energy, which enabled him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he commenced. In

1892 his health began to fail, and having acquired considerable means he purchased property in Xenia and removed to this city, where he lived in retirement until called to his final rest.

Mr. Raney married Miss Mary J. McCoy, a daughter of Robert and Nancy (Davis) McCoy. Mr. McCoy learned the carpenter's trade in early life and throughout the years of his manhood followed it as a source of income. He died about 1860. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Raney was blessed with two children, who are yet living—William E. and Anna B., and they also lost four children, one of whom, Joseph H., died at the age of eighteen years. The two who still survive are yet at home with the mother in a pleasant residence at No. 331 East Market street. Mrs. Raney has in her possession an old chair which she prizes very highly, it having belonged to her grandfather, to whom it was given by Whitelaw Reid's mother. Mr. Raney was a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his family also belongs. He was called to his final rest August 9, 1900. His life was ever upright and honorable. He had served as an elder in his church for many years and had taken an active interest in all that tended to promote the welfare of his community along material, social, intellectual and moral lines. In politics he was a Republican and as every true American citizen should do kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but he never sought or desired office. Throughout the years of his manhood he was true to the principles that tend to develop an upright character. Men of sterling worth recognized in him a kindred spirit and he enjoyed uniform regard by reason of his fidelity to Christian principles.

#### EDWARD M. SMITH.

Edward M. Smith is one of the most popular and widely known citizens of Xenia. For many years he stood as a defender of the rights and liberties of his fellow townsmen, both as a member of the police force and as chief of police. Energetic, prompt and notably reliable in the discharge of his duty, he proved a most capable officer, winning the commendation of all law abiding citizens.

He is one of Xenia's native sons, his birth having occurred on the 3d of June, 1859, his parents being Adam L. and Sarah (Gano) Smith. The father was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and after acquiring his education there learned the painter's trade. When he had reached the age of nineteen he determined to try his fortune in America, and crossing the Atlantic took up his abode in Clifton, Ohio, where he followed his chosen occupation for a number of years, after which he removed to Xenia, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1899. His wife passed away in 1901. They were the parents of nine children.

Under the parental roof the subject of this review spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and in the common and high schools pursued his education. He learned the molder's trade, which he followed for several years, and then became a member of the police force of the city, acting in that capacity for fourteen years, when his faithfulness and ability won him promotion to the rank of chief of police. At that time he was presented with a handsome gold star, about the size of a silver dollar and artistically engraved with the letters "E. M. S." and "Presented by the citizens of



Xenia, May 20, 1898." In the center of the star is a large beautiful diamond, pure white, and weighing more than a carat. This was given to him in recognition of his faithful service as an officer and was also a tribute to his personal worth and popularity from friends who had known him long and intimately and respected him for his sterling worth and reposed in his advancement.

Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mary Crumbaugh, a daughter of Samuel Crumbaugh, and unto them have been born the following children: Ferol Erma, Leon, Bernice, Mary and Ruth. Mr. Smith is a member of the Baptist church, his wife of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his children all belong to the Presbyterian church. In his political views Mr. Smith is a stalwart Republican and takes a deep interest in the growth and success of his party. He belongs to Xenia Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M.; Xenia Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M.; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is regarded as a valued representative of these organizations. His loyalty in citizenship, his fidelity to public duty, his reliability and his sterling worth make him one of the esteemed and valued citizens of Xenia.

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#### JUDGE THOMAS E. SCROGGY.

As a distinguished member of the bar, as an honored veteran of the Civil war, and as a judge on the bench, Thomas E. Scroggy is so well known that he needs no introduction to the readers of this volume. His

career has ever conferred honor and dignity upon the profession and civic organizations with which he has been associated, and there is in him a weight of character, a native sagacity, a far-seeing judgment and a fidelity of purpose that command the respect of all.

The Judge was born in Warren county, Ohio, on the 18th of March, 1843, and is a son of John and Lucy (Northrup) Scroggy, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Connecticut. The father was born February 5, 1780, and in early life learned the miller's trade, working both as miller and millwright in connection with agricultural pursuits. Emigrating westward he took up his abode in Mount Holly, Ohio, where he operated a sawmill for a number of years. Subsequently he removed to Canbytown, Ohio, where he built a mill, conducting it for some time. He afterward became a resident of Harveysburg, Warren county, and it was there that our subject was born. John Scroggy was twice married, and by each union had eight children, but none are living in Greene county with the exception of the Judge. The father died on his farm, near Harveysburg, at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother passed away while visiting her son, Judge Scroggy, in Xenia, in 1872, when sixty-six years of age.

In the schools of Harveysburg the Judge obtained his early education and when a boy of fourteen years began learning the carriage-maker's trade. He was eighteen years of age when the Civil war was inaugurated. Aroused by a spirit of patriotism, he offered his services to the government in May, 1861, responding to the first call for seventy-five thousand volunteers. He became a member of Company B, Twelfth Ohio In-



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fantry, but when the time came to be mustered into the United States service he was rejected on account of his youth. There having been forty-nine volunteers in excess of the quota the older and larger men were accepted. In July, however, he again enlisted and became a member of Company H, Thirty-ninth Ohio Infantry, being mustered in at Camp Dennison, near Milford. The regiment was assigned to guard the North Missouri Railroad, being stationed at Mexico, Macon City and Utica, Missouri. From Utica the Union troops were ordered to the relief of Mulligan, but when within six miles of Lexington that commander surrendered to General Price. The Confederates—a force of six thousand men—then crossed the Missouri river and the regiment was almost captured, but managed to escape and went into camp near sundown on Prospect Heights, from which point they could see the Confederate flag floating over Lexington, and thus knew that Colonel Mulligan had surrendered his post. About 1 o'clock at night, having been aroused by the rebel advance, they started to Liberty, where they remained until the afternoon of the following day. In the meantime, General Sturgis sent to Kansas City for transports, and as the Confederates were in pursuit, the troops with whom Judge Scroggy was connected went from Liberty to Liberty Landing, a distance of four miles, which they made in double-quick time, throwing away all their baggage except the knapsacks and their personal belongings, even to the cooking utensils. They were met by transports at Liberty Landing and when they had proceeded up the Missouri river for a distance of a mile and a half, the advance Confederate troops could be seen distinctly at the landing. From Kansas City

they proceeded to Springfield, Missouri, and on to Sedalia and Syracuse, guarding the Missouri Pacific Railroad at its western terminus. They spent the winter at the latter point and in the spring proceeded to St. Louis and thence to Commerce, down the Mississippi river and on to New Madrid, where the Judge took part in his first regular engagement. He also participated in the capture of prisoners at Island No. 10, and from there went to Fort Pillow and on to Pittsburg Landing by transports on the Mississippi and Tennessee rivers. Proceeding to Corinth with his command he participated in the siege of the city and the Thirty-ninth Ohio was the first regiment to enter the works there. On to Booneville and to Camp Clear Creek, from there to Iuka, Mississippi, where the rebel forces under General Price came upon them so that they fell back to Corinth, such was their next move. Under General Rosecrans they marched back to Iuka, where they met and defeated the Confederate forces in battle. Later the Thirty-ninth Ohio participated in the battle of Corinth, facing the desperate charge of the Confederates under Colonel Rogers of the Second Texas on Fort Robinett. Judge Scroggy participated in every engagement in which the Thirty-ninth Ohio took part until the 4th of July, 1864, when, in an assault on the rebel fortifications at Niojack Creek, he was shot through the right lung. For three months afterward he lay in the hospital at Marietta, Georgia, and then started northward, but had to remain for a time in the hospital at Nashville. He had forty-two pieces of bone taken from his body. His brother was summoned to what all supposed would be the death-bed of the Judge. It was found practicable, however, to remove him to his home, but for six

months thereafter he was confined to his bed. After being able to leave home he received his discharge and was mustered out at Camp Dennison.

When he had somewhat recovered from his injuries Mr. Scroggy secured a clerkship in a dry-goods store in his home town of Harveysburg. In June, 1865, he arrived in Xenia, where he engaged in the grocery business, which he conducted until January, 1866. He then entered into partnership with his father-in-law in the millinery business and was thus engaged until 1871. In the meantime he read law under the direction of Hugh Carey and Judge C. C. Shearer, then constituting the firm of Carey & Shearer. While a law student he was elected to the office of justice of the peace of Xenia township in 1869, and served in that capacity for three years. On the 8th of September, 1871, he was admitted to the bar and at once entered upon practice, since which time he has given his attention to his legal work, being an active practitioner until 1891, when he was elected judge of the court of common pleas. His diligence and energy in the preparation of his cases, as well as the earnestness, tenacity and courage with which he defended the right as he understood it, challenged the highest admiration of his associates. He invariably sought to present his argument in the strong, clear light of common reason and sound, logical principles. His record on the bench has been in harmony with his record as a man and a lawyer, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial, and his course being such as to uphold the dignity of his profession. He has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking, although he has served for three terms as city clerk and for three terms as city solicitor.

In January, 1866, the Judge was married to Steela Ledbetter, a daughter of Robinson and Keziah Ledbetter. They became the parents of one son, Earl, who died at the age of ten months, and Mrs. Scroggy died December 14, 1887. On the 4th of February, 1892, the Judge wedded Mary Bloom, of Xenia, a daughter of Wendell and Margaret Bloom, and in this city they have a very pleasant and attractive home, whose doors always stand hospitably open for the reception of their many friends. Fraternally the Judge is connected with Xenia Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M.; Xenia Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M., and to the Council, having been identified with the order since 1866. He likewise belongs to the Grand Army Post of Xenia, of which he is a charter member, and of the Union Veteran Legion, and the Xenia Lodge of Elks, and is an honorary member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He has traveled quite extensively in Europe and in the United States from coast to coast. He has ever occupied a prominent position in the foremost rank of the legal practitioners of the Buckeye state. His life has been one of untiring activity, and has been crowned with a high degree of success, yet he is not less esteemed as a citizen than as a lawyer, and his kindly impulses and charming cordiality of manner have rendered him exceedingly popular among all classes. The favorable judgment which the world passed upon him in his early years has never been set aside nor in any degree modified. It has, on the contrary, been emphasized by his careful conduct of important litigation, his candor and fairness in the presentation of cases, his zeal and earnestness as an advocate, and the generous commendation he has received from his con-

temporaries, who unite in bearing testimony as to his high character and superior mind.

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### WILLIAM HARVEY OWENS.

One of the residents of Cedarville, numbered among the native citizens of that place, is William Harvey Owens, whose birth there occurred on the 7th of April, 1848. He is a son of Henry and Eleanor Jane (Crawford) Owens. The father was a native of Virginia, born near Winchester, who when a young man came to Ohio, settling in Greene county near Cedarville, where he followed the blacksmith's trade which he had previously learned. He continued his work in the smithy until 1859, when he removed to a farm in Cedarville township, thereon making his home until his death. He devoted his energies to the tilling of the soil and to the raising of stock, and his place, which was located about a mile and a half south of Cedarville on the Jamestown pike, became one of the well improved properties of the locality. Mr. Owens served as a member of the school board for a number of years, and was a citizen deeply interested in the general welfare. He voted with the Republican party, and in his religious faith was a Methodist, and for a number of years served as steward of the church to which he belonged. He passed away in 1900, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, and thus a long, useful and honorable career was ended. His wife passed away upon the old home farm seven years ago. She was born near Culpeper, Virginia, and both are buried in Cedarville township. In their family were

twelve children, seven are yet living upon the old home place, the subject of this review being the eldest. The others are: Martha, Thomas, Charles, Marietta, Calvin and Reid. Those who have passed away all died in early life.

At the usual age William H. Owens became a student in the public schools in Cedarville. He remained upon his father's farm until about twenty years of age and during that time assisted in the work of field and meadow, but just before he attained his majority he began learning the blacksmith's trade in Cedarville and has since followed that pursuit in this town. He is an industrious and energetic workman and his capable and honorable dealings have secured to him success in his undertakings. As a companion and helpmate upon life's journey Mr. Owens chose Miss Harriet R. Iliff, of Cedarville, a daughter of Wesley Iliff, who was a lime burner, but is now deceased. The wedding was celebrated on the 11th of April, 1876, and the marriage has been blessed with two children, Mabel, who was born in Cedarville township; and Harry, who is now a student in the Cedarville College.

Mr. Owens is identified through membership relations with the Methodist church and takes a deep interest in the growth and development of this denomination. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge in Cedarville, in which he has filled all the chairs. At the present time he is serving as one of its trustees. He votes with the Republican party and has been honored with a number of local offices. For three terms he has served as a member of the school board, for two terms was a



member of the village council and at the present time he is serving as township treasurer, having filled this position for two years. He is well known in the community in which he has always lived, having a wide circle of friends here.

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CHARLES F. HAGLER.

Charles F. Hagler resides about four miles southeast of Xenia and is accounted one of the wide-awake, intelligent and progressive farmers of Xenia township. He was born on the old family homestead in this township, July 24, 1856, his parents being William Leonard and Mary L. Hagler, who are represented on another page of this work. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him in his boyhood and youth. He performed the duties of the school room, enjoyed the pleasures of the play ground and assisted in the work of field and meadow. He remained at home until thirty-two years of age, but prior to this time he operated rented land, and in partnership with his brother, Moses A. Hagler, he purchased one hundred acres and afterward an additional tract of one hundred and eighteen acres. Eventually they dissolved partnership, our subject taking the last tract purchased.

On the 7th of April, 1887, Mr. Hagler chose as a companion and helpmate on life's journey Miss Jennie Crawford, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Cherry) Crawford. Her father was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and was a son of James and Nancy (Harper) Crawford, the former also a na-

tive of the northern section of the Emerald Isle, while the mother was of Scotch lineage. They had sailed from Londonderry in an old man of war called John Bushman and commanded by Captain Ward. After a voyage of five weeks, two of which were spent upon a sandbar off the coast of England, they arrived at Philadelphia, and from there made an overland trip with a wagon and six horses to Pittsburgh, proceeding thence down the Ohio river by boat to Cincinnati and by wagon across the state to Xenia. In the family were six children, but only two are now living, Alexander and Harper, who are residents of Xenia. Robert Crawford, the father of Mrs. Hagler, died January 30, 1892, at the age of seventy years, and his wife passed away November 30, 1891, at the age of seventy-two years, the remains of both being interred in Xenia cemetery. In their family were five children: Elizabeth, who resides in Washington, Ohio; James Andrew, also a resident of Washington; Mrs. Hagler; Della, the wife of J. H. Lackey, of Jamestown; and Emma, who died April 25, 1873, at the age of fifteen years. The parents were both members of the United Presbyterian church, and Mr. Crawford was a staunch Republican and held the office of township trustee for a number of years.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hagler was blessed with four children, but two of the number died in infancy. Those still living are Mary Jane and Charles Crawford. After their marriage they removed to their present home, and Mr. Hagler has made many substantial improvements which add to the value and attractive appearance of the place. In his political views he is a Re-

publican, but has never been an aspirant for office. Both he and his wife are members of the First United Presbyterian church of Xenia, and throughout the community they have a wide acquaintance, having long resided here.

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### JOHN D. COLLINS.

John D. Collins, of Sugarcreek township, was born in Warren county, Ohio, December 3, 1863, and is a son of James W. and Martha (Whittington) Collins. His paternal grandfather, Henry Collins, was the first of the family to come to Ohio and located upon the farm where Miami City, a suburb of Dayton, now stands. This was a few years before the Civil war, and soon after the John Brown raid James W. Collins also arrived in Ohio, remaining for a time in Dayton, after which he removed to Warren county. He was born near Charleston, West Virginia, as was the mother of our subject, his natal day being in October, 1831. Their marriage was celebrated in West Virginia and thence they came to Ohio. The father remained in Warren county until our subject was about thirteen years of age, when with his family he removed to Centerville. He always rented land, but is now living retired in the city of Dayton. His wife passed away when our subject was about eighteen years of age. In their family were seven children, namely: Richard H., who married Margaret Allen and died in Centerville; Anna, a resident of Dayton; Franklin L., who married Florence Troen and resides in Montgomery county with his wife and two children; John D.; Charles, of Dayton, who married Isaphine Schank and resides in

Dayton; Harry C., who wedded Caroline Worth, by whom he has one child and also makes his home in Dayton; and Eden S., a resident of the same city.

In the public schools John D. Collins became familiar with the branches of English learning which fit one for life's practical duties. About the time of his mother's death he started out in life on his own account, and for seven years he engaged in cultivating land on shares, making a specialty of the raising of tobacco. This he followed in Montgomery and Warren counties.

On the 7th of June, 1888, Mr. Collins was united in marriage, on the farm on which he now resides, to Miss Alice J. Owens, who was born near Greencastle, Indiana, December 4, 1867, a daughter of Ira S. and Malinda (Middleton) Owens. She was only about two years of age when her mother died, and afterward her father returned from Indiana to Ohio, going to the home of his mother in Yellow Springs. Mrs. Collins then lived with her grandmother until her father married again. After the marriage of our subject he began cropping and raising tobacco in different places until he rented the farm upon which he now resides. In 1891 he purchased this property, at first becoming owner of forty acres, while later he added to it a tract of thirty acres. He has succeeded in his undertakings, for he had no inheritance or influence to aid him, but has had to depend entirely upon his own resources. He has three children: Harry Everett, born May 8, 1892; Bessie O., born December 23, 1895; and Hazel C., born March 30, 1897. All were born in the house which is yet their home.

Since casting his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison in 1888 Mr. Collins has been a stalwart Republican. He and his wife hold membership in the United Brethren church at Beavertown and are people of the highest respectability who enjoy the warm regard of all with whom they have come in contact. Fraternally he is connected with Oregon Lodge, No. 351, K. P., of Dayton. His life has been quietly passed in the faithful performance of the duties which have devolved upon him in connection with his business interests.

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JOHN LEAMAN.

John Leaman scarcely needs an introduction to the readers of this volume, for through a long period he was numbered among the most prominent and progressive merchants of Xenia, and although eleven years have passed since he was called from the scene of earthly activities he is yet remembered for what he accomplished in behalf of the city along lines of progress, development and improvement.

A native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Mr. Leaman was born on the 26th of August, 1815, being the eldest of the six children of Peter and Margaret (Shingle) Leaman. The parents were married in the year 1811 and the father engaged in the manufacture of pottery in the Keystone state. Coming to Greene county, he was a resident of this section of the state for five years and was then called to his final rest. In the place of his nativity John Leaman, of this review, acquired his education, and in the year 1836 he arrived in Greene county,

being at that time twenty-one years of age. Soon afterward he became a factor in mercantile circles of Xenia, entering into partnership with John Hivling. They established their store on the present site of the Xenia National Bank, and there for many years Mr. Leaman carried on business; having a large and complete stock, his store was one of the best in the city and he received a very liberal patronage, which came to him in recognition of his reasonable prices and honorable dealing.

On March 26, 1845, Mr. Leaman was united in marriage to Miss Joanna Gowdy Hivling, a daughter of his former partner. The lady was born July 22, 1815, and was one of a family of eleven daughters and two sons. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Leaman have been born two children. Martha J. was married October 21, 1869, to Dr. Samuel M. Kelso, who was one of a family of twelve children born unto Benjamin Kelso, of Noblestown, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Kelso had six children, three sons and three daughters, four of whom are still living. Sophia was killed by the cars when twenty years old, after having graduated at the high school, and was one of Xenia's cultured young ladies, and Lytle died at the age of two years. Those living are Sara, wife of Rev. E. G. Bailey, of Belle Center, Ohio; J. Leaman, of Xenia; Charles M., of Dayton; and Joanna, at home. Dr. and Mrs. Kelso, together with their family, are members of the First United Presbyterian church. They reside with Mrs. Leaman, and the Doctor is one of Xenia's influential and leading citizens. In politics he is a Republican and stanchly advocates the principles of the party, but has never sought or desired office. Sally,



the younger daughter of Mrs. Leaman, is now the wife of Rev. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., who is a professor in the Heidelberg University of Tiffin, Ohio.

Mr. Leaman exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party and was a supporter of the Reformed church, with which his wife is identified. He was a director of the Woodland cemetery, and for forty-one years served as its treasurer. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and largely assisted in the upbuilding of Xenia along many lines of development and substantial improvement. His cooperation was never sought in vain in support of any movement or measure for the general good. For more than a half century he continued his residence in Xenia and belonged to that class of typical American citizens who, while advancing individual success, also contribute to the general progress. His life record was characterized by many sterling qualities that constitute an upright manhood, and he thus enjoyed uniform confidence and good will of those with whom he was associated. He passed away on the 16th of October, 1891, at the age of seventy-six years. His widow still survives him and is yet living at their pleasant home. She is a well preserved lady for one of her years, for she has passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey.

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#### ALBERT ANKENEY.

Albert Ankeney is a well known factor in agricultural and church circles in Beavercreek township and his influence in each is

marked and beneficial. He was born in Beavercreek township December 15, 1846. His father, Samuel Ankeney, was a native of Maryland, his birth having occurred near Hagerstown, his parents being David and Elizabeth Ankeney, both of whom were natives of Washington county, Maryland, where they were reared and married. In the year 1830 they emigrated westward, locating near South Charleston, Ohio, and in August of that year the grandfather purchased a farm of about two hundred and ten acres near Alpha, which our subject now owns and on which he resides. When it came into his possession a log house constituted the only building, and almost the entire tract was covered with a dense growth of forest trees. David Ankeney was only permitted to enjoy his new home for a very short time, as he was called to his final rest on the 2d of November, 1830. He died in his chair while at the supper table, suffering from a paralytic stroke. He was then forty-two years of age and his wife passed away December 23, 1852, at the age of sixty-two years.

In their family were ten children, including Samuel Ankeney, who accompanied his parents to the west and was married in Greene county to Miss Margaret Gettard, whose birth occurred in Warren county, Ohio. They began their domestic life in a log cabin, but eventually built the brick house in which their son Horace is now living. Throughout his entire business career the father carried on agricultural pursuits and his unflagging industry and perseverance were the means of bringing to him creditable and desirable success. Both he and his wife were members of the Reformed church, took an active

interest in its work and Mr. Ankeney served as an elder. His political views in early life were in accord with the principles of the Whig party and later he joined the ranks of the Republican party. His death occurred in 1867, when he was fifty-nine years of age, but his wife long survived him, passing away in 1898, at the age of eighty-five. Both were buried in the Beaver cemetery. In their family were four children: Mrs. Joan Trebein; Elizabeth, the wife of Rev. W. G. Morehead, D. D., of Xenia; Albert, of this review; and Horace, who is a resident of Greene county and is representing his district in the state legislature.

At the usual age Albert Ankeney began his education, attending the district schools of the township, but later his preliminary mental training was supplemented by a course of study in the Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, where on the completion of a classical course he was graduated in 1868 with the degree of A. B. He then returned home and has since been a prominent and worthy representative of agricultural interests in this county. He follows general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of short horn cattle.

On the 5th of November, 1868, Mr. Ankeney was married to Miss Alice Stoddard, a native of Butler county, Ohio, her parents being Professor O. N. and Eliza (Wheeler) Stoddard. Both are now deceased and were buried at Wooster, Ohio. The marriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed with eight children, four sons and four daughters, but three of the number are now deceased. Those still living are Mary B., the wife of Dr. J. L. Phythian, of Newport, Kentucky; Horace McLain, who married Myrtle Sayre, and

since her death has made his home with his parents; Helen, Josephine and Albert Stoddard, who are still under the parental roof.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ankeney are members of the Reformed church and Mr. Ankeney is serving as one of the elders in the congregation with which he is identified. He withholds his support from no movement or measure which is calculated to prove of general good along any lines of progress. He is a generous friend and warm advocate of those who are battling for the right and of principles and policies for the public good. He is recognized by those who know him as a man of most kindly heart, of sterling worth and honor, and pure and incorruptible in all his business and social relations.

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#### WILSON COMPTON.

Wilson Compton is now a retired farmer residing in Spring Valley and well does he deserve and merit the rest which he is enjoying. He was born about a mile and a quarter northeast of the village on the 7th of September, 1841, his parents being Henry and Catherine (Mock) Compton. The father was a native of North Carolina, and was seven years of age when he came to Greene county with his parents, Stephen and Dina (Millhouse) Compton. They journeyed there with wagons, crossing the mountains which at times were so high that though the sunshine was bright in the heavens they could sometimes see rain falling below them because they were above the clouds, and they could also see the

lightning and hear the thunder. The grandfather settled near where now stands the mill at New Burlington, and it was upon the farm there that Henry Compton grew to manhood. In his youth he obtained a good English education in the common schools and later followed farming. For his own convenience he also worked in both wood and iron, having much natural mechanical ingenuity. He was twice married, his first union being with Mary Harner, by whom he had three children, all of whom reached mature years, were married and had families of their own, but Martin Compton, of Earlham, Iowa, is the only one now living. By the second marriage there were four children, namely: Eber, who died in Spring Valley township; Amos M., who resides near the Richland church; and Cynthia, the widow of James Daugherty and a resident of Xenia. For some years after his marriage Henry Compton resided upon his father's land and then purchased one hundred acres, to which he afterward added until he owned more than two hundred acres in the homestead. He owned in all about four hundred and seventy-five acres in Greene county and six hundred acres in Fayette county, Ohio. His first tract was in the midst of the forest and was covered with a dense growth of trees, but he cleared and improved the land and transformed it into a good farm, thereon spending his remaining days. He passed away in 1880, and the mother of our subject died about ten years later. His political support was given to the Whig party, and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the new Republican party, but was never an office seeker, although ever a loyal and progressive citizen. He was a birthright mem-

ber of the Society of Friends, and at one time his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Under the parental roof Wilson Compton was reared to manhood and in the schools of the neighborhood acquired his education. He was married, January 10, 1867, to Miss Rachel A. Gaddis, who was born near Harveysburg, Clinton county, Ohio, her parents being Allen and Ann (Mershon) Gaddis, the former a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Kentucky. With their respective parents they arrived in Ohio in childhood and were married in Kenton. They were both of the Baptist faith and enjoyed the high regard of all with whom they came in contact. Mrs. Compton was reared to womanhood in Clinton county, and there acquired her education. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children. Rosa G., the elder, married F. B. Smith, of Spring Valley, and has one daughter, Rachel Smith, who was born in Spring Valley July 27, 1893. Birdie, the younger daughter, is still at home.

Mr. Compton inherited the old homestead of two hundred and two acres and made that his home for some years. Many improvements he placed upon it, and his labors resulted in securing excellent harvests. He also increased the boundaries of the farm by adding to it a tract of thirty-five acres. For many years he continued an active factor in agricultural circles, but is now living a retired life. In 1889 he purchased his present home, Oakhill, where he has made many improvements and has a very fine residence. Upon the place are two fish ponds, which he has stocked with fish, one with carp and the other with bass.



In his political views Mr. Compton is a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln in 1864. In 1890 he served as real estate appraiser in Spring Valley township, but has never been an office seeker. His life has been characterized by principles of upright manhood, and throughout the county of his nativity he has a wide acquaintance and many warm friends, who esteem him highly for his genuine worth.

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EBENEZER C. FLEMING.

If the history of this gentleman was to be read only by those personally acquainted with him it would be unnecessary to speak of his character, but in a volume which is to descend to future generations it is but just to give an account of not only his work, but of the salient features of an upright manhood. He made many friends by his straightforward conduct, his kindness of heart and his interest in every good word and work, and it was for this reason that when the news of his death spread through Xenia it was met with expressions of regret from all with whom he had come in contact. To know Ebenezer C. Fleming was to honor and respect him. He had a very wide acquaintance, not only in Greene, but in adjoining counties as well, and was widely recognized as one of the leading merchants of this portion of Ohio. He achieved success in business, but his claim to respect is based upon the enduring qualities of character and the manner in which he adhered to an honorable career from the time of his settlement here until he was laid to rest.

Mr. Fleming passed away on the sixty-sixth anniversary of his birth. He first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 21st of February, 1836, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He was one of a family of six children, whose parents were Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Fleming. In his early youth he accompanied his mother and father to Carlisle, Ohio, where he acquired his early education, afterward supplemented by study in Lebanon, Ohio. When he had completed his education he engaged in teaching for a time. Three times he attempted to enter the Union army during the Civil war, but was rejected each time upon examination. His loyalty, however, was manifest, not only by these attempts to enlist, but also by every effort which he could make in behalf of the Union at home. In the fall of 1861 he engaged in the drug business at Franklin, and in the fall of 1863 he established a drug store in Xenia, where his active connection with mercantile interests continued until 1902, covering a longer consecutive period than that of any other merchant of the city. As a business man he was more than ordinarily successful, and left to his family a fine estate.

Mr. Fleming was twice married. He first wedded Miss Rachel Cory, the marriage being celebrated on the 16th of April, 1863. Unto them were born the following children: M. C. Fleming, an attorney of New York; and Mrs. L. H. Brundage, of Xenia. In 1897 Mr. Fleming was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, and later he married Mrs. Georgia Bigger. This ceremony took place on the 7th of December, 1901. The lady is the only living child of Amos B. Kingsbury, of Monmouth, Illinois. The family removed to the west from

Vermont, and the father was a contractor and builder. He is now living with Mrs. Fleming, who is the only survivor of his six children.

Mr. Fleming was identified with the Presbyterian church and was widely known as a conscientious Christian man. During his business career in the city of Xenia his honesty was never questioned or his business methods called into account. He was a man universally respected and his death came as a shock to the entire community as well as to his beloved wife. He passed away on the 21st of February, 1902, and two days later the funeral services were held at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. L. H. Brundage. A large concourse of people indicated in what a high degree of respect he was held. He possessed in unusual measure those traits of character which make one popular with both young and old. He was affable, generous and high minded, and no man could point to an unworthy act in his life. He was conscientious and his whole career was shaped by lofty principles.

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#### DAVID ANKENEY.

David Ankeney, now deceased, was a self-made man, who through resolute purpose and untiring industry became the owner of a fine farm. He was born in this county upon the farm now owned by Albert Ankeney, near Alpha, Ohio, his natal day being June 8, 1831. His parents were David and Elizabeth Ankeney, both of whom were natives of Washington county, Maryland, where they were reared and married. In the year 1830 they emigrated westward, locating near South Charleston,

Ohio, and in August of that year the grandfather purchased a farm of about two hundred and ten acres near Alpha, upon which Albert Ankeney now resides, paying nine hundred and forty-six dollars and sixty-six cents for the property. Upon this place he and his wife spent their remaining days. When it came into his possession a small log house constituted the only building and almost the entire tract was covered with a dense growth of forest trees. David Ankeney was only permitted to enjoy his new home for a very short time, as he was called to his final rest on the 2d of November, 1830. He died in his chair while at the supper table, suffering from a paralytic stroke. He was then forty-two years of age. His wife passed away December 23, 1851, at the age of sixty-two years. In their family were ten children, including David Ankeney.

Our subject was educated in the common schools of Beavercreek township and remained at home until his marriage, which was celebrated on the 22d of August, 1852, the lady of his choice being Elizabeth Varner, a daughter of John Varner, a representative of an old pioneer family of this county, who came to this county from Washington county, Maryland. Her parents died during her early girlhood. She was born and reared in this county and after her marriage accompanied her husband to the farm which is now occupied by Daniel Oberholser. There they lived for about twenty years. Mr. Ankeney purchased two hundred and ten acres of land, where his widow now resides, the greater part of which was then covered with a dense growth of forest trees, but in the course of time the monarch of the forest

fell before his sturdy strokes and the land was cultivated and improved. He also added to his property from time to time until at his death his landed possessions comprised about six hundred acres. Unto our subject and his wife were born two children. Alice Elizabeth became the wife of Lawrence F. Beck and lives with her mother. She has two children, Franklin and Charles. Edward H., who makes his home west of Alpha, where he carries on farming, married Rosa Ashbaugh, and they have one child, Lena.

Mr. Ankeney died June 15, 1898, and was buried at Woodland cemetery, Xenia. He gave his political support to the Republican party from the time that John C. Fremont was its first presidential candidate until his death. He took an active part in public affairs, served as trustee of his township, and also as the clerk of the school board. During the last few years of his life he lived retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. He had started out in life on his own account as a poor man, but he became a well-to-do citizen, prospered in his undertakings, and gained an excellent competence and also an untarnished name. He left to his family a fine home and a well improved farm. He was honest and upright in all his dealings, reliable in all transactions, was faithful in friendship and a devoted husband and father.

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#### HARLEY W. OWENS, A. M.

The true measure of success is determined by what one has accomplished and, as taken in contradistinction to the old adage, that "a prophet is not without honor,

save in his own country," there is particular interest attaching to the career of the subject of this review, since he is a native son of the county where he has passed his entire life, and so directed his ability and energy as to gain recognition as one of the representative citizens of Xenia. He is actively connected with lines of industrial activity, having important bearing upon the improvement and stable prosperity of the community. His popularity in business circles is well deserved as in him are embraced never flags. He is also public-spirited and the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the city.

Mr. Owens was born March 1, 1858, in Xenia township, the home place bordering the Wilmington pike. He is a grandson of Thomas C. Owens, who bore a very prominent part in the pioneer work of this county, filling many public offices in a most creditable manner, and also conducting his private business affairs in a way that added to the general advancement and prosperity of this portion of the state. He came to Ohio from Virginia and located near Union church, in Greene county. For many years he filled the office of county surveyor and for a long time was county recorder and county auditor. The trust reposed in him was never betrayed in the slightest degree and he proved a most reliable public servant. A devout and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, he was engaged in local ministerial work, and did everything in his power to promote the cause of Christianity and secure its adoption in this locality. He was widely known throughout the county, with whose history





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he was so closely identified and well does he deserve mention among the honored pioneers.

His eldest son, Alfred H. Owens, was born May 31, 1835, in Greene county, near Xenia, and reared upon the old home farm. He continued to engage in agricultural pursuits for a few years after attaining his majority. He then began contracting and building, making his headquarters in Xenia, and for about twenty years continued his connection with mechanical work. He belonged to the First Methodist Episcopal church of this city, and his character and ability were appreciated to such a degree by his fellow townsmen that they bestowed upon him various official positions in the township. He wedded Miss Mary J. Eichelberger, who was born in Germantown, Ohio, January 10, 1839, the only daughter of Henry and Sarah Eichelberger. This worthy couple became the parents of seven children: Harley W. of this review; Charles S., born May 12, 1861; Thomas C., born July 24, 1864; Laura B., born February 27, 1867; Pearl E., born March 8, 1872; Ralph A., born August 4, 1876; and Maud E., born June 16, 1879. The father continued business as a contractor and builder up to the time of his death and was very successful in his undertakings. For many years he was assistant county surveyor and was also road superintendent for many years. He passed away October 10, 1879, and his wife died on the 13th of March, 1883.

After acquiring his preliminary education in the schools of the neighborhood Harley W. Owens of this review continued his studies in Xenia College, in which he won the degree of Master of Arts, in 1876. After leaving the school room he engaged with his father in contracting and after his

death, in 1879, continued the business alone. He has greatly extended the field of his operations, and now does the largest business in contracting in the county. He has taken and executed contracts for many of the most important structures erected in the county in recent years, and fine buildings stand as monuments to his enterprise and thrift. He has shops and yards at No. 333. South Detroit street, where he makes a specialty of plans and specifications. He has erected numerous buildings in and around Xenia, and it was under his supervision that the Allen block was built. His wood-working shop is splendidly equipped with the latest improved machinery for turning out high-grade work and he employs fifteen men in the mill, turning out a business annually that amounts to fifty thousand dollars.

At the home of the bride, near Xenia, on the 16th of June, 1880, Mr. Owens was united in marriage to Miss Anna L. Saylor, a daughter of John S. and Isabella Saylor, who in early girlhood was brought to this place, where she grew to maturity, obtained an excellent education and has won many friends by her graces and virtues. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Owens have been born seven daughters and a son, as follows: Lorena May, born May 3, 1881; Lulu Jane, January 31, 1883; Ida Mabel, August 9, 1885; Hazel Kirke, November 11, 1887; Harold Munger, November 19, 1890; Marguerite Allen, February 23, 1894; Isabel Ruth, November 23, 1896; and Janice Helen, March 12, 1901.

In 1901 Mr. Owens served as land appraiser of three of the city wards of Xenia, and in 1902 he was made the candidate of the Republican party, with which he has always affiliated, for the office of director of



the county infirmary. He thoroughly enjoys home life and takes great pleasure in the society of his family and friends. He is always courteous, kindly and affable and those who know him entertain for him high regard. A man of great natural ability, his success in business has been uniform and rapid. He has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and has gained the most satisfactory reward.

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### ISAIAH MASON.

The pleasant home of Isaiah Mason is situated one mile southeast of Paintersville in Caesarscreek township, Greene county, Ohio. He is one of the native sons of this county, his birth having occurred July 7, 1856. His parents were Gideon and Hannah (Mullen) Mason. The father was born near Flushing, Belmont county, Ohio, and was a son of John and Mary (Bivens) Mason. The Mason family is of Scotch-Irish extraction. The grandfather was a captain in the war of 1812. With his wife he removed from Winchester, Virginia, where they were married, to Belmont county, Ohio, where they resided until 1840, when they came to Caesarscreek township, Greene county. They were the parents of eight children: Owen and Stacey, both deceased; David, who lives in Warren county, Ohio, at the age of eighty years; Lydia, who became Mrs. Jacob Ellis, but is now deceased; Gideon, the father of our subject, but who has passed away; Catherine, who married Elisha Beal; John B.; and Susan, who married Jacob Seamans and resides at Wilmington, Ohio. The father of

this family died in 1876, at the ripe old age of eighty years. For many years he served as justice of the peace and was familiarly known as Squire Mason. His wife passed away in 1877, at the age of eighty years.

Gideon Mason, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Belmont county, Ohio, remaining at home until about three years prior to his marriage, when he went to Paintersville and made his home with his sister. After his marriage he turned his attention to farming upon the land that now constitutes the farm of his son Isaiah. Throughout his remaining days he was identified with agricultural interests and though he started out in life for himself a poor boy he steadily worked his way upward, and the years have witnessed his accumulation of a comfortable competence. He became the owner of about four hundred acres of fine farm land. His political support was given the Democracy, and for ten or more years he served as trustee of his township. As a citizen he was loyal to every interest for the public good. In business he sustained an unassailable reputation for reliability, and in his home was known as a kind and considerate husband and father. He married Hannah Mullen, a daughter of James and Phoebe (Ellis) Mullen. Her father was born in Paintersville about 1811, and when a boy of twelve years began learning the blacksmith's trade under the direction of James Painter, the founder of the village that bears his name. For a few years thereafter Mr. Mullen carried on blacksmithing, and then turned his attention to merchandising, establishing a grocery store which he conducted for some time, also carrying on a tavern for about

twenty-five years or until a short time prior to his death. In his family were eight children: Hannah, the mother of our subject; Mary, now Mrs. Conklin, who resides at Port William, Ohio; Isaiah, who is at the Soldiers Home at Dayton, Ohio; Eliza, who became Mrs. Ary; James, a resident of Alpha, Ohio; one who died in infancy; Henry, who lives in Ohio; and Ella, now Mrs. Reard. The father died in 1875 and his wife passed away in 1892, when she was laid by his side in the New Hope cemetery. His political support had been given the Democracy and he did all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. Fourteen children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mason, of whom eleven reached years of maturity. They are: Catherine, who married William DeVoe and lives in Jefferson township; David O., a resident of Jefferson township, Greene county; Burrell; Isaiah; Stacey, who lives in Clinton county, Ohio; Phœbe, the wife of Charley Armentrout and resides in Caesarscreek township; Mary, now deceased; Ella, the wife of Stephen Powers and makes her home in Jefferson township; Gideon, who resides in Columbus, Ohio; Fannie, the wife of Lucian Powers, a resident of Clinton county, Ohio; Samuel, now deceased; and Laura, the wife of Joseph Wood, of Xenia, Ohio. The other two children died in infancy. Gideon Mason was called to his final rest in 1892, at the age of sixty-three years, and his wife died in the same year at the age of sixty-one, their burial place being the cemetery in Port William.

Isaiah Mason remained with his parents until their deaths, and in the common schools near his home he pursued those

branches of learning usually taught in such institutions. He was married in 1883 to Miss Elizabeth DeVoe, a native of Jefferson township and a daughter of David and Mary DeVoe, the former now deceased and the latter a resident of Paintersville. Five children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Mason: Bertha, Charles, James, Russell and Cleophas, all of whom are yet under the parental roof.

The home farm is located upon a rich tract of land of one hundred and forty-three acres, and the green fields of summer give promise of golden harvests in the autumn. Mr. Mason has erected a new house, a good barn and has fenced his place. He uses the latest improved machinery in the cultivation of his land and his methods are progressive and practical, showing that his work has been the means of bringing to him satisfactory success. He carries on both farming and stock raising and his life history proves how potent are enterprise, capable management and unflagging industry in the business affairs of life. His wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant church and both are held in warm regard.

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#### HORACE L. SMITH, B. A., LL. B.

Horace L. Smith, well known in connection with the Greene county bar, was born in Loganville, Logan county, Ohio, on the 28th of August, 1853. His father, Clinton Smith, was of English ancestry and was born in Dublin, Franklin county, Ohio. Preparing for the practice of medicine, he devoted his entire life to the noble work of alleviating human suffering. He wedded

Mary Davidson, who was of Irish ancestry and was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. In 1855 the parents removed with their family to Bloomingburg, Fayette county, Ohio. In their family were three children: Dr. Homer Smith of Westerville, Ohio; Dr. Eva Smith, of Middletown, Ohio; and Horace L., of this review. The father passed away November 9, 1879, but the mother is still living.

Horace Lee Smith began his education in the common schools and later attended the Bloomingburg Academy. He next matriculated in the Wooster University of Wooster, Ohio, where he was graduated in June, 1872, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. With a good literary education to serve as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning, he took up the study of law in the University of Michigan, and was graduated in March, 1875, with the degree of LL. B. In April of that year he was admitted to practice by the supreme court of Ohio and established an office in Xenia, where he was not long in securing a large and growing clientage. He remained a practitioner at the bar until February, 1889. In November of the preceding year he had been elected judge of the court of common pleas of the third subdivision of the second judicial district of Ohio and in the succeeding February, took his place upon the bench to serve for a term of five years. The public confidence in his ability was manifest by re-election in November, 1893, and he remained upon the bench until the 9th of February, 1899, when after ten years' service, he resumed the private practice of law in Xenia.

The Judge was married in April, 1875, to Miss Mary A. Jones, of Bloomingburg, Fayette county. She died in 1885, leaving

two sons who are yet living, while two children, a son and a daughter, died in infancy. In January, 1887, the Judge was again married, his second union being with Mrs. May Loughry, a daughter of John Orr, who for eighteen years was clerk of the court of common pleas. The Judge belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Knights of Pythias Lodge, and in his political views is a Republican.

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#### FRANKLIN M. HAVERSTICK.

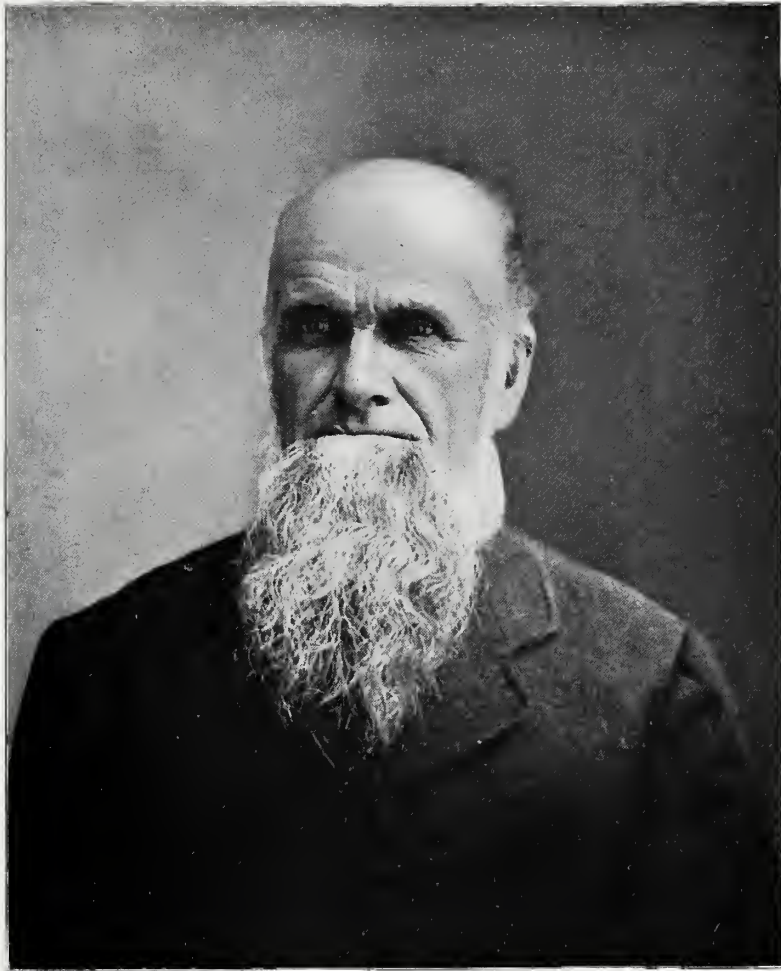
Franklin M. Haverstick, a practical and progressive agriculturist residing in Beavercreek township, one mile west of Zimmerman, is a native of Greene county, his birth having occurred in Xenia township, on the 14th of January, 1843. His father, John Haverstick, was a native of Pennsylvania and a son of Daniel Haverstick, who spent his last days in this county, dying at the home of his son in Xenia township. In early life John Haverstick removed to Virginia, where he married Elizabeth Halley, who was born either in that state or Maryland. Her father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and her grandfather had an invitation to attend General Washington's funeral, and was present. At an early day Mr. and Mrs. Haverstick came to Greene county, Ohio, and were identified with the pioneer development of this locality. He died in 1853, at the age of forty years, and his wife passed away in 1882, the remains of both being interred in Woodland cemetery, Xenia. They were earnest and consistent members of the Reformed church. In the family of this worthy couple were eight children, namely: John, a resident of







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Sugarcreek township, this county; Thomas, deceased, who was in the service of his country during the Civil war, being a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; William, a resident of Dayton; Maria, wife of Daniel Eckman, of Dayton; Frank M. of this review; Christopher, a resident of Montgomery county; and Millie and Mathias, both deceased.

The subject of this sketch was quite young when he removed with the family to Beavercreek township and he is indebted to its schools for his educational privileges. Being left fatherless at the age of ten years he was early thrown upon his own resources for a livelihood and worked for others by the month until he entered the army during the war of the Rebellion. On the 14th of August, 1862, he enlisted at Alpha in Company E, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain David Steele, and went with his command to Washington, D. C. He was wounded in the right thigh at Chattanooga, and though off duty for a time did not go to the hospital. At another time he had his cartridge box shot off. After serving nearly three years and seeing much active service under General Sherman he was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, on account of the close of the war, in June, 1865.

Returning to Greene county at the close of the war Mr. Haverstick was here married April 9, 1867, to Miss Catherine Coy, a daughter of Nicholas and Charlotte (Shoup) Coy, and a granddaughter of Moses Shoup. Her father was born near Alpha, in Beavercreek township, and was there reared and educated. Being a carpenter by trade he assisted in the erection of many buildings in that locality which are

still standing, and he also engaged in farming. He was a man of unusual strength and of fine physique, and took a delight in his work. After his marriage he purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty acres where our subject now resides, but at that time a log cabin constituted the only improvement and but five acres of the land had been cleared. He placed the greater part of it under cultivation, clearing from two to five acres every winter. Politically he was a Republican, and both he and his wife were earnest and consistent members of the German Baptist church, and took a very active part in religious work, especially during his latter years, when he took especial delight in attending divine services. In his family were nine children, namely: Moses, who died young; Elizabeth, wife of J. P. Engle, of Zimmerman; Benjamin, a resident of Beavercreek township; Sarah Jane, wife of William Knisley, of Indiana; Aaron, a resident of Beavercreek township; Mary Catherine, wife of our subject; Martin, who died at the age of seventeen years; and Oren and Ellen, who both died young.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Haverstick were born eight children, as follows: (1) Delila is now the wife of John Lewis Hower, of Beavercreek township. (2) Martha is the wife of Edward Snyder, of Bath township, and they have five children: Frederick, Irene, Mamie, Harry and Edward D. (3) Charlotte is the wife of Frank Koogler, of Beavercreek township, and they have five children: Homer, Joseph, Chester, Delila and Esther. (4) Joseph is now in the employ of the Dayton, Springfield & Urbana Railroad. (5) Elizabeth; (6) Harry; (7) Herbert; and (8) George, are all at home.

In September, 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Haverstick removed to Indiana, but the follow-

ing spring returned to Ohio, and located upon a farm about a mile from their present home. It was in 1874 that they took up their residence upon the farm of ninety-five acres Mrs. Haverstick had received from her father's estate, and there they have since made their home. Our subject carries on general farming and stock-raising quite successfully, and is regarded as one of the most useful and valued citizens of his community. He is a Republican in politics, and both he and his estimable wife are active and faithful members of the German Baptist church, in which he is now serving as deacon.

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### JOHN W. MANOR.

Each life yields an influence for good or ill. It has a bearing upon the material, social and moral development of a community and its influence is detrimental or beneficial. When a life record is ended it is customary to review the important events of the history, and pass judgment upon what has been accomplished. The consensus of opinion in the case of Mr. Manor is that Xenia profited by his labors and that his genuine worth gained for him the good will and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. He was numbered among the pioneer settlers, and when he entered upon his business career his work as a contractor and builder proved of substantial aid in promoting the welfare of his community.

Mr. Manor was born near Winchester, in Frederick county, Virginia, on the 24th of August, 1824. His father, Benjamin Manor, was a native of Berkeley county, West Virginia, and was there united in

marriage to Catherine March. They resided in Berkeley and Frederick counties until 1828, in which year the father brought his family to Ohio, establishing his home in Greene county. He was accompanied by his wife, eight sons and three daughters, and the entire journey was accomplished by team and wagon, camping out along the roadside at night, and resuming their journey at the break of day. At length they reached their destination, arriving in Xenia, which at that time contained a population of about one thousand inhabitants. Other portions of the county were but sparsely settled and the work of improvement and progress largely lay in the future. The family located first on Main street, but on the 1st of March, 1829, removed to a farm on the Dayton pike, the place being improved with a log house and barn, while a small portion of the land had been cleared. Mr. Manor at once began the work of further development and spent his time thereon throughout his remaining days, becoming a progressive and influential agriculturist of the community. He died in 1860, at the age of seventy-two, while his wife passed away in 1874, having reached the ripe old age of eighty-six years. In their family were twelve children, eight of whom reached years of maturity.

John W. Manor, the subject of this review, completed his education in Xenia, where he learned his trade of a carpenter and builder. He began working on his own account when he had attained his majority and was numbered among the builders of Xenia until 1859, when he returned to his father's farm, of which he had the management for two years. He was then appointed superintendent of the infirmary and



continued in that position until 1868, being reappointed each year, a fact which plainly indicated his efficiency, fidelity and promptness in the discharge of his duties. He then came to Xenia, where he worked at his trade until 1871, when he began contracting. He took and executed the contracts for many important buildings in Xenia and throughout the surrounding county. He was well known as a master of his chosen profession and early established a reputation for reliable workmanship and for the honorable fulfillment of his contracts.

On the 12th of June, 1844, Mr. Manor was united in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Scott, who was born in Beavercreek township, Greene county, December 27, 1824, but was reared to womanhood in Xenia. Her father, James A. Scott, was a native of Pennsylvania, and in 1814 took up his abode in Greene county. The following fall he returned to his native state and there married Miss Elizabeth Shannon, bringing his bride to his new home. He continued his residence in Beavercreek township until 1827, when he removed to Xenia, where he remained until his death, which occurred August 12, 1881. His wife survived him only a few weeks, passing away October 24, of the same year. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Manor were nine children, eight of whom are living: David T., now of Hartford City, Indiana; William A., of New Albany, Indiana; Samuel H., of Xenia; Asbury L., of Hartford City, Indiana; Kate, now Mrs. Henry C. Bankerd, of Xenia township; Nettie, remaining with her mother; Benjamin L., of Connorsville, Indiana, who died January 2, 1902; James S., of Muncie, Indiana; and John E., a telegraph operator of Xenia.

At different times Mr. Manor was honored with public office. About 1845 he served as county coroner, and later was elected a director of the infirmary, in which capacity he served for three years, and in 1884 he was again elected to that position, being the oldest director on the board. A prominent advocate of the Republican party, he served as a member and chairman of the county central committee for two years and was also chairman of the executive committee. He was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to both the subordinate lodge and the encampment. He held membership in the Reformed church, and its teachings permeated his life. He passed away on the 2d of December, 1897, at his home in Xenia. Throughout the long years of his residence here his fellow townsmen had come to know him as a man of genuine worth, of respectability and fidelity to principle. The city thus lost one of its valued representatives, but he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. His widow still survives him and is living in a comfortable and attractive home at No. 126 East Second street.

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#### MATTHEW V. MORRIS.

Matthew V. Morris, who follows farming in Sugarcreek township, his home being near Bellbrook, is a native of the locality in which he resides. Here he was born March 23, 1836, one of the children of William and Priscilla (LeCompt) Morris; the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Delaware. They were married in her native state and in the '20s came to Ohio, re-

siding for a time in Franklin, Delaware county, above Columbus. Subsequently they again came to Greene county, and conducted a hotel in Bellbrook, after which the father became the owner of a half-interest in the Washington mill near Bellbrook. When he sold that he retired to the farm upon which our subject now resides, making it his home throughout his remaining days. He had about one hundred and seventy acres of land in that place and his landed possessions altogether aggregated six hundred and twenty acres, for as his financial resources had increased he had made judicious investments in property. He became a prosperous man, yet all that he had was acquired after he came to Ohio. His parents had died in the east and as he was the eldest of the family he cared for the children, providing for their support. He also brought them with him to Ohio and thus a heavy burden devolved upon him, but he bore it uncomplainingly. Strong resolution and determination at length enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path and gradually he worked his way upward to prosperity. In addition to the operation of his mills he conducted a distillery and marketed his products in Cincinnati. At the time when Andrew Jackson vetoed the national bankrupt bill, the money stringency which followed this measure caused him to become a bankrupt. He was one of the two most extensive business men in the county and his efforts resulted not only in promoting his own success but proved of value in promoting the general welfare. He had been a Democrat up to the time of Jackson's administration but never afterward voted that ticket. While he did not become identified with any church after his removal to Ohio, he believed in the Baptist faith. Although he suffered finan-

cial disaster, his honesty was never called in question and it was well known that he was a man of his word and did the best that he could. In his family were eight children who reached maturity and of whom Mr. Morris of this review was the seventh. They were as follows: Thomas, who married Johanna Stipp, died in Xenia, leaving one child. Sarah owns the old homestead. William, of Xenia township, married Rebecca Wilson and has one child. Frances is deceased. James, who married Sarah Earl of New York, by whom he has one child, now makes his home in Liberty, Indiana. Mary resides in Columbus. Matthew V. is the next younger. Carrie is the wife of F. Benjamin Atkins, of Columbus, and has one son. George has passed away. The death of the father occurred April 21, 1875, and the mother died November 19, 1876. He had served his country as captain in the war of 1812 and was ever loyal to the best interests of county, state and nation.

At an early age Matthew V. Morris took his place in the fields, working at the plow through a long period. When winter came and the crops had all been harvested, he entered the common schools, there acquiring his education. He remained with his father most of the time until his marriage. A period of three years was passed in West Jefferson, Ohio, where he owned and operated a sawmill. He also purchased land there which is now under a high state of cultivation. His home farm comprised sixty acres of land, on which is a good residence and modern improvements that stand as monuments to his enterprise and industry.

On the 19th of October, 1871, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Laura V. Clements, who was born on a farm near Ingleside, in

Queen Anne county, Maryland, a daughter of Joel and Louisa (Jarrell) Clements. Mrs. Morris was reared in the state of her nativity and after attending the common schools, continued her education in the Wesleyan Female Seminary in Wilmington, Delaware. In 1869 she came to Ohio where she formed the acquaintance of Mr. Morris, but their marriage was celebrated at her home in Maryland. They have two sons: Herbert Earl, born on the home farm, September 29, 1872; and Charles Clements, born September 5, 1874. The former is a graduate of the home school of the class of 1891 and at the age of eighteen years entered Antioch College. The latter completed the high school course in Bellbrook with the class of 1891 and when sixteen years of age entered Antioch College with his brother. He spent two years in the preparatory department and one year in the collegiate department. The elder brother became a student in the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in the fall of 1894 and was graduated with the class of 1898. He then remained upon the home farm for a year and in the fall of 1899 entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati where he will graduate with the class of 1903. After leaving Antioch College the younger son taught school for a year and in the fall of 1895 matriculated in the State University of Michigan where he was graduated with the class of 1899. The same year he accepted the seat of mathematics in the Mount Herman Boys' School at Mount Herman, Massachusetts, in which capacity he is still serving. Mr. Morris exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and he and his wife and their son Earl are members of the Methodist Protestant church, in which he has served as trustee, steward and

Sunday-school superintendent. Their son Charles is a charter member of Mount Herman University Congregational church, which was established in memory of Moody in the year of the death of that great evangelist. The sons are both young men of excellent ability and strong mentality, of whom the parents have every reason to be proud. Mr. Morris has set them an excellent example, for throughout life he has been true to manly principles and has conscientiously performed every duty that has devolved upon him.

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#### JEREMIAH KREPPS.

Jeremiah Krepps, who is a retired blacksmith and well known farmer of Greene county, living in the township of Xenia, on the Cincinnati pike, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1831, and is a son of George and Nancy (Baughman) Krepps. Our subject was about five years of age when his parents drove across country with a team and wagon and settled in Xenia, where the father, who was a blacksmith by trade, entered the employ of Samuel Harry. Later he removed to what was known as Trebein, and built a shop there, conducting business on his own account until about 1845, when he took up his abode about two miles and a half out on the Fairfield road, there carrying on business until about 1850. He then purchased a farm in Spring Valley township, comprising one hundred and seventy-seven acres of land known as the John Scarff property. He took up his abode thereon in the winter of 1852 and made it his place of residence throughout the remainder of his days. Unto him



and his wife were born nine children; two sons and seven daughters. The eldest, Mary A., became the wife of J. W. Perryman, and is now deceased. Our subject is the second in order of birth. Eli died of typhoid fever when about twenty-seven years of age. Henrietta is living in Xenia. Ann R. is deceased. Magdaline is also living in Xenia. Sarah E. became the wife of D. R. Sinnard, and died leaving two children—Marietta and Anna Jane. Eliza A. is the wife of J. A. Stillings, a resident of Xenia, by whom she has four living children. Nancy A. is the wife of W. L. Fulkerson, a resident of Xenia township, and they have six children. Mr. Krepps, the father of our subject, was a life-long Democrat in his political views, and while he never sought office he was earnest and loyal in his support of the party. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and took a strong interest in its work and served as class leader and trustee. When about seventy-two years of age he was called to his final rest and his remains were interred in the Xenia cemetery by the side of his wife, who had passed away in 1856. Although he had received only a common school education he had become a well informed man, and was a valued citizen of his community.

Mr. Krepps, whose name introduces this record, spent his boyhood days under the parental roof. He received but a limited education, his privileges being few in that respect, for at the early age of twelve years he began working in his father's blacksmith shop. He was then so small that he had to stand upon a three-inch platform in order that he might be tall enough to strike the anvil. But always being strong, at eighteen years of age he was able to do a man's work. He had determined to stay with his father

until he had attained his majority and had told his father of his resolution. The latter about that time had decided to abandon blacksmithing, however, and did so when our subject was twenty years of age, they then removing to a tract of rented land, and later the farm was purchased by Mr. Krepps. The son then continued with his father until he was twenty-five years of age, assisting in the work of field and meadow.

At that time Mr. Krepps was united in marriage to Miss Diana Moore, of Grant county, Indiana, who was born in Spring Valley, Ohio, and was a daughter of John and Lana (Quick) Moore. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Krepps have been born four children: Emma, who became the wife of David Anderson, and died leaving a daughter, Bertha; Nancy Olive, the wife of L. J. Crumley, a resident farmer of Spring Valley township, by whom she has one child, W. Albert; Lana, the wife of L. L. Hickman, who resides upon a farm in Jay county, Indiana; and Diana C., who died in infancy. After the death of his first wife Mr. Krepps was again married, his second union being on the 31st of March, 1866, when Miss Harriet A. Stillings became his wife. She was born and reared in Greene county and is a daughter of James and Lana (Fisher) Stillings. She pursued a common school education and remained at home until her marriage. She is now the mother of two children—Ada J., the wife of G. W. Fudge, who resides upon her father's farm, their children being three in number—Lela, Erma Mildred and Everet K.; and Marietta, who married Joseph E. Lyle and also resides upon the old homestead. They have one child, Laurence Edgar.

After his marriage Mr. Krepps took his bride to his father's farm and there remained

until about 1892, when he removed to his present place of residence in Xenia township. Here he has about two hundred acres of land, upon which are good buildings, in fact, he has one of the model farms in this portion of the state, the place being connected with the city by telephone, while all modern equipments and accessories are found in the home and in the fields, thus facilitating the labor of cultivating the soil. Mr. Krepps was in early life a Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for Pierce, in 1852, but in later life has become a Prohibitionist, having been identified with the latter party for the past twenty years. He and his wife have long been members of the Methodist Episcopal church, his relations therewith continuing since he was fifteen years of age, while his wife became a member at the age of seventeen. She was first identified with the Methodist Protestant church, but after her marriage changed her membership to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Krepps has served as class leader and Sunday-school superintendent and is now steward of the church at Richland. By his life he indicates his Christian faith and belief. At all times has he been deeply interested in everything pertaining to man and to the benefit of the race. As a citizen he is also interested in all movements calculated to promote the general welfare. His upright career has won for him the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances.

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#### HENRY S. BUCKLES.

Among the eminent men of Greene county whose life record forms an integral part of the history of this portion of the state,

was Henry S. Buckles. In his death the community lost one of its most prominent business men and loyal citizens. As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of completed and successful effort ending in the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this honored man. His career was a long, busy and useful one, marked by the utmost fidelity to duties of public and private life. His name is now interwoven with the annals of Greene county, with its past development and its stable progress, and his memory is cherished as that of one who has made the world better for his having lived. He was born in this county in the year 1815 and resided here continuously up to the time of his death, with the exception of the period of his residence in Urbana, Ohio, from 1848 to 1865, and his remains now rest in Woodland cemetery.

Mr. Buckles was one of nine children born unto John and Elizabeth Buckles, both of whom were natives of Virginia. In the year 1804 they emigrated westward, taking up their abode in Greene county, Ohio, where they spent their remaining days. Henry S. Buckles was reared to manhood amid the scenes of pioneer life, for this portion of Ohio during the period of his youth was just emerging from frontier conditions. He bore all the hardships and trials which fell to the lot of the early settler and also enjoyed many pleasures which were common at that time but are unknown at the present day. He acquired his education in the early schools and became widely and favorably known throughout the county as a reliable and public-spirited man. He was also a successful mechanic who spent the greater part of his early life in the village of Bellbrook, after which eighteen years were passed in

Champaign county, and on his return to this county he resided in Xenia. Throughout the years of his manhood he followed carpentering and building and attained to prominence along this line. His excellent workmanship and fidelity to the terms of a contract won him a liberal patronage and he thus became interested in the erection of many of the finest structures of the county.

In the year 1837 Mr. Buckles was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Thomas, a daughter of Archibald and Catherine Thomas, who were also natives of Greene county. Eight children were born of this union, but four of the number are now deceased, namely: James W., Mary E., Archibald T. and Navinah P. Those who still survive are Eliza J., William M., Emma V. and Arthur S. Mr. Buckles was a man who enjoyed to a very high degree the confidence and respect of those with whom he was associated. His high moral and religious character was well worthy of emulation. He endorsed every movement and measure which he believed would contribute to the general good and promote the development of his fellowmen. He was identified with the Independent Order of Good Templars and with the Methodist Episcopal church of Xenia. He served as one of the class leaders of his church and in his life exemplified his Christian faith. Although he never sought distinction along political lines he yet won prominence through his business ability and through the possession of these sterling characteristics which in every land and in every clime command respect. He was also an honored pioneer who witnessed much of the growth and development of his county from primitive times to a period of modern improvement and progress. He left to his family the priceless heritage of an untar-

nished name and the memory of his upright life still exerts an influence over those who knew him well.

William M. Buckles, a son of Henry S. Buckles, is now a leading citizen of Zenia where he is occupying the important position of chief of the fire department. He was born in Champaign county, Ohio, on the 11th of March, 1850, and his education was received in the public schools there. For eighteen years he has been identified with the Xenia fire department, his connection dating from 1884. In April, 1898, he was elected its chief and has since served in that capacity. The department is well organized and is doing effective work under his supervision.

On the 20th of October, 1869, Mr. Buckles was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Knox, a daughter of Brice Knox, and unto them has been born one child. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Buckles is a very prominent Republican, now serving as chairman of the Republican central committee of Greene county. He takes a very active interest in political affairs and his efforts in that direction have been effective in promoting his party's welfare. He has numerous friends, both in and out of the party because of his amiable disposition and genial manner, qualities which make him popular with all classes.

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IDA C. WOOLSEY, M. D.

There is no field of intellectual activity into which woman has not made her way, demonstrating her ability to cope with man in the "learned professions." She has asked for no assistance because of her sex





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but has proven that the most strenuous demands made upon the representatives of the different callings she can meet. She has been particularly successful in the practice of medicine, her ready sympathy, delicacy of touch and quick insight, supplementing her intellectual strength in such a way as to render her services of great benefit in the medical profession. Dr. Woolsey of this review is the only lady physician in Greene county and the extent and importance of her patronage is an indication of the confidence reposed in her.

The Doctor resides with her sister Martha and is highly esteemed in social as well as medical circles. She is one of the nine children born unto William M. and Hannah (Hall) Woolsey, but only herself and sister are now living. Her paternal grandfather was Jeremiah Woolsey. Her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, was one of the founders of the Cincinnati Orphan Asylum and was widely known for her benevolent and helpful spirit. The Doctor's father belonged to one of the most prominent families of Trenton, New Jersey, and there he spent his boyhood days, supplementing a thorough classical education by the study of medicine. After receiving the diploma which entitled him to practice, he opened an office in New Jersey, where he remained for several years and then came to Hamilton, Ohio, where he conducted a drug store in connection with his medical practice. After a time he sold his store there but re-entered the drug trade in Cincinnati, where he was connected with mercantile pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1883. His wife survived him about four years.

Dr. Woolsey of this review was born in

Evansville, Indiana, in December, 1852, where she remained until her father embarked in business in Cincinnati, when the family removed to that city. She acquired her preliminary education in the common schools and afterward took up the study of medicine, reading broadly and assimilating what she read. Afterward, in 1892, she was graduated in both the regular and homeopathic departments of the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, where she spent four years, making a specialty of the treatment of diseases of women and children. Immediately thereafter she began practice in Xenia, where she has since remained and she has the distinction of being the only lady physician in Greene county. She now has a large general practice as well as along the line of her specialty and is accorded a place in the foremost rank of the capable and successful physicians of the county. She keeps thoroughly informed concerning the latest theories and discoveries in connection with the profession and her efforts toward alleviating human suffering have been of marked benefit. She is identified with the Second Presbyterian church and her residence and office are located at No. 118 W. Main street.

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#### JOHN KYNE.

John Kyne, a progressive farmer living on the Cincinnati pike where he has fifty acres of land, is one of the leading agriculturists of this portion of the state. His landed possessions aggregate altogether about seven hundred acres lying in Spring Valley and Sugarcreek townships. Mr. Kyne is



one of the worthy citizens that Ireland has furnished to America. He was born in County Galway, in September, 1824, his parents being John and Nora (Flynn) Kyne. The former died when our subject was a young lad and the mother died when he was about twenty-one years of age. Upon the home farm, John Kyne was reared while in the public schools near-by he acquired an education, but believing that he might have better business opportunities in the new world, he sailed for America in November, 1848, in a vessel which weighed anchor in Liverpool. In the following January he landed at New Orleans. The trip was a most stormy one and the vessel was driven out of its course as far as the West Indies.

Soon after reaching the Crescent City, Mr. Kyne made his way north to Ohio and for a time was employed in Clark county by the month. For five years he followed farming in that way, during which time he gained some capital. He was married on the 4th of April, 1853, to Miss Elizabeth Byron, who was born in county Limerick, Ireland, and came to America with her brothers and sisters. She was a daughter of Anthony Byron. Soon after their marriage Mr. Kyne purchased five acres of land upon which his house now stands. At that time there was a log cabin upon the place which is yet a feature of the landscape. For seventeen years he resided here and during that time followed various occupations that would yield him an honest living. Saving his money he added a tract of sixteen acres to his original purchase. Finally he sold and bought one hundred and one acres near Paintersville, making his home thereon for four years. He afterward purchased one hundred and forty acres west of the village of Spring Valley and is still the owner of

that property. It was the first farm that he ever operated in Greene county and upon which he made his home for a number of years. His next investment brought to him one hundred and thirty acres and later he bought eighty acres and again one hundred acres in Sugarcreek township. In April, 1901, he again purchased the old home place which he had first owned and where he now resides. Owing to the ill health of his wife he removed to Spring Valley and there she died in January, 1898, her remains being interred in the Catholic cemetery in Xenia.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kyne have been born six children, of whom four are still living: Thomas, William and Charles, all of whom are resident farmers of Spring Valley; and Frank, who is married and resides with our subject. Mr. Kyne was reared in the Catholic faith and was confirmed in Ireland by Bishop Kale. In politics he is independent, voting for the men whom he thinks best qualified for office without regard to party ties. His life history proves most conclusively what excellent opportunities are afforded in the new world to young men of energy, strong purpose and resolute will. He came to this country empty handed and during his early years here his life was one of arduous toil. Economy and industry at length brought to him some capital and through judicious investments he has since added to his property until his landed interests are now very extensive and valuable.

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#### THOMAS KYNE.

Thomas Kyne is the owner of an excellent farm in Spring Valley township and many of the improvements thereon are as monuments to his enterprise and capable

management. He was born near his present home, May 31, 1854, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Byron) Kyne. He spent his early boyhood days upon the home farm near the village of Spring Valley and attended the school at Gladys. When about sixteen years of age his father removed to Needmore, on Caesars creek, where he purchased a farm, making it his home for four years, and during that time our subject attended school through the winter months. When about twenty-two years of age he began to earn his own living, working as a farm hand by the month for two years in Spring Valley township. Saving his money, he then purchased a team and rented land of his father in order that he might begin farming on his own account. For seventeen years he leased land and then with the capital which he had acquired through his own efforts, purchased one hundred and fourteen acres in Spring Valley township on Caesars creek in what is known as the McKnight settlement.

As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Mr. Kyne chose Miss Mary Andrews, of Jamestown, near which place she was born. The wedding was celebrated in Xenia, October 12, 1881. The lady is a daughter of Patrick and Winifred (Mangan) Andrews. Her father died near Jamestown, September 23, 1889, at the age of sixty years, and his widow is still living in that neighborhood, at the age of sixty-five years. Both were natives of Ireland and the former had attained to man's estate when he came to America, while the latter was about twelve years of age when with her parents she crossed the Atlantic. Mrs. Kyne acquired a good common school education. By her marriage she became the mother of two children: John Francis, who was born in Spring Valley township, August 26,

1882; and Mary Pearl, born in the same township, December 13, 1886.

In the year 1896 Mr. Kyne became the owner of the farm upon which he now resides. He has ninety-one acres here and a tract of fifty-three and one-half acres in another farm which he and his brother purchased in 1900. He carries on general farming and also makes a specialty of the raising of tobacco. His enterprise and industry are bringing to him creditable success.

Politically Mr. Kyne is a Democrat who has supported the party since casting his first vote for Tilden in 1886. He has served as a school director and is a warm friend of the cause of education. He has, however, never been an aspirant for political honors or offices, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business affairs. Both he and his wife belong to the Catholic church and were confirmed in the same class by Rev. Thomas Blake, Mr. Kyne being sixteen years of age and his wife fourteen. They are worthy people, enjoying the warm regard of many friends, and throughout the community are widely known.

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#### HAL HUMSTON.

Hal Humston, a member of the firm of Humston & Grottendick, of Xenia, proprietors of a livery stable here, was born in Greene county, Ohio, on the 22d of May, 1868, and is a son of Harvey and Ellen (Powers) Humston, both of whom were natives of Ohio, the former born in Clinton county, the latter in this county. Throughout the greater part of his life the father followed the occupation of farming, but is now living retired in Xenia. He and his

wife are well known people of the city and enjoy the high regard of many friends. They have two children, the younger being Jessie L., the wife of E. A. Thomas, of the Beehive store of Xenia.

Mr. Humston, whose name introduces this review, attended school in Caesarscreek township and later was a student in Xenia College. Afterward he entered the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, and after completing his education embarked in the lumber business in Caesarscreek township, where he conducted a sawmill for eight or nine years. On the expiration of that period he began training horses and breaking colts, conducting a public training station, in which business he continued for a number of years. In fact he has been an excellent trainer of horses from boyhood, and is a lover of fine stock. On the 9th of November, 1901, he entered into partnership with Mr. Grottendick and purchased the livery business of Frank Paukett, which they have successfully conducted, also having a sale stable and feed yard. They have a liberal patronage and their business is proving a profitable source of income.

On the 11th of February, 1892, Mr. Humston was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Semans, of Clinton county, Ohio, a daughter of Jacob Semans of the same county, who had formerly resided in Greene county. Mr. and Mrs. Humston have one child, Glenn, who was born August 9, 1893, and is now in school in Xenia. Socially he is identified with Xenia Lodge, No. 52, I. O. O. F., and with Shawnee Encampment, No. 20, of the same order, in both of which he has passed all of the chairs. He is a progressive and enterprising young man who

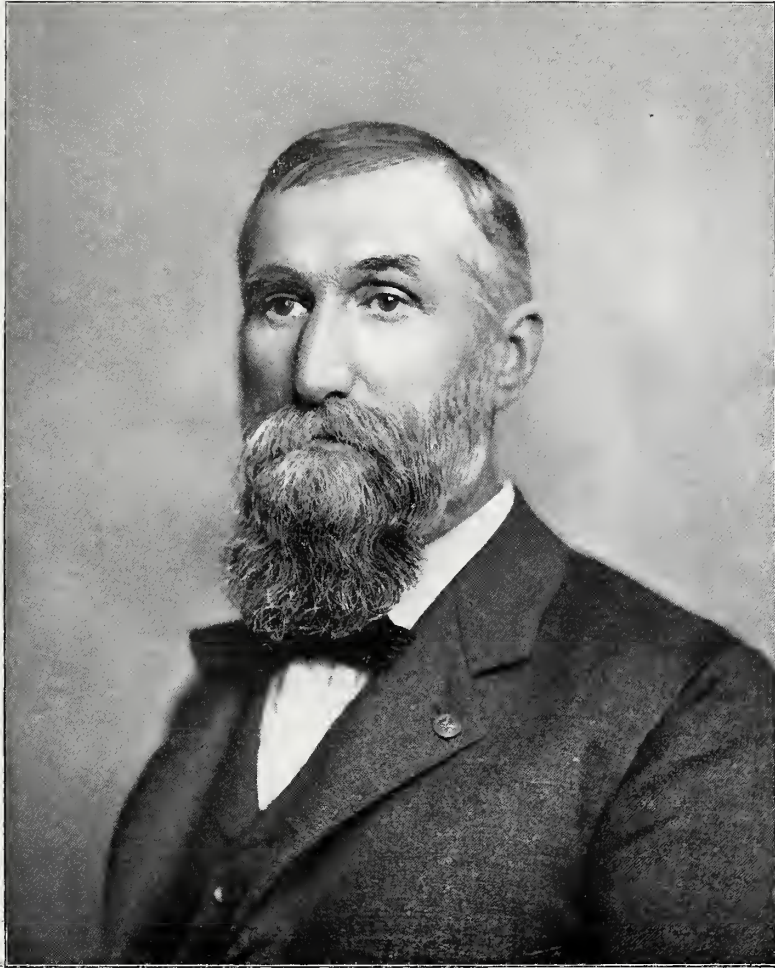
has already won success in business and who will doubtless advance still further on the road to prosperity in the future.

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#### HENRY C. BANKERD.

There is no resident of Greene county who is more widely or favorably known, who more greatly deserves the esteem of his fellowmen than does Henry C. Bankerd, an honored veteran of the Civil war who is now serving as superintendent of the county infirmary. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, September 17, 1846, his parents being Peter and Hannah (Griner) Bankerd. The father was born in Morgan county, West Virginia, in 1816, and his wife was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1818. Her father was a native of Germany, while his wife was born in Boston. Peter Bankerd became a glass blower by trade and when our subject was still a young man the father removed with his family to Lenox, Massachusetts, where he continued to follow his chosen pursuit until 1863. That year witnessed his arrival in Greene county, Ohio, and he purchased a farm in Xenia township, near the city of Xenia, on which he took up his abode. In 1864, however, he returned to Lenox, where he worked for a year at his trade and in 1866 he removed to New Albany, Indiana, where he occupied the responsible position of manager of a large plate glass factory for a year. On the expiration of that period he returned to his farm in Xenia township, where he has since remained and he has now attained the very advanced age of eighty-five years. His wife is also living and is now eighty-three





H. C. BANKERD.



years of age. Four of their children also survive: Margaret, the wife of D. S. Heath, a resident of Missouri; Henry C., of this review; Mary, who married John C. Andrews and resides in Xenia; and Georgia, the wife of Joseph S. Wade, of Xenia township. The father of this family is a Methodist in religious faith and in his political views is a Republican.

Henry C. Bankerd accompanied his parents to Massachusetts and in that state he acquired a portion of his education, while for one year he was a student in the academy at Claverick, New York. He remained in the Bay state until eighteen years of age and then came with his parents to Xenia township, Greene county, Ohio. He had previously learned the glass-cutter's trade in Massachusetts, but now a different line of work claimed his attention. He had hardly taken up his abode here when he joined the brave boys in blue that Ohio sent to defend the Union. In February, 1864, he enlisted as a private for one year's service in Company D, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, going with the command to Georgia. He assisted in garrisoning the towns that were captured during the Georgia campaign, and was mustered out of service at Nashville, Tennessee, in February, 1865.

Mr. Bankerd then returned to Xenia and went with his father to Massachusetts where he worked at the trade of glass-cutting until the removal of the family to New Albany, Indiana. He was also employed in a similar line of work in that place for a year, since which time he has made his home in Xenia township, Greene county, and for sometime was associated with agricultural interests.

In his political views Mr. Bankerd always was a Republican and has been honored with several local offices, the gift of his fellow townsmen, who recognized his worth and ability. For several terms he was supervisor and in 1896 he was appointed superintendent of the county infirmary by the infirmary board. During his incumbency he has made many improvements. The main building is a large three-story brick structure with basement. It was begun in 1865 and completed in 1867. The farm comprises one hundred and four acres and under the supervision of Mr. Bankerd has been placed in excellent condition. Everything about the farm in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates his careful management and sound judgment, and he has given excellent satisfaction to all concerned by his capable control of the infirmary. Prior to being appointed to the infirmary Mr. Bankerd had managed his father's farm, the senior Mr. Bankerd having practically retired from active labor.

Mr. Bankerd was married in 1867 to Miss Catherine Manor, a daughter of John W. and Catherine Manor. Her father is now deceased but her mother is living in Xenia. Five children have been born of this union, Rosa, who died at the age of eleven years; Esther, the wife of Parker J. Wilson, a resident of Xenia, by whom she has two children, Raymond and Frederick M.; Mary, who resides with her father; Peter, who resides on the farm which once belonged to his grandfather, and who married Belle McCarthy, by whom he has one child, Virginia C.; and Myrtle, the wife of Charles Faulkner, of Columbus, Ohio, and the mother of one daughter, Helen. The parents hold membership in the Ger-



man Reformed church and Mr. Banker takes an active and helpful interest in fraternal organizations, belonging to Lewis Post, No. 347, G. A. R., and to both the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has filled all of the offices in these three organizations and enjoys in high measure the regard of his brethren of the fraternities. Patriotism has ever been numbered among his salient characteristics. It was manifest upon the field of battle and has been displayed by his faithful performance of public duty in civil life. He is a man of broad sympathies, of excellent executive and business ability and his worth is widely acknowledged throughout the county in which he is long made his home.

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#### ADAM GERLAUGH.

One of the most highly respected citizens that has ever been connected with the agricultural interests of Greene county was Adam Gerlaugh, who, from pioneer times down through the greater part of the nineteenth century, was numbered among the valued residents of his community. He was identified with agricultural pursuits and his life was so honorable and upright that his name is a synonym for integrity.

He was born in Beavercreek township upon the farm now owned by his brother, Arthur Gerlaugh, the date of his birth being August 6, 1814. His parents were Adam and Catherine (Haynes) Gerlaugh. The former was born in Washington county, Maryland, in 1786, and the latter, a native of the same county, was born a few days later. In 1807 Adam Ger-

laugh became a resident of Ohio, accompanying his father, who also bore the name of Adam, to Beavercreek township, Greene county, settling upon the farm which is now the home of our subject. The family sent their goods down the Ohio river, while they traveled overland by wagons and teams, eight weeks being consumed in making the trip which led through the forests and over poor roads, which were often scarcely more than a trail. Some time prior to the arrival of the family, the grandfather, accompanied by Mr. Haynes, made a trip to Ohio, looking over the land, and after making purchases they returned to Maryland. The latter never afterward came to Ohio, but his family later removed to this state and occupied the land which he had purchased. Adam Gerlaugh, the grandfather, had become the owner of three-quarters of a section, securing a quarter section for each of his children. Upon the place he erected a log cabin and the family began their life in Ohio in that primitive dwelling. With characteristic energy he took to work, clearing the farm and developing the fields. The land was covered by a dense growth of timber. Soon the woodman's ax awakened the echoes of the forest and in course of time the sunlight fell upon the plowed fields and the ripened grain which had there been planted by pioneer hands. Adam Gerlaugh bore an active part in the work of primitive development and progress and aided in laying the foundation for the present advanced condition of Greene county, enabling it to take an important position in this great commonwealth. He died between 1820 and 1825, when about seventy years of age.

Adam Gerlaugh, the father of our subject, became familiar with pioneer experiences for his youth was largely passed in Greene county before the work of progress

and civilization had made great changes. He married Catherine Haynes in the winter of 1807-8. She had come with her brother and his family to the county in 1807, making the trip on horseback from Maryland. They settled upon the land which had been purchased by her father sometime before when he had come to Ohio with the grandfather of our subject. Mrs. Gerlaugh was born April 22, 1788, and her death occurred on the 19th of April, 1852. She and her husband had lived together as man and wife for forty years until death separated them, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years passed by. Mr. Gerlaugh belonged to the German Reformed church, while his wife held membership in the Lutheran church. Several years after her death he went to Minnesota to visit a son and while on the return trip was taken ill in Warren county, Illinois, and there died in the home of another son, in 1856, when seventy years of age. This worthy couple were the parents of ten children, eight sons and two daughters: David, now deceased, is mentioned on another page of this volume. Jacob has also passed away and his history forms a part of this work. Otho and Adam have departed this life. Robert lives in Warren county, Illinois. Arthur is a farmer of Beavercreek township, whose name appears on another page of this volume. Jonathan is deceased. Frances is the wife of Benjamin Clark, a resident of Montgomery county, Ohio. Henry is deceased. Mary Jane, now Mrs. Hawker, resides in Dayton, Ohio.

Adam Gerlaugh pursued his education in the early schools of his district and worked upon his father's farm, devoting his time between the duties of the schoolroom and the labors of the field, also enjoying the pleasures that the playground afforded. On the

25th of January, 1848, he was united in marriage to Eliza Dutoid, who was born in Indiana, a daughter of Eugene and Lydia (De Fray) Dutoid, both of whom were natives of Switzerland. In order to give their children better educational advantages they removed to Dayton and the father purchased a farm in what is now called East Dayton, between Third and Fifth streets. He made it his place of residence until his death which occurred about 1868, when he was seventy-six years of age. His wife survived him about eleven years, passing away at a very advanced age at her home in Shakerstown, Ohio. Both were interred in Woodland cemetery.

After his marriage, Mr. Gerlaugh of this review, rented a farm from Mr. Harshman and continued its cultivation until 1857. He had inherited a part of the old homestead and from the other heirs he purchased their interests and made his home upon that place throughout his remaining days. The barn there was built by his father, but the present fine residence which stands upon the place has been erected by Mrs. Gerlaugh, since her husband's death. Six children were born unto our subject and his wife. Lydia became the wife of George Buvinger, a resident of Dayton, and their children are: Perry, Ruth, Edith, John, Lydia, and Aaron. Catherine is the deceased wife of Horton Tippy, a resident of Fairfield, Ohio, and their children were: Everett, Pearl and Ralph. Eugene, who is living in Montgomery county, Ohio, married Elizabeth Tippy, and they have four children—Laura, Lucy, Adam and Daniel. Charles is a resident of Clark county, Ohio. Charlotte is the wife of William H. Lenz, who is operating the home place for her mother. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, March 13, 1852, and is a

son of William and Elizabeth (Kline) Lenz, both of whom were natives of Germany, and died in Dayton. Unto William H. Lenz and his wife have been born three children: Bertha, the wife of Andrew O'Hara, of Alpha, Ohio, by whom she has two children, Lenz and Mosco; Elizabeth, the wife of Rush Huston, a resident of Sugarcreek township; and May Flora, at home. Phoebe Ellen, the youngest of the family, is the wife of John J. Reeder, a resident of Dayton, and their children are Fred Wells and Robert.

Mr. Gerlaugh was a Republican in his political views, and he served as trustee for a number of years. He regarded a public office as a public trust and was therefore ever loyal and faithful to his duty. He owned and operated one hundred and sixty acres of good land, carrying on general farming and stock-raising and by the careful control of his business affairs he won creditable success, becoming a well-to-do citizen. He passed away in May, 1883, and was laid to rest in Mount Zion cemetery. Throughout the community his loss was widely and deeply mourned for he had many friends. He was a loyal and progressive citizen and a devoted husband and father, and although he never sought public honors or notoriety he yet won that unqualified regard which is freely accorded to sterling worth in every land and clime. Mrs. Gerlaugh still resides upon the old home place, and in 1887 she erected a fine farm residence there. She is a member of the German Reformed church and is a most estimable lady, enjoying in a high degree the esteem and confidence of those with whom she is associated. So long has she resided in this county that she is known either personally or indirectly to most of the citizens of this section and well does she deserve representation

in this volume in connection with the life history of her honored husband, Adam Gerlaugh.

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#### WILLIAM DODDS.

Greene county is fortunate in having a good class of men in her offices, men who have a deep interest in the county and its welfare, and who do not sacrifice the public good to self-aggrandizement. Among this number is William Dodds, who is auditor-elect and who has filled other position in a creditable and able manner. Mr. Dodds is a native of Scotland, his birth having occurred in that country on the 6th of June, 1850. He is the youngest of the six children who were born unto George and Isabel (Taylor) Dodds, also natives of Scotland, where the father followed farming for a livelihood. He died when his youngest child was but an infant and the mother passed away a few years later, so that our subject was left an orphan when quite young.

William Dodds acquired his early education in the schools of his native land and completed his studies in night schools of this country. When sixteen years of age, in company with a sister and his oldest brother, Andrew Dodds, he embarked for the United States, landing in Xenia in the fall of 1866. It was here he learned the trade of marble cutting, being employed by his brother, the business relation between them being maintained until 1882 when our subject was induced to join the fire department, but after three months he again became connected with the marble business. Later he became a member of the police





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force and continued in that position until appointed court bailiff. He afterward served as deputy sheriff under Mr. Linkhart, and in the year 1890 his previous faithful service secured his election to the office of sheriff of Greene county. In that capacity he remained for four years, having been re-elected in 1892, discharging his duties without fear or favor. In September, 1895, he returned to the police force, where he remained until February 26, 1901. About that time he was nominated and elected auditor of Greene county by a large majority, which office he will enter in October, 1902. He has always been a warm advocate of Republican principles and has labored for their adoption, but has friends in the ranks of the opposing party.

Mr. Dodds was united in marriage to Mary E. Knox, a daughter of Brice Knox, formerly a resident of Xenia, where he carried on the harness and saddlery business. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dodds has been born one child, Oliver A. Mr. Dodds and his son, under the firm name of Dodds & Son, are the owners and proprietors of one of the most complete livery stables in the city, having a fine brick stable on Whiteman street between Main and Market streets. The family are identified with the Presbyterian church and he has always contributed to the support not only of religious work but of all interests tending to benefit the community and upbuild the county in which he makes his home.

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#### CHARLES C. SHEARER.

Charles C. Shearer is actively connected with the profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable pros-

perity of any section and community. This profession, when clothed with its true dignity, purity and strength must rank first among the callings of man; for law rules the universe. The work of the legal profession is to formulate, to harmonize, to regulate, to adjust, to administer those rules and principles that underlie and permeate all government and society and control the varied relations of men. There is no profession which demands closer application, stronger mentality, keener insight and clearer judgment, than does the legal profession, and therefore when one attains prominence in its ranks it is an indication of ability which enables the possessor to pass from the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few.

Judge Shearer was born in Xenia, Greene county, and is a son of John and Mary Ellen (Fuller) Shearer, the former a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, the latter of Clinton county, Ohio. The Shearer family is of German lineage and the great-grandfather of our subject was Solomon Shearer, who came from Germany to the new world, establishing his home in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, at an early period in its development. He was a farmer by occupation. After taking up his abode in the Keystone state he was married and his son Abraham was one of thirteen children, ten sons and three daughters. Abraham Shearer was the grandfather of the Judge. He followed farming throughout his entire life and married a Miss Myers. They became the parents of two sons and two daughters, of whom John Shearer was the eldest. After arriving at years of maturity he married Miss Fuller, a daughter of William Fuller and a granddaughter of Benjamin F. Fuller, who was a Revolutionary soldier. The Fuller family is of English origin, but representatives of the name removed to Dublin,



Ireland, and thence came to America. William Fuller, the grandfather of our subject, served under General Jackson in the war of 1812, belonging to a Tennessee regiment. They were within sound of the guns when Jackson won the battle of New Orleans. John Shearer learned the trade of cabinet-making and followed that pursuit for many years in connection with the undertaking and furniture business. He was for many years an active factor in industrial and commercial circles in Xenia, having become a resident of this city in 1834 when twenty-two years of age. He continued business until about ten years prior to his death, which occurred on the 23d of May, 1899, when he was eighty-seven years of age, his death being the result of an accident caused by slipping and falling. Unto him and his wife were born four children, of whom three are living, the eldest being Judge Shearer of this review. Frank, the second son, became first sergeant of Company H, Ninety-fourth Ohio Infantry, during the Civil war and died at the battle of Resaca, Georgia. Albert E. is an attorney of Cleveland, Ohio; and Mary Elizabeth is the wife of the Rev. Dr. Watt, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Columbus, Ohio.

In the schools of Xenia Judge Shearer acquired his education and at the age of twenty-two years he entered the office of Hugh Carey, under whose direction he read law for a time. When his money was exhausted he became bookkeeper and accountant in a large general store and after thus replenishing his exhausted exchequer, he once more took up the study of law and on the 26th of May, 1866, was admitted to the bar. Soon afterward he entered upon practice and his advancement was continuous and creditable. He began the work for

which the previous years of study had been a preparation, becoming a member of the bar where sham reputation and empty pretense were of no avail in the forensic combats. The young lawyer, in his contests with older and experienced men, whose reputation and patronage were already assured, found it a hard school, but it afforded excellent training, and as he measured his strength with the best his mind was developed, his intellectual powers were quickened and strengthened, and he acquired a readiness in action, a fertility of resource and a courage under stress that have been essential factors in his successful career.

On the 1st of January, 1870, Judge Shearer entered into partnership with Hon. John Little, a relation which was maintained until the 1st of January, 1887, when their relation as members of the bar was discontinued but a financial partnership existed between them until the summer of 1898.

On the 3d of January, 1867, Judge Shearer was united in marriage to Miss Margery Buchanan Dunlap, of Utica, Ohio. She died February 25, 1869, and on the 22d of February, 1872, the Judge was again married, his second union being with Miss Emma Juliet Weakley, of Dayton, a daughter of the Rev. Dr. Weakley, a presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had two children: Helen, born on the 5th of June, 1873, is now the wife of the Rev. Charles Thomas Walkley, assistant rector of Grace church, New York, whom she married on the 22d of April, 1896; and Frank Wayne, who died March 27, 1892. Mrs. Shearer departed this life on the 9th of April, 1901, and was laid to rest in Woodland cemetery. The Judge has a large circle of friends throughout Greene county, and this portion of the state, and is an exem-

plary member of the Masonic lodge of Xenia, in which he served as master for five years. He has also taken the degrees of the chapter, council and commandery, being a Knight Templar of Reed Commandery, of Dayton. He was formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and of the Knights of Honor. Many important business concerns have enjoyed the benefit of his wise counsel and sagacity in business affairs. He was one of the incorporators and organizers of the Xenia Paper Company, now extinct, and served as its secretary and treasurer. He also occupied similar offices with the Field Cordage Company, which has likewise gone out of business. However, he is also a stockholder in many business enterprises here, was secretary and treasurer of the Miami Telephone Company in the '80s, and in January, 1901, was elected president of the Xenia National Bank, and has since been at the head of that institution. In politics he has always been a Republican but has never sought or desired office outside the direct line of his profession. For five years in the '70s he was prosecuting attorney of Xenia and in the fall of 1886 he was elected to the bench of the second Ohio circuit, where he served for twelve years. He was presiding judge of the court for six years and chief justice of the state for two years. During that time the suit that rose out of the controversy between the liberals and seceders of the United Brethren church came up before him and his decision was sustained by the supreme court. This case excited considerable attention throughout all parts of the United States and Canada. Judge Shearer has made the practice of law his real life work, and at the bar and on the bench he has won marked distinction. A man of unimpeachable character, of unusual intel-

lectual endowments, with a thorough understanding of the law, patience, urbanity and industry, the Judge took to the bench the very highest qualifications for the most responsible office of the state government, and his record as a judge has been in harmony with his record as a man and a lawyer, distinguished by unswerving integrity and a masterful grasp of every problem which has presented itself for solution.

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#### CONRAD GILLAUGH.

Conrad Gillaugh was born in Germany on the 24th of August, 1824, but from the age of five years has been a resident of the United States, having come to this country with his parents, Albert and Catherine (Miller) Gillaugh, both of whom were natives of the fatherland. The former served as a soldier of the German army and upon coming to the new world he took up his home in Cumberland county, Maryland, about thirty miles from Baltimore. There he worked in the mines for a year, after which he turned his attention to farming, which he followed for a number of years in that county. There his death occurred when he was seventy-three years of age and his wife passed away in the same locality.

Conrad Gillaugh well remembers the voyage to America, which was made upon a sailing vessel, twelve weeks having passed ere anchor was dropped in the harbor of Baltimore. He lost his mother when about ten years of age. His education was pursued in the schools of Cumberland county, Maryland, and in his youth he worked upon a farm in the home neighborhood. About fifty-three years ago he came to Ohio, first

settling in Clark county, near Springfield, where he was employed as a stone quarryman and in the lumber districts. He afterward engaged in farming near Osborn. Twenty-three years ago he took up his abode in Cedarville township, Greene county, where he purchased forty acres of land on which he has since made many improvements. There he engaged in general farming and stock-raising, continuing upon that place until about seven years ago when he removed to the town of Cedarville in which he is now living a retired life. His business career has been one in which he has closely followed honorable principles, manifesting marked diligence and perseverance in all his work.

Mr. Gillaugh was united in marriage to Ann E. Alexander, who was born in Pennsylvania, October 22, 1825, and died August 30, 1870, upon the home farm in Greene county. Eight children were born of that union. Kate is the wife of Charles W. Crouse, a butcher, of Cedarville, Ohio, and they have two children: Charles and Ethel, the latter being the wife of Sydney Smith, who is employed in the paper mill at Cedarville. John A., the second member of the family, is a resident farmer of Greene county. He is married and has three children: George D., Anna and Lawrence. Ella, the third in order of birth, is deceased. Horace, who resides upon the old home place, married Sarah McKay. Emma Jane is the wife of Fred Fraver, of Xenia, Ohio, and their children are: Nellie, William and Dora. Sallie is the wife of Wallace Barber, a carpenter of Dayton. William is in the employ of the freight house at Xenia. Charles is engaged in the grocery business at Cedarville and married Rosa Hoover, by whom he has two children, Pauline and Hubert.

For his second wife Mr. Gillaugh chose Mrs. Mary Kramer, widow of Peter Kramer, of Clark county, by whom she had one child, Sarah Ellen, now the wife of Oscar Raber, of Springfield, Ohio. She had previously been the widow of Jacob W. Leffel, and by her first marriage she had six children: Daisy, Harry, Cleve, Lula, Lawrence and Henry. By his second marriage Mr. Gillaugh has one son, Frank, who is engaged in the grocery business with his brother.

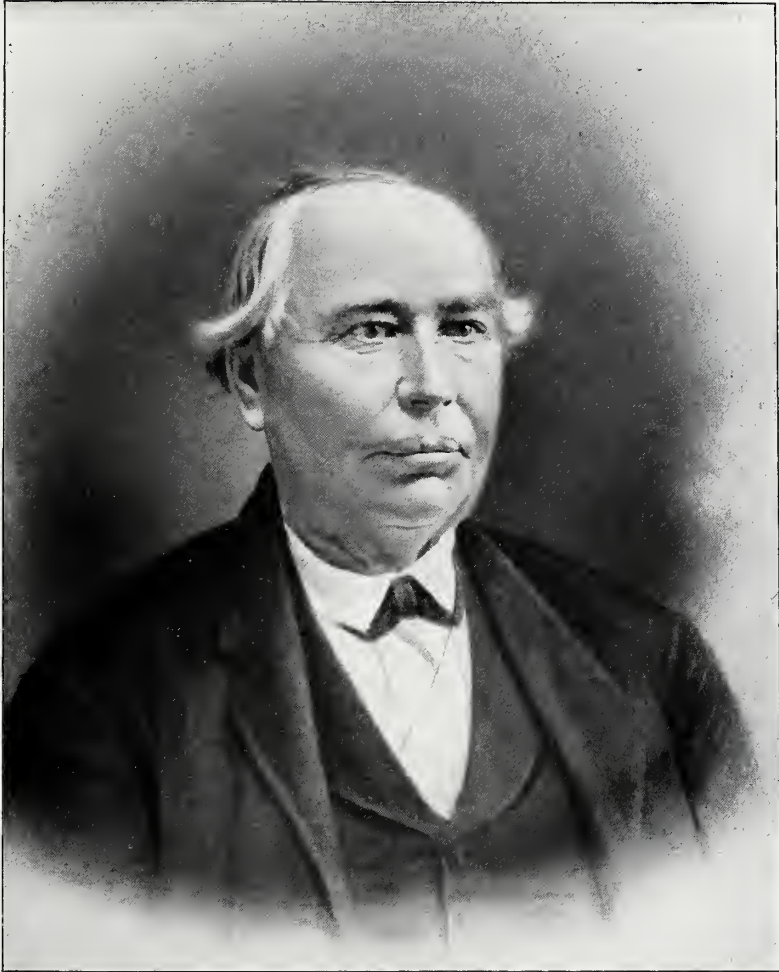
In his political views Mr. Gillaugh is a Democrat and in religious faith is connected with the German Reformed church. There is no native born citizen of America who is more loyal to the interests of this land than our subject, who throughout the years of his residence here has taken a helpful interest in many measures for the general good. He has also improved his business opportunities and enterprise and determination have been strong characteristics of his successful career.

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#### THOMAS B. WADE.

Thomas B. Wade has from an early day been a resident of Greene county and is classed among its citizens of worth and value. He was born in Frederick county, Virginia, June 6, 1814, and came to Ohio with his parents, John and Mary (Butterfield) Wade, both of whom were natives of the Old Dominion. The father followed farming throughout his entire life and about 1817 he brought his family to Ohio, taking up his abode in the city of Xenia, where he remained until he purchased a farm near what is now Selma. His first purchase was a tract of land in Clark county and there he





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and his wife resided until they were called to their final rest, his demise occurring in 1833, when he was sixty-two years of age. The mother survived him for eleven years, passing away in 1844. In their family were eight children of whom two are still living: Thomas B., and Hamilton, a resident of Clark county.

Thomas B. Wade gained his early education in the district schools of Clark county and remained upon the old home farm until 1857, when he came to Greene county, locating in Ross township. He has lived upon his present farm of seventy-four acres since 1866, and is one of the wide-awake, enterprising and progressive agriculturists of his community, having added to his possessions until he now has over one hundred and fifty acres. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Mary Butcher, their marriage being celebrated in 1838, near Selma, in Greene county. Her parents were Joseph and Mary Butcher, who resided in this county, but both are now deceased. In 1883 Mr. Wade was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died at the age of sixty-eight years. In their family were five children: Ruth, Elizabeth, Julia A., and John being the surviving members of the family. The son resides in Springfield, Clark county, where he is employed as a stationary engineer. He married Eliza Gibson, of Greene county, and they have five children: Homer G., Raper Carl, Eva, Grace and Clark.

Mr. Wade was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends and has never been connected with any denomination in Greene county. In early life he supported the old Whig party and upon its dissolution joined the ranks of the new Republican party and

has since marched under its banners. He is now eighty-eight years of age, having traveled thus far on life's journey. Throughout the entire course he has followed the straight and narrow path, his life being characterized by honesty, by fidelity to duty and by strict adherence to those characteristics which in every land and every clime command respect. He has witnessed to a great extent the development and progress of this portion of the state, is one of the venerated patriarchs of his community, and as such deserves mention in this volume.

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#### WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM.

In a record of the successful and prominent agriculturists of Sugarcreek township is William Cunningham, whose birth occurred in the village of Bellbrook, September 17, 1860, his parents being James and Sarah (Stratton) Cunningham. The father was also born in Bellbrook, September 15, 1818, and his death occurred January 24, 1884. In early life he learned the cooper's trade and for several years he carried on that business in his native town, employing a number of workmen. He was married in Bellbrook, April 18, 1844, to Sarah Stratton, whose birth occurred in Frederick county, Maryland, August 19, 1826. When quite small she came to Ohio with her parents and located two miles south of Bellbrook. Her death occurred a half mile east of the village on the 9th of December, 1867. After following the cooper's trade for several years, Mr. Cunningham abandoned that occupation and removed to the farm owned by Matthew Berryhill, continuing the cultivation of the land for some time. While living there his



first wife died. There had been ten children born of that marriage. F. P., the eldest, born April 6, 1845, resided in Xenia for many years but is now a practicing attorney of Clarksville, Ohio. Mary Angeline, born November 25, 1846, is living in Dayton. Robert A., born July 28, 1848, died in infancy. Charles E., born September 27, 1850, was a musician in the regular army for five years and is now living with his eldest brother. Martha, born January 24, 1853, is the wife of John S. Turner. Elizabeth, born May 18, 1858, died at the age of fourteen years. J. C., born December 19, 1857, married Grace Jeffries and lives in Sugarcreek township. William is the next of the family. Nellie M., born June 3, 1863, is the wife of Victor Taylor. Minnie L., born November 22, 1865, is the wife of William Stephenson. The father had good educational privileges, completing the high school course in Xenia, and throughout his entire life was an extensive reader. He read law for his own amusement and instruction and was also a great Bible student. For over forty years he served as an elder in the Presbyterian church, filling that office up to the time of his death. He cast his first presidential vote for Harrison and on the dissolution of the Whig party became a staunch Republican.

William Cunningham was educated in the common schools and at the age of sixteen went to Xenia where for three years he was employed as a clerk in a store, returning then to the home farm. In Sugarcreek township, March 3, 1887, he was married to Miss Jeanette Thorp, who was born in Dayton, a daughter of William and Ellen (MacHatty) Thorp. The young couple began their domestic life on the old home east of Bellbrook where they remained until 1899, when they went to live with Mrs. Angeline

Berryhill, the widow of Matthew Berryhill, who was a great-uncle of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham have no children of their own, but have recently adopted a little girl, Nellie Friermood, who was born near Stringtown, January 23, 1891.

Mr. Cunningham is a Republican and for one term was township trustee, while as a member of the school board of Bellbrook he has labored earnestly in the cause of education. He served as a delegate to both the state and congressional conventions in 1902, and keeps well informed on political issues. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and he was one of the building committee that planned for the erection of the fine edifice there, contributing freely to the cause. Socially he is identified with the Junior Order of American Mechanics, of which he is a trustee. His farm comprises one hundred and thirty-two acres of very valuable land and his home is one of the best in the county. All of this has been acquired through his own earnest efforts and his life history proves conclusively what a potent element in the business world is unflagging industry.

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#### SILAS B. LE SOURD.

That the plentitude of satiety is seldom attained in the affairs of life is to be considered a most grateful and beneficial deprivation for where ambition is satisfied and every ultimate aim realized, if such is possible,—there must follow individual apathy. Effort will cease, accomplishment be prostrate and creative talent waste its energies in supine inactivity. The men who have pushed forward the wheels of progress have

been those to whom satiety lay ever in the future, and they have labored consecutively and have not failed to find in each transition stage an incentive for further effort. Mr. Le Sourd is accounted one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of Xenia where he is widely known as a real estate, insurance and loan agent.

He was born in Butler county, Ohio, February 9, 1850, and is a son of Nicholas and Eleanor (Gorsuch) Le Sourd. His paternal grandfather, Peter Le Sourd, was a native of France and accompanied Lafayette to America when that brave French gentleman and his men volunteered to aid in the establishment of the American republic through the force of arms. The family name was then spelled La Seur, but has since been changed to its present form. The grandfather was an officer of the French army, but instead of returning to his native country at the close of the war for independence, he decided to remain and take up his abode in Maryland, where he first followed farming and afterward became a large railroad contractor. In this country he was married and then removed to Butler county, Ohio, making the journey by wagon in 1835, accompanied by his wife and eight children. His remaining days were spent in this state and he was actively associated with the early pioneer development of the community in which he took up his abode.

Nicholas Le Sourd, the father of our subject, was born in Maryland and with his parents came to this state. He acquired his education in the common schools and when he entered upon his business career followed the occupation of farming, to which he had been reared, extensively operating land in Butler county for a number of years. He never left that locality but spent his remain-

ing days there, passing away in 1884 at the age of sixty-eight. His wife was called to her final rest in 1874. They were the parents of six children, but only three of the family are now living. One brother, J. T. Le Sourd, is a resident of Xenia, where he is also engaged in the insurance, real estate and loan business.

In the common schools S. B. Le Sourd pursued his early education which was supplemented by a course in the Lebanon State Normal. He also pursued his studies in the Monroe Academy at Monroe, Ohio, and later he engaged in teaching school in Butler for a time. In the fall of 1878 he came to Xenia and established a real estate and loan business on a small scale. In 1880 he admitted F. E. McGervey to a partnership that has since been maintained and gradually their business has grown in volume and importance. As insurance agents they write a large business each year, their policies representing many thousands of dollars. Mr. Le Sourd is also adjuster for the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Company of the southern district of this state. He has also handled considerable real estate, negotiating many important property transfers and is an assistant secretary of the Home Building & Savings Association of Xenia.

On the 30th of March, 1876, Mr. Le Sourd was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Stewart, a daughter of Judge J. M. Stewart, and unto them have been born five children: Harry, who is a graduate of Delaware University and also of the Cincinnati Law School; Florence, who completed the course in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware; Gertrude, who died at the age of six years; Rebecca, who is a student in the Xenia schools; and Mabel, who died at the age of a year and a half. Fraternally Mr.

Le Sourd is connected with Xenia Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M., and Xenia Chapter, R. A. M. He also belongs to Tabor Lodge, No. 315, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand and in politics he is an earnest Republican, having firm belief in the principles of the party. He also has membership relations with the Methodist Episcopal church of Xenia, of which he is a steward. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor; and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his county. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of the northwest, and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and co-operation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

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#### J. DARWIN EDWARDS, M. D.

Death often removes from a community one whom the citizens feel that they can ill afford to lose and such was the case when Dr. J. Darwin Edwards departed this life, yet he accomplished great good in the years allotted to him and through a long period maintained a prominent and distinctive position as one of the most skilled and capable physicians of Greene county. His labors here covered a period of more than a quarter of a century, during which time his honorable manhood, as well as professional ability won him the confidence and esteem of all. He was also associated with business enterprises of importance and both directly and indirectly his labors proved of benefit to the community.

Dr. Edwards was born September 16, 1820, in Bethel, Clermont county, Ohio. His

father, Caleb Edwards, was born in New Jersey about the year 1772 and married Miss Betsey Meeker. In 1806 they left the east, removing to Ohio, and in Clermont county they were numbered among the early settlers. The father of our subject hewed out a farm in the midst of the forest, working hard to clear enough land in order that his labors as an agriculturist might provide comfortably for his family. Throughout his remaining days he devoted his energies to the work of tilling the soil, and in 1859 his labors were ended in death. His widow survived him until 1876 and five of her children were living at the time of her demise.

Dr. Edwards spent the first fifteen years of his life on the old home farm and then left the parental roof in order to learn a trade. He had acquired a good education in his youth, displaying special aptitude in his studies and in learning his trade he also progressed rapidly and became proficient. To a man of strong mentality such as Dr. Edwards possessed it was but natural that professional life should have stronger attractions for him than industrial pursuits, and desiring to acquire proper knowledge he eventually entered Augusta College, in which he was graduated with the class of 1839 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For a short time he engaged in teaching, but soon took up the study of medicine with Dr. Edwards, of Greenfield, Indiana, as his preceptor. He also attended medical lectures at Cincinnati, and was there accorded the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Entering upon the practice of his profession, he devoted much of his remaining life to the alleviation of suffering and the restoration of health.

In the year 1850, however, Dr. Edwards,





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attracted by the discovery of gold in California, crossed the plains, making his way from St. Joseph, Missouri, by way of Salt Lake City, to the El Dorado of the West. He traveled with mule teams and accomplished the journey from the Missouri river to Sacramento in ninety days. While en route he passed no town or habitation of white people except at Forts Bridger and Kearney. Dr. Edwards first located at Sacramento, but afterward resided at different times at Michigan Bar, Stockton and Angels. He became interested in mining, but also conducted a drug store and practiced his profession. He there won a large clientele and his services were in almost constant demand. Prospering in his work he was enabled to purchase a quartz mine which had some very rich pockets. For about nine years he remained upon the Pacific coast and in 1859 again came to Ohio, intending, however, to spend only a short period here, but changed his mind and made a permanent location. It was about this time that he received his diploma from the medical college and was married to Mrs. Ruth McFarland, a daughter of Robert and Margie (Mylie) Chapman. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and removed from that state to Ohio. The marriage of the Doctor and his wife was celebrated in Greene county, February 2, 1860. He had previously married Dorcas Edenfield, but she died leaving one son, Frank.

In the year 1860 Dr. Edwards located for practice in Xenia and for a quarter of a century was an active, influential and successful member of the profession here. As he demonstrated his skill and ability to successfully cope with the intricate problems presented by disease, his patronage grew until his business has assumed extensive pro-

portions, his professional services having been sought at many distant points as well as in Greene county, and during seasons when illness was very prevalent, there have been weeks at a time when he was unable to obtain a complete night's rest. The first enterprise with which he became connected in Xenia outside of the strict path of his profession was the Citizens' National Bank, which he aided in organizing. It opened its doors for business on the 15th of November, 1881, with J. W. King as president and Dr. Edwards as vice president, and upon the death of Mr. King, in July, 1883, the Doctor was elected as his successor and served continuously as the president of that reliable institution until his own death, which occurred on the 19th of November, 1896. As the years passed the Doctor made investments in mining stock and through his professional labors and through his ownership of mining property, he accumulated a handsome competence.

He was honored with the vice presidency of the medical society and for many years was president of the Greene County Medical Society and the Xenia Academy of Medicine. He was deeply interested in everything which tended to bring to man the key to that mystery which we call life, and by constant reading and investigation, he always kept abreast with the advanced thought of the times. From his youth he belonged to the Republican party and was one of its active and earnest workers, although he was never an aspirant for political honors. Much against his desire he was made a member of the city council and for two years represented the second ward. The Doctor possessed an artistic nature and had a decided talent for reproducing in different forms his ideals. His skill in manip-



ulating clay is demonstrated in a very fine bust which he modeled from clay taken out of his cellar and which shows in a marked degree his artistic ability. Perhaps the most wonderful work which he accomplished in this direction is a little study three-fourths inches high and weighing six grains. It was cut from the pith of a cornstalk and is called the Catholic Missionary Presenting the Cross to the Heathen. It represents a man in priestly garments holding out a cross. Every detail of the work is perfect and the pose of the figure as viewed from every side is easy, natural and graceful. This wonderful little work of art received very favorable mention from artists at the Ohio Centennial in Cincinnati and was pronounced by all to be nearly perfect.

When the Ohio law was inaugurated compelling the practicing physicians to register, Dr. Edwards took this opportunity to retire from the profession and spend his remaining days in quiet and in the enjoyment of his well earned rest. Throughout the long years of his residence here he had gained a very wide acquaintance and his sterling characteristics were such as to commend him to the confidence and respect of all. His aged widow is now spending her declining years in a very handsome home on Main street, living with her niece. Like her husband she has shared in the esteem of many friends and is widely known in Xenia.

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#### JACOB LEWIS PETERSON.

In a history of the agricultural interests of Greene county Jacob Lewis Peterson well deserves mention, for he is an enterprising farmer, his home being on the Peterson

road in Caesarscreek township. He was born in Xenia township May 12, 1836, his parents being Felix and Mary (Weaver) Peterson. The father was born May 18, 1809, in Virginia, and was only four years of age when brought to Ohio in 1813 by his father, Jacob Peterson, who located temporarily in Ross county, whence he removed to Greene county, settling in Xenia township. Here he purchased a large tract of land, and the farm upon which our subject now resides, comprising two hundred and ten acres, was a part of the original tract. Mr. Peterson had learned the wagon-maker's trade, but subsequently gave his attention to farming. The father of our subject was reared to manhood on the old home place and acquired but a limited education. His training in the work of the fields, however, was not meager. He was married, December 11, 1833, in this county, to Miss Mary Weaver, and then took up his abode upon his father's land, having inherited one hundred acres. Subsequently he became the owner of about seven hundred acres owing to judicious investment and careful management. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, seven of whom reached years of maturity, while five are yet living: Martha, born September 13, 1834, became the wife of David Boots, and unto them were born three children, while later she married William Smith, by whom she also had three children. Jacob Lewis is the next member of the family. Catherine J., born October 24, 1838, became the wife of S. M. Fudge and died leaving three children. James S., born January 30, 1841, is residing in New Burlington and has seven children. John W., born March 22, 1843, is living in Xenia township. Felix Harper,

born February 14, 1845, resides in Kansas and has three children. Ezra M., born October 26, 1848, is now deceased. Isaac C., born October 23, 1850, died in childhood. William M. also passed away in childhood. The father of this family died on the 9th of April, 1874, and his wife passed away April 8, 1900, their remains being interred in Woodland cemetery. He was a Whig in early life and later became a Republican, while his religious faith connected him with the German Reformed church.

The boyhood days of our subject formed a period of hard toil. He worked on the farm, receiving but limited educational privileges, but he was very fond of reading, and in this way and through experience he greatly broadened his knowledge. He was married December 4, 1879, to Miss Lizzie Whitson, of Arcanum, Darke county, Ohio, whose birth occurred in Butler county, November 5, 1856. Her parents were Israel and Mary (Barger) Whitson, the former a native of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in the Buckeye state. During childhood they came with their respective parents to Ohio and were married in Butler county. Mrs. Peterson was only twelve years of age when her parents removed to Darke county. Three years later she formed the acquaintance of the gentleman who afterward became her husband. They have one son, Calvin, who was born December 15, 1880, and is at home.

At the time of the Civil war our subject manifested his loyalty to the Union cause by enlisting in Company D, one Hundred and Tenth Ohio Infantry, and was sent to the camp at Piqua, Ohio. In Oc-

tober he was sent to the front and soon afterward became so afflicted with rheumatism that he was forced to return home, where he remained through the winter. In 1863, however, he rejoined his regiment and took part in the battle at Locust Grove. He was afterward in the battle of the Wilderness and in the engagements at Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Monocacy. At the last named he was wounded in the left ankle and the wound has never healed. He received an honorable discharge February 9, 1865, after having been in several hospitals, first at Baltimore and then in Westchester, near Philadelphia. He was a brave and loyal soldier, never faltering in the performance of his duty.

Mr. Peterson is a Republican and since voting for Lincoln in 1860 has supported the men and measures of the party. He is a member of the German Reformed church at Maple Corner. He inherited some land from his father and has since purchased one hundred and fourteen acres, so that he now has a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty-four acres, which is well improved with modern equipments that he has placed there himself. As a citizen he is as true-to-day to the duties which devolve upon him as when he followed the old flag on southern battle-fields.

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#### ELIAS QUINN.

Elias Quinn belonged to the little group of distinctively representative men who have been the pioneers in inaugurating and building up the chief industries of this section of the country. Everywhere known

he commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow men. He was born in Greene county on the 8th of January, 1827, being one of the three children of Amos and Jane (Goe) Quinn. The father was called upon to serve as sheriff of Greene county and also represented his district in the state legislature, where he gave to every question which came up for consideration his earnest thought, and when once he had determined upon a course as right, neither fear nor favor could swerve him from it.

During his early boyhood our subject was left an orphan, but throughout life he made the most of his opportunities and advanced to a prominent position, not only in business circles, but also in the regard of all who knew him. For many years he was identified with industrial and commercial interests in Xenia as one of its leading lumber dealers. At an early date he established his lumber yard there and through many years enjoyed a large patronage, which brought to him an excellent financial return. His business methods were such as would bear the closest investigation. He was ever honorable and straightforward and all who knew him respected him for his genuine worth. His reliability in trade transactions was proverbial, and he continued to successfully conduct his lumber yard until about eight or ten years prior to his death. He then retired from business cares to enjoy a well merited rest.

On the 26th of April, 1859, Mr. Quinn was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Andrews, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Scott) Andrews. Her father was born in South Carolina and was later a well known farmer of this county. Of this marriage the following children were born:

Leila E., who is now a teacher in public schools of Xenia; Elizabeth J., the wife of John A. Cooper, of Xenia; Willa M. and Ralph. The family are members of the United Presbyterian church, both Mr. and Mrs. Quinn being connected with that church from the time of the union of the Seceder and Associate Reformed churches. Mrs. Quinn survives her husband and with two daughters is residing in a pleasant home at No. 102 East Market street, Xenia.

In his political views Mr. Quinn was a Republican, and was interested in the growth and success of his party, but he never held or aspired to office. In May, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served throughout the term of his enlistment, afterward becoming a member of Lewis Post, G. A. R. On the 15th of April, 1900, he was called to his final rest when seventy-three years of age, and his remains were interred in Woodland cemetery. Mr. Quinn was widely and favorably known, though in character he was of a very mild and unassuming nature, and though shrinking from public life he was at all times actuated by a fidelity to his country and her welfare.

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#### GEORGE DODDS.

Often do we hear it said of those who have attained distinguished success that they were men who rose to eminence through advantageous circumstances, and yet to such carping criticisms and lack of appreciation there needs be made but the one statement, that fortunate environments encompass





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nearly every man at some stage in his career, but the strong man and the successful man is he who realizes the intrinsic value of minor as well as great opportunities, who stands ready to take advantage of circumstances and who even molds adverse conditions until they serve his ends. George Dodds is a man who has known when the opportunity for accomplishment was presented and has improved it. Although he came from Scotland to America when a young man without capital, he to-day stands among the successful and prominent men of central Ohio, being successfully engaged in the marble business in Xenia. He was born in Roxboroughshire, Scotland, on the 19th of February, 1837, his parents being George and Isabel (Taylor) Dodds, who were also natives of the same locality. In that country they spent their entire lives. The father was a farmer by occupation and by following that pursuit provided for his family, numbering his wife and seven children.

George Dodds, who was the fifth in order of birth, obtained a common school education and remained in his native land until seventeen years of age. In the meantime, his brother Andrew had come to America and was foreman in a marble shop in Madison, Indiana. He sent for his brother George to join him and learn the trade, so taking passage upon the steamship Glasgow July 11, 1854, and after a rough voyage of sixteen days, George Dodds landed at New York. He made his way direct to Madison, by way of Cincinnati, proceeding by boat from the latter point. In the shop where his brother was foreman, he learned the trade of marble carver and letterer, being employed there for four years. In the meantime, his brother had

left Madison and removed to Yellow Springs, Ohio. Here George Dodds joined him in 1859 and going to Antioch they conducted a small marble shop, carrying on business there until 1864, when Andrew Dodds joined the Union army for four months service. The business was growing rapidly and upon his return the brothers concluded to remove to Xenia, so that the firm of A. & G. Dodds became an active factor in the industrial and commercial life of this city. In the spring of 1866, the elder partner went to Scotland, where he purchased a large amount of Scotch granite, shipping it to Xenia so that the firm of A. & G. Dodds became the first importers of Scotch granite west of New York city. The partnership was continued until 1867, but in the meantime they had established a house at St. Louis, and Andrew Dodds took charge of the business there, while George Dodds remained as proprietor of the Xenia business. The partnership was thus dissolved and our subject continued alone until 1871 when he admitted Alexander Caskey. After two years, however, this relation was discontinued, Mr. Caskey becoming owner of the Pittsburg branch of their business which they had established in 1872. From 1873 until 1897 Mr. Dodds was alone, but in the latter year he admitted his son J. C. to a partnership. The firm of George Dodds & Son makes a specialty of granite monuments and ornamental stone verandas. They also do a large business in preparing and selling cut stone and they put in the large stone veranda at the Dayton State Hospital, at Dayton, Ohio. They formerly conducted a large wholesale business in granite throughout the western states and they are now doing a very large retail busi-



ness in this portion of Ohio, their patronage having reached extensive proportions which brings them annually a splendid income.

On the 11th of October, 1861, Mr. Dodds was married to Elizabeth I. Ferguson, of Madison, Indiana, who died August 20, 1865, leaving two children. George Fremont, the elder, is carrying on the marble business in London, Ohio, and married Stella Corns, by whom he has a daughter, Dorothy Day. The other child died in infancy. On the 16th of October, 1866, Mr. Dodds wedded Mary E. Brown, of Xenia, a daughter of Hiram and Rebecca Brown. Her father was an architect and builder who had come to Xenia to erect the old courthouse of Greene county. His son, William R. Brown, is widely known as a designer of fine churches and has gained considerable renown as an architect, having headquarters in Chicago and Cincinnati. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dodds were born eight children: Carrie B. is the widow of Rev. George H. Geyer, who, during his college course, was minister of Hope chapel, Boston, for three years. He was a pastor for three years at Ironton, Ohio, and died while in charge of the King Avenue Methodist Episcopal church of Columbus, June 25, 1900, and his widow, who has three children, is now making her home with her father and mother. Frank W., who for eleven years was connected with B. F. Jacobs, the well known real-estate man of Chicago, is now located at Columbus, having graduated from the law department of the Ohio State University in 1902 as class orator. He married Clara C. Elliott and has one child. Leslie J., who is connected with the firm of Wilson Brothers, of Chicago, makes two trips each year to Europe in order to buy goods for that house. He

married Miss Lulu Frame and has one child. J. Charles is associated with his father in business. Earl C., who wedded Mary Hutchison, is now connected with the wholesale house of the Columbus Shirt Company, in Chicago. Ralph is a resident of Chicago, with Charles A. Stevens & Brothers. Mary Alice died at the age of one year. Jessie K., the youngest, is at home with her parents.

For a number of years Mr. Dodds was a member of the Good Templars Society, has always been a recognized leader in temperance work in this section of Ohio, and is a stanch Prohibitionist in politics. He is now president of the board of visitors appointed to visit the various reformatories and correction institutions of the county. Like him, his wife is an active temperance worker and is now president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Xenia. They hold membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church here and for twenty years Mr. Dodds has been its recording steward. As a business man he has ever been conspicuous among his associates, not only for his success, but for his probity, firmness and honorable methods. His life has been one of continuous activity in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and to-day he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his county.

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#### GEORGE TALBERT.

George Talbert, a well known farmer of Spring Valley township, was born August 8, 1837, in Sugarcreek township, of the marriage of Addison and Elizabeth (Schnel-

bleg) Talbert, the father a native of Fauquier county, Virginia, born in August, 1811. He was about eighteen years of age when he came to Greene county. A few years previously his parents, John and Lucy (Bowen) Talbert, had emigrated to this state and the former had become owner of about six hundred acres of land on the Little Miami river, just east of Bellbrook. There he remained until his death, which occurred in 1873, when he was eighty-eight years of age. The father of our subject attended school in Xenia after coming to Ohio and became a well educated man. For a number of years he engaged in teaching school and was thus connected with educational interests in Bellbrook at the time of his death, which occurred in 1848. He had been married in 1836, and of this union four sons and a daughter had been born, the latter dying in 1859. After her husband's death Mrs. Talbert kept the family together until her own demise in 1858, when the home was broken up.

To the common schools of the neighborhood George Talbert is indebted for the educational privileges he enjoyed. When eighteen years of age he began to learn the carriagemaker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years, during which time he received thirty-six dollars the first year together with his board; sixty dollars the second year, and one hundred dollars the third year. He afterward worked as a journeyman and in 1862 he engaged in teaching school in Sugarcreek and Beaver-creek townships. In 1864 his patriotic spirit was aroused and he became a member of Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry, with which he was at the front for about four months, during which

time he participated in the battle of New Creek. His younger brother, John, had enlisted in 1861 as a member of the Twenty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was taken prisoner in Missouri, near Kansas City. Later he was paroled and sent home to Ohio, and after that he never returned to his regiment. In 1864 he became a member of the Ohio National Guard, raising a company of which he was made captain. He was also out with the one-hundred-day men, being connected with the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment, during which time he participated in the battle of Monocacy. He was there taken prisoner, but after an hour was released, and is now living in Jackson county, Kansas, where he has made his home since 1868. He was married in Clinton county, Ohio, to Margaret Terry, and they have three children, two born in Ohio and one in Kansas. James, another brother of our subject, was also in the one hundred days' service, and he died near Glasgow, Missouri, in 1866. Addison, who enlisted in March, 1864, in the Seventy-fourth Regiment, was killed at Peach Tree Creek, July 20, 1864, being shot in the forehead while on the skirmish line; thus all four of the sons were in the service in the year 1864.

After the close of his military career George Talbert engaged in the lumber business at Wilmington. He was married in the home in which he now lives, June 4, 1874, to Miss Martha Stump, a daughter of Jonas and Prudence (Smalley) Stump, the latter a daughter of William Smalley, who was captured by the Indians and held as a prisoner for five years. His captors were members of the Delaware tribe, and by them he was taken to Upper Sandusky.

After his marriage Mr. Talbert resided in Wilmington until 1884, when he removed to his present place of residence in Spring Valley township, and has since devoted his energies to the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to this climate. The farm comprises two hundred and twenty acres of land and is under a high state of cultivation, owing to the industrious and persevering efforts of Mr. Talbert. In his political views our subject was a Republican for some years from the time he cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln until 1884, when he gave his support to Cleveland. At one time he was identified with the Masonic fraternity of Xenia and later with the lodge in Wilmington. Whether in mercantile or agricultural life he has ever been found to be a reliable business man who possesses the enterprising spirit so characteristic of America. He has made the most of his opportunities and as the architect of his own fortunes he has builded wisely and well.

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#### BENJAMIN W. ARNETT, D. D., LL. D.

"Earn thy reward; the gods give naught to sloth," said the sage Epicharmus, and the truth of this admonition has been verified throughout the ages which have rolled their course since his day. There are few men in America that have more truly earned the position to which they have attained than has Bishop Arnett. He has been designated as "churchman, statesman and orator," and he stands to-day as one of the most distinguished divines of this land, and yet few men have a more accurate or comprehensive knowledge of the political and social condi-

tions of the country, or have a broader outlook upon the world's work and the trend of events. There has hardly been an idle moment in his entire career from the time when with earnest purpose he set to work to master the daily tasks assigned him in the schoolroom. Since then he has labored to ameliorate the conditions of his own race, to uphold his nation's honor and promote her usefulness and to extend the influence of Christianity until its mighty principles shall find exenplification in every walk of life. Although the following is but the briefest outline of his work, he who will read between the lines will gain recognition of the unending activity which has made Bishop Arnett distinguished in church, in state and in society, although distinction would be the last thing for which such a man would seek, his entire career having been permeated with the one idea of helping his fellow men.

Benjamin William Arnett, D. D., LL. D., was born March 6, 1838, in Brownsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. When six months old he was baptized by Rev. Samuel G. Clingman, of the Ohio Annual conference. He was convicted under the preaching of Rev. Jeremiah Lewis, February 10, 1856, and converted February 14th. He was received into the African Methodist Episcopal church February 17th, by Rev. Leven Cross of the Ohio Annual conference. He was licensed to preach March 30, 1865, by Rev. J. D. S. Hall, of the Baltimore Annual conference, at Washington, D. C., and recommended to the traveling connection by Rev. William B. Lewis, of the Ohio Annual conference, at Lexington, Kentucky, receiving his first appointment at Walnut Hills, in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 19, 1867.





*Benjamin M. Arnold*



He was ordained a deacon April 30, 1868, by Bishop William Paul Quinn, at Columbus, Ohio, and as an elder by Bishop Daniel A. Payne, May 12, 1870, at Xenia, Ohio. In addition to his pastoral work Bishop Arnett received a license to teach school December 19, 1869, and taught at different times until December, 1871. During his ministerial work he has filled the following appointments: 1867-8-9, Walnut Hills, Ohio; 1870-1-2, Toledo, Ohio; 1873-4-5, Allen Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio; 1876-7, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal church, Urbana, Ohio; 1878-9, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal church, at Columbus, Ohio. He was elected as ministerial delegate from the Ohio Annual conference to the general conferences of 1872, 1876 and 1880, and served as assistant secretary in 1872 and as general secretary in 1876 and 1880. At the general conference of 1880, held in St. Louis, Missouri, he was elected the financial secretary of the general conference and re-elected in 1884 at the session held at Baltimore, Maryland. The Bishop was a member of the National Equal Rights League, of Syracuse, New York, October 4, 1864. Frederick Douglas, president; a member of the Equal Rights Convention, held at Cleveland, Ohio, Hon. John M. Langston, president; secretary of the National Convention, at Washington, D. C., December, 1866, Hon. John M. Langston, president; chaplain of the National Convention of Colored Men, September 2, 1882, held at Louisville, Kentucky, Frederick Douglas, president; a delegate to the national Young Men's Christian Association convention, at Washington, D. C., in 1871, Hon. John Wanamaker, president; foreman of a jury, where all were white, at Toledo, Ohio, in 1872; he was fore-

man of a jury composed of all colored men, in the spring of 1872, at Toledo, Ohio; he was chairman of the committee on resolutions of the congressional convention in 1872 held at Toledo, Ohio, composed of five counties, having been nominated by I. R. Sherwood; appointed recruiting agent by special order No. 178 of the war department, August 24, 1863, by General L. Stearns, major and assistant adjutant general of the United States Volunteers; he was fraternal delegate to the Miami convention of United Brothers, held August 12, 1872, at Pleasant Ridge, Ohio.

Bishop Arnett's connection with societies began with the organization of the Sons of Hannibal, at Brownsville, Pennsylvania, in 1859. He organized the Sisters of Protection in June, 1859, at Brownsville, Pennsylvania. In August, 1859, he organized the Mutual Aid Society, composed of men. In 1863 he organized the Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity, at Brownsville, Pennsylvania. He was a delegate to the National Guard tabernacle, in 1863, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1864 he organized the Faith and Hope League of Equal Rights, at Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and one at Uniontown, Washington, Monongahela City, Allegheny and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, respectively. In 1865 he was a member of the State Equal Rights League, of Pennsylvania, acting as western solicitor of the same, having charge of twenty-one counties. In 1865 he organized a joint stock company and started a store, preparing the charter which passed through the legislature. In June, 1865, he organized the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, at Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and he has organized lodges of this order at Toledo, Cincinnati,



Walnut Hills, Urbana, Ohio; Covington and Harrodsburg, Kentucky. He was a member of the Committee of Sub-management, in 1876, of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. In 1874 he was grand orator of the Good Samaritan, and the Daughters of Samaria, for the states of Ohio and Indiana, and a life member of the same. He was a member of the Corinthian Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at Cincinnati, Ohio, being raised to the degree of Sublime Master Mason, August 13, 1875. He was arched in December, 1877, in Gustava Chapter, of Urbana, Ohio; he was grand orator at the Biennial Movable Committee of Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, of Cincinnati, Ohio, October 15, 1884; he was grand orator of the Grand Lodge in 1879; grand chaplain of the Royal Arch Chapter of the state of Ohio in 1879; a member of the Knights of Wise Men of the World, at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1882, and grand lecturer of the same; also grand lecturer of the councils of the Independent Order of Immaculates, at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1883; a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars in 1884; he was district master of the Sons of Temperance, in 1872, at Toledo, Ohio; and a member of the United Brothers of Friendship. The Golden Gate Lodge of San Francisco and the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows gave him a reception in October, 1886. The Central Republican Club, of San Francisco, gave him a farewell meeting at the Wigwam, October 19, 1886; he was vice-president of the Republican State Convention in 1878; delivered one of the ratification speeches in Music Hall, Cincinnati; he was a member of the Ohio State Sunday-school convention,

at Norwalk, Ohio, in 1878, and was elected vice-president of the same; he was also elected a delegate to the International Sunday-school Union, at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1878, and at Toronto, Canada, in 1881; was elected by the Sunday-school Union of Ohio to represent them at the Robert Raikes' Centennial in London, England, in 1880; elected to represent the Inter-Denominational Sunday-school Union of South Carolina at the World's Convention, London, July 2, 1889; was a member of the reception committee which welcomed Hon. J. G. Blaine to Greene county in 1886-7; he was the author of the bill abolishing the "Black Laws" of the state of Ohio, and to provide for teaching scientific temperance in all the schools.

The literary work of Bishop Arnett is mainly statistical and historical. He has furnished his race and church more historical data and statistics than any man in the United States. He and Bishop J. C. Hartzell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, are nearly alike in this respect. For ten years he compiled and edited the Budget. The combined editions of this publication aggregated thirty-nine thousand volumes, with a total number of thirteen million, four hundred and thirty thousand pages. Bishop Arnett is now engaged on a history of the race and the African Methodist Episcopal church, which will doubtless surpass all others in accuracy and interest, for he is eminently qualified to so prepare it. The church and race will not be disappointed with his labors.

Bishop Arnett was united in marriage May 25, 1858, to Mary Louisa Gordon, at Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and their chil-

children are as follows: Alonza, Benjamin W., Jr., Henry Y., Anna L., Alphonso T., Flossie G. and Daniel A.

May 25, 1890, Bishop Arnett responded to the address of welcome of Hon. James A. Beaver, governor of Pennsylvania, at the International Sunday-school convention at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He was elected and was one of the vice-presidents of the International Sunday-school convention, filling that office until 1893. He delivered an address by invitation before the Republican state convention, of Denver, Colorado, September 28, 1886. He was one of the invited guests and delivered several addresses at the Centennial Celebration of the First Settlement of the Northwest Territory, April 7, 1888, at Marietta, Ohio. He delivered the oration at the Jubilee of Freedom, held September 22, 1888, at the Centennial Exposition, of Columbus, Ohio. He delivered an address in the House of Representatives, in the state of Georgia, before the Colored Teachers' Association, December 11, 1883. He was a member of the Centennial conference of Methodists, held at Baltimore, Maryland, December 24, 1884, at which time he delivered an address entitled: "The Mission of Methodism to the Extremes of Society." He delivered the annual address before the college societies of Wilberforce University, June 19, 1877. He delivered the annual address before the college faculty, students and friends of Claflin University and the Claflin College of Agriculture and Mechanical Institution, May 22, 1889, at Orangeburg, South Carolina. He delivered the address of welcome at the Sub-Tropical Exposition, at Jacksonville, Florida, to Hon. Frederick Douglass, in behalf of the board of directors and citizens, on April 4, 1889.

He was chaplain of the National Republican convention, in 1896, at St. Louis, Missouri, with J. M. Thurston, president, that nominated Hon. William McKinley as candidate for president of the United States. He presented President McKinley with the Bible upon which he took his oath of office, in behalf of the African Methodist Episcopal church. He was a member of the World's Parliament of Religions, delivered six addresses and received a gold medal from the African Methodist Episcopal church for the part he took in behalf of his church. He has been one of the speakers at the International Christian Endeavor meetings since 1895. He was present at the laying of the corner-stone of the government building in Chicago and was one of the guests of the city, October 9, 1899. In August, 1900, he was a guest of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Chicago, and delivered an address before the veterans. He was a delegate to the Ecumenical conference of London, in 1901, and was chairman of the Statistical committee and reported the statistics for the Western Hemisphere, and on the 7th of September of the same year presided in the Wesley chapel, at City Roads, London, England. At the present date he holds the following offices: Secretary of the bishop's council, African Methodist Episcopal church; historian of the African Methodist Episcopal church; trustee of the Archaeological and Historical Society of Ohio; vice-president of the Anti-Saloon League of America; vice-president of Educators of Colored Youth; trustee of Wilberforce University; director of Payne Theological Seminary, at Wilberforce, Ohio; trustee of the United Society of Christian Endeavors; trustee and vice-president of the Normal and

Industrial Board; secretary of Ecumenical conference for the western section from 1891 to 1901. Since his election as bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal church he has had charge of the following Episcopal districts: 1888-1892 he had charge of Florida, East Florida, Columbia, South Carolina, and South Carolina conferences; in 1892 he had charge of Mississippi, middle Mississippi, Arkansas, South Arkansas and West Arkansas. In November, 1893, Bishop Daniel A. Payne died, and December last, 1893, he took charge of the Third Episcopal district, consisting of Ohio, north Ohio and Pittsburgh conferences, and held it until the German conference of 1896. In 1894 Bishop Wayman died, and he was appointed to Indiana, Illinois and Michigan until the general conference of 1896 when he was returned to Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Iowa conferences. At the general conference of 1900 he was appointed to the third Episcopal district, consisting of Ohio, north Ohio, Pittsburgh and California conferences. At the time of his appointment to the third Episcopal district the upper part of the University at Wilberforce was not plastered, and as chairman of the building and grounds he had the upper part of the building finished. He was chairman of the building and ground when the new State Department was established, also in founding Payne Theological Seminary. He drew the plan of O'Neill Hall, of the combined Normal and Industrial departments. When the new dormitory was built he was also chairman of the building and grounds, and in a great measure superintended the new building, named by the committee as Arnett Hall, which was built at a cost of forty thousand dollars.

It will be interesting in this connection to note many of the characteristics of the man, and of his power as a speaker—a power that has swayed hundreds and thousands of people throughout the country and ranked him with the orators of the land. The Boston Herald, in speaking of his address delivered before the Christian Endeavor convention, at Boston, Massachusetts, said; first speaking of the man and then of his oration:

"His head is as fine and as strongly modelled as that of a typical Roman emperor. In countries like France, where the black complexion is a real recommendation to popular interest and admiration, Bishop Arnett would cut a noble figure. He would be an ideal bishop of some ancient and powerful diocese. He would be no less ideal in the ivory chair of some historic senate. Bishop Arnett opened slowly, gravely, elaborately. He sways his audience, he knew its temper instinctively down to its least significant elements, and he was sure of his ability to interest and command it. From oratorical stateliness he passed to a more passionate utterance with liberty and the hopes and aspirations of his race for his theme, an element of humor being constantly on the alert to guard against any descent into pathos. His gestures were perhaps the most graceful used by any of the convention orators, his figures of speech were sometimes of great aptness, and even beauty, indeed, no one during the whole week achieved a greater triumph than Bishop Arnett, if one takes into consideration the inevitable difficulties of his position."

Another comment comes from the New Orleans Picayune:

"Possibly nothing more marvelous would



have occurred to the thoughtful student, a more wonderful freak of nature, of inspiration, of native melody of speech—it is hard to classify the occurrence or to explain it—than a speaker, very manifestly speaking extemporaneously, with only the outline of what he wanted to say in his mind when he rose, speaking unconsciously for five or six paragraphs at the close of his speech in blank verse, and the most precise, euphonious blank verse. This occurred when Bishop Arnett was bringing his talk to a close, and it is entirely likely, in fact it is positive, he himself did not know it. It was as much the swinging melody of his speech as its substance which brought his auditors to their feet, their handkerchiefs in the air, their canes upon the floor in wildest demonstration. The occurrence was simply marvelous. The lordly master of English, Ingersoll, often had recourse to this trick of combined oratory and imagination, but with him it was premeditated and the result of ripened scholarship in addition to his marvelous genius. But in this instance it was simply the music of speech welling up in the colored man, and the severest critic could not have failed to feel his power of analysis slipping from under him and his wonder possessing his faculties to see the very vehemence and yearning for fullness of expression in this colored man falling into precipitate and inspired blank verse, as the easiest, completest vehicle of his thought and feelings. And so natural was it that it was only when the peroration was closed that one remembered the rhythm of the speech and perceived the secret of its subtle force and music.”

Has there been any movement in thought or action bearing upon the world's history

in the nineteenth century which has not elicited the attention and thoughtful consideration of Bishop Arnett? From the foregoing it would seem not. He seems to have studied—and studied closely—every subject having a close connection with humanity and with the uplifting of the standard of the human race. His life has proved that mind and character rise above all environment, all traces of prejudice, and command the attention and respect which is their due.

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#### GEORGE H. WOLF.

The name of Wolf is closely linked with the history of Greene county and has figured prominently on the pages of those annals in connection with the work of development and substantial improvement. George H. Wolf, now deceased, was a worthy representative of this worthy pioneer family. He was born in Beavercreek township about two miles north of the place on which his widow is living; his natal day being October 10, 1832. His parents were David W. and Catherine (Hamer) Wolf. The father was born in Bath township, Greene county, in 1804. Prior to this time the grandparents of our subject had taken up their abode within the borders of this county, casting in their lot with the early pioneers. From that time to the present representatives of the name have been prominent in business and public affairs in this section of the state. The father of our subject died June 1, 1879, at the ripe old age of seventy-five years.

George H. Wolf pursued his education in the schools of his township and lived

with his father until he was twenty-two years of age, when he made preparation for a home of his own by his marriage on the 1st of February, 1855, to Miss Hannah Fry, who was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Lindamood) Fry. Her father was born May 14, 1800, and her mother on the 30th of September, 1794, in Shenandoah county, Virginia, where they resided until after their marriage. Mr. Fry followed the occupation of farming. He was a son of Jacob Fry, who was also a native of the United States, the family having been established in the new world in early colonial days. When the colonists could no longer endure the yoke of oppression and resolved to throw off allegiance to the mother country Jacob Fry joined the colonial forces and was a valiant soldier in the war of the Revolution. It was in May, 1838, that Michael Fry, the father of Mrs. Wolf, left Virginia with his family and came to Greene county, Ohio. The daughter spent her girlhood days under the parental roof, living at home until she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Wolf, who at that time rented a tract of land. In 1869 he removed with his family to what is now known as the old Wolf homestead, from Missouri, where he had lived for three years prior, having removed to the western portion of that state in 1866. The Wolf homestead in Greene county was a rich tract of land, comprising one hundred and fifty-six acres, and upon this he spent the remainder of his days, clearing the greater part of the farm. This land was once the property of his father, who owned four hundred acres in Greene county and two hundred acres in Missouri. From the time he took up his

abode here until his death Mr. Wolf gave his attention undividedly to the work of cultivating the crops that brought to him a good financial return and his diligence and unfaltering perseverance resulted in gaining for him very creditable prosperity.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were born eleven children, but three of the number are now deceased. William R., the eldest, is residing in Beavercreek township. He married Ollie Ferguson, now deceased, and they had six children—Sylvia, Roy, Grover, George, Samuel and one who died in infancy. Daniel Webster died at the age of two years. Jacob A. married Emma Canada, and their children were—Jessie, Bertha, Fred, Mary, Blanche and two others who are now deceased. The mother passed away and Jacob afterward married Betty Smith, their home being now in Dayton. Charles E., who resides near the old homestead, wedded Minnie Harner. Their children are—Daniel; Minnie, deceased; Lora; and Marie. Joseph married Lizzie Groober, who resides in Dayton, but he was accidentally killed. Adeline is the wife of Michael Trout, who lives in Xenia township, and they had four children—Joseph, Pearl, Ethel, and William, deceased. Melinda A. is the wife of William Strawsburg, and resides in Champaign county, Ohio, and they have three children—Goldie, Josephine and William. By a former marriage to John Simmons she had three children, Frederick, Carrie and John. Walter, who is living in Beavercreek township, married Elsie Shambles, and they have three children—Curtis, George and Clara. Mary is the wife of William Kyter, of Dayton, Ohio, and they have two children—Benjamin and Charles. Nana Elizabeth is the deceased

wife of Leota Shepp and at her death left one child, Orlo, who resides with Mrs. Wolf, the grandmother. Michael, a resident of Beavercreek township, married Ola Linkhart, and they had four children—Hazel, now deceased, Ada, William, and Raymond, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf also had an adopted daughter, Florence Brown, whose parents, Charles and Ada Brown, were deceased. She grew to womanhood in the home of Mrs. Wolf, and is now the wife of James McCune, of Dayton, by whom she has one child, Charles Clifford.

Mr. Wolf's death resulted from accident. He was killed by a discharge of dynamite used in blowing out stumps, passing away on the 21st of October, 1901. His remains were interred in the Union cemetery and the community thereby lost one of its valued citizens, his neighbors a faithful friend and his family a devoted husband and father. In political views he was a Democrat and was long a member of the Reformed church, joining the Union church near Byron in 1857. Mrs. Wolf still resides upon the old homestead, which is now operated under her supervision, and she possesses excellent business and executive ability. She is a lady of sterling worth, enjoying in a high degree the confidence and esteem of her loving friends.

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#### JOHN W. FUDGE.

Greene county figures as one of the most attractive, progressive and prosperous divisions of the state of Ohio, justly claiming a high order of citizenship and a spirit of

enterprise which is certain to conserve consecutive development and marked advancement in the material upbuilding of the section. The county has been and is signally favored in the class of men who have controlled its affairs in official capacity, and in this connection the subject of this review has served the county faithfully and well in positions of trust and responsibility. He is now chairman of the board of county commissioners, a position which his grandfather filled a half century ago—the family having been established in this county many years ago.

His paternal grandparents were John Katherine Fudge, farming people and early settlers of the community. A leader in public thought and action in his neighborhood Mr. Fudge was chosen a member of the board of county commissioners in 1850 and during his services the old courthouse was built. Joseph H. Fudge, the father of our subject, was born February 15, 1824, in Greene county, and after arriving at years of maturity married Cinderella Sutton, who was born in this county, August 17, 1826, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Sutton. Joseph H. Fudge began to devote his energies to agricultural pursuits in early manhood and in that way always provided for the support of his family. He passed away April 26, 1888, and his wife died on the 16th of February, 1891.

Upon his grandfather's farm in New Jasper township, on the 23d of March, 1846, Mr. Fudge was born and in the same township was reared and educated. He early became familiar with the work of improving the fields and throughout his business career has carried on general farming. He still owns land to the extent of two hun-



dred and sixty-three acres and through the cultivation of his fields he has won a handsome competence, numbering him among the substantial citizens of the community.

On the 26th of June, 1866, Mr. Fudge was united in marriage to Miss Amanda J. Smith, a daughter of Nelson Smith, who was also a farmer of New Jasper township. Their union has been blessed with five children, of whom four are still living: William J., James R., Charles N. and Ray S.

Fraternally Mr. Fudge is connected with the Improved Order of Red Men and also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a stanch Republican and has long been accounted one of the active, leading and influential members of the party. He served as a trustee of New Jasper township for fourteen years and in 1890 was elected real estate appraiser, while in 1891 he was elected infirmary director, serving in that office for three years. In 1895 he was chosen by popular ballot to the office of county commissioner and discharged his duties so capably that he was re-elected in 1898 and became president of the board which built the new courthouse in Xenia, tearing down the old one which his grandfather had aided in building while on the board of commissioners more than a half century before. The new structure was erected at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars and Mr. Fudge made several trips to New York city and other places in search of information and knowledge that would prove beneficial in the erection of the new temple of justice. His political record has ever been commendable. In office he is prompt, reliable and accurate in the discharge of his duties and he has won the approval of not only his own party but many

of the opposition as well. He still has farming interests in the county and is accounted one of the progressive and representative farmers and citizens of Greene county as well as a worthy member of an honored pioneer family.

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### GEORGE F. ROBINSON.

BY PROF. GEORGE S. ORMSBY.

Had the history of Greene county been written sixty years ago, the writer of it could have talked with the men who came here when the country was an unbroken wilderness, and when the Indian was the most numerous inhabitant.

In the year 1846 Henry Howe wrote a brief history of this county for his *Historical Collections of Ohio*. At that time some of the earliest pioneers were yet living and related some of the stories of the earlier days. In 1880 another history of Greene county was compiled, in which the writer of this brief notice prepared the history of the Virginia Military District of which this county formed a part,—the courts, court-houses and jails; also, quite a full political and financial history of the county. At that time there were a few men living who in their younger years had listened to the stories of the earliest pioneers and who could give much oral history of the earliest times. But when Mr. Robinson began his history, the most voluminous and most complete yet written, all the old men of the olden time had passed away and he found his index facts on tombstones and in official records that had been buried in the dust of almost a century.

The history of a quiet individual, born

and reared in a quiet neighborhood, unconnected with any great state or county affair, must necessarily be brief, and such is the history of George F. Robinson.

He was born in Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, on the 8th of May, 1838. He was the only son of William C. and Sarah (Foglesong) Robinson, who came to Xenia from Lebanon, Ohio, prior to 1830. George F., with four sisters, constituted the entire family of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Robinson.

In the year 1838 Martin Van Buren had been in the presidential chair two years, and hard times were becoming harder every month. The country was full of useless bank paper; and shin-plasters, so-called, were about the only fractional currency, and no one knew at night whether or not his shin-plaster currency would be current in the morning. The year 1840 ushered in what was called the hard cider and log cabin campaign, the most remarkable presidential campaign that has ever occurred in this country, at the close of which William Henry Harrison was elected to the presidency of the United States. William C. Robinson, the father of George, was a prominent Whig, and in this year was elected sheriff of the county, an office which he held until his death, in 1842. In 1840 George was old enough to see and to be delighted with the log cabins on wheels, drawn sometimes by ten and twelve yokes of oxen, the hard cider barrel with gourd hanging by it, the coon skins, and the coons themselves climbing over it, but scarcely old enough to wonder at or appreciate the wonderful pageant. How much his childhood, his youth and early manhood were influenced by these scenes we do not know; how much the twig is bent none can tell; but we do know that

when twenty-one years later the husband of a young wife and the father of his first child, now the wife of C. E. Arbogust, of Xenia, he heard the echoes of the guns at Fort Sumter; saw the cities and homes of the north as part of one great military camp; saw the starry flag unfurled over every patriot hamlet; when he saw this great dramatic pageant and saw the real peril of his native land he counted personal comfort, safety, social and domestic ties as light, when weighed in the balance with duty. He at once gave himself and his life to the government. He enlisted in the Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, October 10, 1861, and was appointed corporal in Company D, December 30, of the same year. Austin McDowell was his captain and Granville Moody, the celebrated Methodist clergyman, was his colonel. The late autumn and early winter were passed at Camp Lowe, in Xenia. Subsequently the regiment was ordered to Camp Chase, at Columbus. In the early spring of 1862 it was ordered to the front and moved from Camp Chase to Nashville, Tennessee.

During the time of Mr. Robinson's service in the regiment there were neither battles nor skirmishes, but there were such severe marches and drills as intensified a natural weakness in one of his limbs and rendered him unable to perform the duty required. He was, therefore, on the surgeon's certificate, discharged from the service July 10, 1862, nine months after his enlistment. There are those whose enlistment to real military service is simply an entrance to a grand frolic. They conceive of no danger till they hear the booming of cannon and the shriek of shell. Not so with a man of Mr. Robinson's temperament. When he entered in the service and gave his life for

the time being to the government, he saw clearly all the possibilities of that act. He saw the carnage of battle, "garments rolled in blood," possibly a desolate home, a widowed wife and fatherless child. The man who neither turns back nor hesitates at the view of such a picture is a hero. Such was George F. Robinson,—a hero though he saw neither a real skirmish nor a battle. At all times and under all circumstances he took a great deal of interest in everything that appertained to the soldier. He was at the time of his death, which occurred May 17, 1901, and had been for fifteen years, chaplain in Lewis Post, G. A. R.

Mr. Robinson's school education was obtained in the public schools of Xenia. He passed through the lower grades and spent two years in the high school. A schoolmate and life-long friend was the millionaire lumber dealer, Mr. Thomas B. Walker, now of Minneapolis, Minnesota. So far as property is concerned, the two boys were about equal during their school life; but that finished, Mr. Walker found abundance of gold in the pine trees of the northwest and Mr. Robinson found silver in small quantities at the carpenter's bench until about a year before the war, when he engaged in farming. He left the farm to join the army, and after his discharge from the army he worked again at his trade, and continued this until he began compiling the work, "Roster of Greene County Soldiers." In order to make this roster complete he made a diligent search in the cemeteries for names of forgotten people. It was while thus searching that he conceived the idea of compiling that which has proved to be a monumental work, "The History of Greene County."

No sooner did he conceive the thought than the thought possessed him. No more

firmly, constantly or rigorously did taskmaster ever hold slave to his work than this thought held Mr. Robinson to his, with this simple difference, that Mr. Robinson's work was to him a great delight. His daughter says of him: "He had a genius for this work; plodding day by day, patiently, silently, earnestly, he worked, diving deep into the old rubbish left by time, to obtain his precious treasure. With great fondness and pride would he survey his work when finished, relating to us how he obtained the smallest details. He simply would never give up. He would walk miles and hunt for days for a single fact. He sacrificed everything, even his health and life to obtain the facts belonging to this history. He was intensely interested, and his energies were kept at their highest tension from the beginning to the end. Often he could not sleep until he had obtained the information desired. Often he would get up in the night and make a note of some thought that had occurred to him and frequently on such occasions he would write for two or three hours."

The writer, as before stated, having written a chapter in Greene county history, had on that account many interesting conversations with Mr. Robinson. He found him always so full of his subject, and so intensely interested in it, that it was very difficult for him to find any place to put a period to the conversation.

In the chapter of history referred to the writer had occasion to describe the original northern boundary of Hamilton county, which then contained all the territory of Greene county, as extending from "Standing Stone Forks," or branch of the Big Miami to the Little Miami. But he was unable to locate "Standing Stone Forks."



He mentioned the difficulty to Mr. Robinson, and the latter, after a few months' hunting, definitely located the landmark.

Mr. Robinson was a member of the United Presbyterian church, and was one of the first Sabbath school teachers in the O. S. & S. O. Home. He was a man of simple, childlike faith, of a happy, jovial disposition, generous to a fault, and would give the last he had to one in need. Meeting with disappointments and losses, he was accustomed to say: "It will all come out right; God knows best." He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Jennie Currie, who died July 8, 1873. Four of her children are still living. His second wife was Miss Mary Kyle. To them were born three children, all of whom are living.

It has been intimated that Mr. Robinson was a quiet man in a quiet neighborhood, but he will be remembered after the names of many who have made more noise and bluster have passed into oblivion. His history is an enduring monument. It will rest in the relic room of the new court-house, which the commissioners have, at his earnest solicitation, set apart for the preservation of matters of historic interest; and thither the generations to come will visit, to read the story that the patient writer told after having rescued the materials and the facts from the dust of the century.

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#### ANDREW JACKSON TOBIAS.

With the agricultural interests of Beavercreek township this gentleman has long been actively identified, and has materially aided in its upbuilding and development. He was born near Zimmerman, in that

township, in 1832, a son of Jacob and Mary (Miller) Tobias, who were both natives of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. There the father passed his boyhood and youth and attended school, his education, however, being in the German language and very limited. In early life he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed after coming to Ohio. In 1820 he took up his residence in Beavercreek township, this county, and there he continued to make his home throughout the remainder of his life. He had seven children, four sons and three daughters, namely: Peter, John and Daniel, all now deceased; Andrew J., of this review; Betsy and Catherine, both deceased; and Susan, a resident of St. Mary's, Ohio.

Andrew J. Tobias acquired his early education in the schools of Auglaize county, where the family removed when he was only three years old, and where the father entered eighty acres of land. Our subject pursued his studies in the subscription schools taught in old log cabins so common at that day. On leaving school at the age of sixteen years he returned to Greene county, where he worked as a laborer for some time and then followed the carpenter's trade for twenty-two years, erecting many houses and barns in the locality where he now lives. He subsequently turned his attention to farming and in 1884 purchased the fine farm of two hundred acres in Beavercreek township, where he now resides, and to its cultivation and improvement he has since devoted his energies, having retired from carpentering. He raises a good grade of stock, making a specialty of Jersey cattle, and in his herd are several registered animals. He also raises considerable corn, wheat and oats, and is meet-

ing with most excellent success in his farming operations.

In 1863 Mr. Tobias was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Harshman, who was also born in Beaver creek township and reared on a farm adjoining that on which she now lives. She is a sister of J. F. Harshman whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Tobias have two children, one son and one daughter, namely: Samuel E. who resides on his father's farm, is carrying on a gun shop and is one of the finest workmen in that line in the state. He married Jennie Bates, and the children born to them are Blanche L., Elmer Fay, Elsie May, Congress, Winifred and an infant daughter. E. Nora, daughter of our subject, is the wife of Lewis Coy, a grocer of Dayton, and they have two children: Ethel May and Herbert.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Tobias have been members of the Reformed church of Beaver Creek and are people of the highest respectability, whose circle of friends and acquaintances is extensive. In political sentiment he is a Democrat, but at local elections votes for the man best qualified for office regardless of party lines. He has never cared for political honors, though he takes a deep interest in public affairs as every true American citizen should.

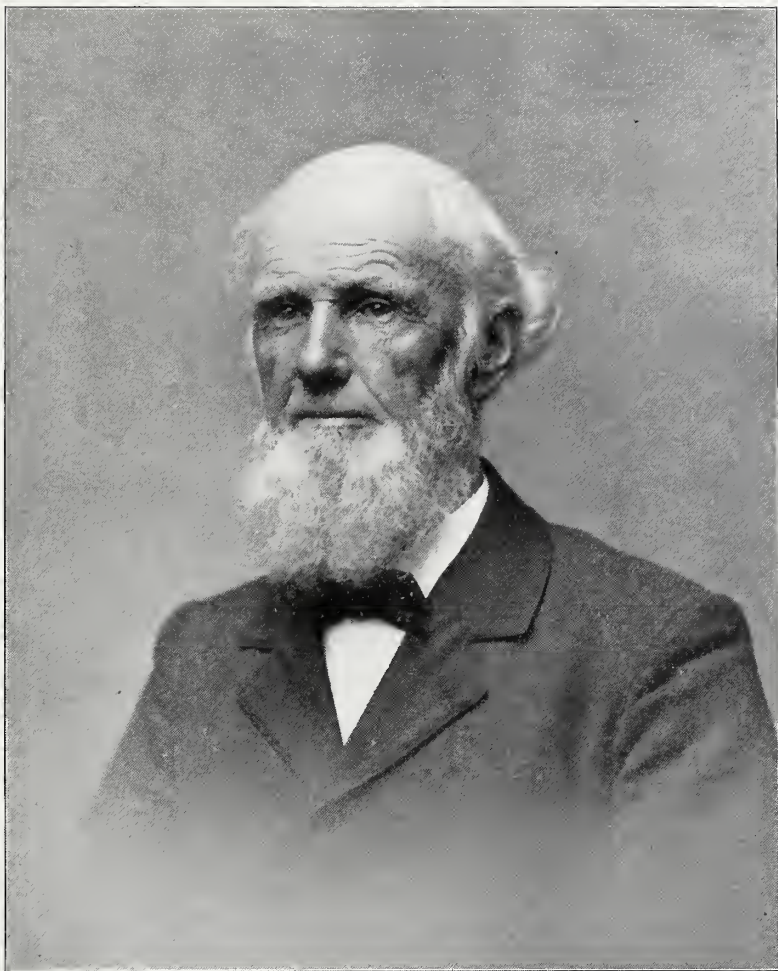
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#### HUGH HARVEY McMILLAN.

A retired farmer now living in Cedarville, Hugh Harvey McMillan is a native of South Carolina, his birth having occurred in Chester county, that state, February 20, 1831. As the name indicates the family is

of Scotch lineage. Hugh McMillan, the great-grandfather of our subject, was among those who fled from Scotland at the time of the religious persecution. He was connected with John McMillan, who organized the societies known as the Peoples Society. Hugh McMillan, Sr., removed to County Antrim, Ireland, where the grandfather, who also bore the name of Hugh, was born in 1750. He married Jane Harvey and their first son, Daniel, was born in 1776. Owing to the requirement of the government which compelled people of all denominations to pay for the support of the established church of England—the Episcopalian—he left Ireland for America in company with Alexander Kell, the father of Rev. John Kell, William Rock and one or two others, in 1797, and landed at Charleston, South Carolina, after a three months voyage. They made their way to Camden, Kershaw district, and remained there for some months. Learning that there were a few families of Covenanters located on Rocky creek, in Chester district, about thirty miles distant, all went there and located. During that year they sent for their respective families, whom they were to meet at Charleston. All arrived safely after a voyage of nine weeks. Daniel McMillan was then about ten years of age. Mary, John, David and Gavin were the other children of Hugh McMillan who crossed the Atlantic from Ireland, while James and Hugh were afterward born on the farm which the grandfather first bought and on which he lived and died, four miles west of the old brick church, near which he was buried. He passed away in 1818.

John McMillan, the father of our subject, was born on the Emerald Isle and when five years of age was brought to America,



H. H. McMILLAN.





the family settling in Chester county, South Carolina. He came to Ohio in 1832 and remained in Cedarville township, upon the old home farm, which he purchased, until his death. He bought three hundred acres, nearly all of which was wild land, but this he improved, erecting good buildings and cultivating his fields, so that the tract soon became productive. This farm is still known as the McMillan property and is now owned by our subject. John McMillan married Martha Chestnut, a daughter of James Chestnut, who was an officer of the Revolutionary war. He had two brothers, Alexander and William, and their mother bore the maiden name of Jannette Brown. When the colonies attempted to throw off the yoke of British oppression James Chestnut joined the Colonial army, and during the war he was captured and sentenced to be hung by the Tories, the place and time of the execution were fixed upon, but before the deed was done a company of General Washington's soldiers came along and succeeded in capturing a number of his captors. After the war he married Esther Stormont, of Little Rocky Creek, and settled about eight miles north of Rocky Creek, where he spent his remaining days. He was a member of the Reformed Associate church, and his wife belonged to the Reformed Presbyterian church. They had four children, one son and three daughters, but James died in early life. The three daughters became members of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Jannette married Daniel McMillan about 1807, and Martha became the wife of John McMillan, February 15, 1809. Esther remained single and after her father's death went to live with her sister Martha.

Unto John and Martha McMillan were

born nine children, of whom two died in infancy, while our subject and his sister Martha Ann are the only ones now living. She is Mrs. J. D. Williamson, of Cedarville, her husband being a prominent retired farmer. The parents were consistent members of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and when called to their final rest were interred in Massie's creek cemetery. The former was a Whig in his political affiliations, and throughout his business career he carried on general farming and stock-raising. He died upon the old homestead in Cedarville township in 1881, and his wife passed away January 3, 1860, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Reared under the parental roof and early becoming familiar with the work of the farm, Hugh H. McMillan assisted in the labors of field and meadow when his attention was not given to acquiring his education. He was a student in the district schools for some years and spent one winter as a student in the Xenia high school. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and was thus engaged upon the old homestead place until his retirement from business life. By purchase he added to his property, which he greatly improved by the erection of a new residence and other improvements of a substantial nature. In 1887 he put aside the plow and took up his abode in Cedarville, where he has since rested from his labors in a very pleasant home.

Mr. McMillan was married December 24, 1851, to Abigail J. Winter, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Winter, who were early settlers of this county and here lived and died, the father following the occupation of farming. Mrs. McMillan departed this life on the old farmstead in 1881. She was

the mother of five children: Anna L., the wife of Rev. Smiley, of Sparta, Illinois; John C., who died in 1890; a daughter who died in infancy; James C., who is in the telephone and furniture business in South Charleston, Ohio; and Gavin R., who married Minnie Alexander, of Clifton, and resides at home, his attention being given to the farm work. He has three children, Ethel, Harvey Alexander and Wilbur. On the 4th of March, 1884, Mr. McMillan was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Sarah M. Jackson, a daughter of John Hammond, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio in 1808, living in Harrison county. Both he and his wife died there at an advanced age.

For many years Mr. McMillan has been a member and elder of the Reformed Presbyterian church. He is also the treasurer of the Cedarville College. He is now serving as a member of the building committee under whose direction a new house of worship is being erected, and he gives a great deal of time and attention to the church work and is a liberal contributor to its support. In his political views he is a Prohibitionist. He is an honorable and upright man, who has lived at peace with his fellow men. He has never had a law suit or been sued, but has paid his debts promptly, met all obligations fully, and by genuine worth has commanded the respect and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### THE ST. JOHN FAMILY.

John and Noah St. John, two brothers, who were of French parentage, came from England to America probably about the

middle of the eighteenth century, and settled in Dutchess county, New York. In 1770 John St. John married Anna Lockwood in Dutchess county. A few years later when the country became involved in war with England in an attempt to sever all allegiance to the British crown, he joined the army and aided in winning American independence. Some time between 1788 and 1798 he and his wife came to Ohio, settling first in Hamilton county, and in 1803 removed to Warren county, this state, locating on a farm near Fort Ancient. Unto them were born ten children: Job, who died in childhood; Ann; Bethiah, who married a Mr. Huron and removed to Hendricks county, Indiana; John, who spent his life near Lebanon, Ohio; Mary, who became the wife of Samuel Thomas and lived near South Charlestown, in Clark county, Ohio; Sarah; James, who settled near Morrow, Warren county, Ohio, and some of his descendants are yet living, including ex-Governor St. John, of Kansas; Seth; Nathaniel; and Joseph, who spent his life on the old home farm near Fort Ancient, Ohio, where his father first located. He had six children, of whom three are now living.

John St. John, the fourth member of the family, whose record has just been given above, was born November 28, 1778, and married Rhoda Wood. They became the parents of nine children. Daniel, the eldest, married Eliza Bone and removed to Greene county, Ohio, in 1828. He located in Caesarscreek township, where his descendants are still living. He had eleven children: Cyrus, Joseph, John, William, Morgan, Ann, Charles, Jeniah, Jane, Wilson and Raper. Of this family Cyrus married Dorothy Hickman and lived in Jay county,



Indiana, where he reared a family of nine children: Milton, Wesley, Kate, Loranso, Josephine, Raper, Morton, Lillian and Frank. Joseph, the second member of the family, married Julia McNair and they had four children: Ward, Daniel, Kate and Pearl. John, the third member of the family of Daniel St. John, married Phœbe Hiney and they had eleven children: Thomas, Martha, Morgan, Lavina, Frank, Emma, William, Grant, Alva, Lavona (who died in infancy) and Oscar. William, the fourth son of Daniel St. John, married Elizabeth Smith, and their children were Eva, Alfred and Maggie. Morgan, the fifth member of the family of Daniel St. John, married Eliza Beam and they had ten children: Anna, who died after becoming the wife of David Ford; Alvah; Lodema; William, who died in childhood; Ada; Ella; Arthur; Dora; Everette and Bertha. Ann became the wife of James McNair and lived at Dunkirk, Indiana, and they had three children: Martha, Emma and Anna. Charles, the seventh member of the family, married Martha Peterson and they had eight children: Estella, who died in infancy; Belle; Otis; Pliney; Lillie, who died in childhood; Elmer; Daisy, who died after reaching young womanhood; and Jennie. Jeniah married Mary Hook and they had nine children: Clarence; Lewis; Walter; Mina; Amy; Robert, who died in infancy; James; Maude and Clara. Jane, the youngest daughter of Daniel St. John, became the wife of Frank Peterson and lives near Coffeyville, Kansas, and their children are Effie; Ann; Orie, who died after becoming the wife of Frank Day; Carrie; Wilson and Edward. Wilson, the tenth member of the family of

Daniel St. John, married Corilla Hook and lived at Dunkirk, Indiana; their children were Olive; Mary; and Oscar, who died in infancy; Burnice, who died in girlhood; Solon; Eunice; Homer, who died in boyhood; and Howard. Raper, the youngest of the family, married Alice Smith, and unto them one daughter was born, Myrtle. Of the family of Daniel St. John there are now living one hundred and fifty-two descendants, including nine children, fifty-nine grandchildren, seventy-five great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Jeniah F. St. John, to whom we are indebted for the history of the family, was the eighth child of Daniel W. and Eliza (Bone) St. John, and was born June 27, 1842, upon the farm which he now owns. He was educated in this county and has always resided here with the exception of the time which he spent in the army. In October, 1861, he enlisted at Xenia as a private of Company A, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years' service. He participated in the battles of Fort Henry, Nealey's Bend, Nashville, Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge and was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and also present at the time of the surrender of Johnston. He was mustered out of the service at Camp Dennison, in July, 1865, as first sergeant and then returned to his home.

Mr. St. John resumed farming upon the old family homestead, where he has since carried on agricultural pursuits. He was married August 23, 1866, to Miss Mary E. Hook, a native of Greene county, and a daughter of Louis and Minerva (Lloyd)

Hook, both of whom died during the early girlhood of their daughter. In their family were five children: Mrs. Mira Stowe; Thomas, who joined the Union army as a private of the Seventy-fourth Ohio Infantry and came out as sergeant major, and died in 1900; Mrs. St. John; John, who is living in Indiana; and Martha, who died in 1901. She was the wife of Wilson St. John, who served in Company A, of the Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the Civil war. Mr. St. John is a Republican in his political views and for six years served as trustee of his township. He is an honored member of Lewis Post, G. A. R., of Xenia, and both he and his wife are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is now one of the stewards.

Unto Jeniah St. John and his wife have been born nine children: Clarence S., a contractor and builder of Dayton, Ohio, who married Daisy Heaton, of that place; Lewis E., an attorney at law at Piqua, who married Nora Wilkinson; Walter C., a resident of Silvercreek township, Greene county, who married Cora Sutton and has two children, Edith and Elbert; Mary E. and Amy, who are residents of Xenia; Robert, who died in infancy; James, a resident of Caesarscreek township, who married Ona Milburn; Maude and Clara, at home. The farm comprises one hundred and three acres of good land, on which Mr. St. John is carrying on general farming and stock-raising. The house and barn upon the place he has erected himself, the former in 1897 and the latter in 1892. There are excellent improvements and equipments upon this place, which in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the careful supervision of the owner.

#### GEORGE J. SINZ.

George J. Sinz, who is now deceased, lived an honorable and upright life and won that untarnished name which is rather to be chosen than great riches. He was one of four children of Bernhardt V. and Kresenzia (Immmler) Sinz. His father was born in Kinnelbach, Germany, on the 14th of February, 1830, and on crossing the Atlantic to the United States located in Greene county, Ohio, where he took up his abode in the fall of 1853. Here he was engaged in farming. He had previously learned the baker's trade, and after carrying on agricultural pursuits for some time he removed to Xenia, where he purchased a home and established a bakery. In the conduct of that enterprise he met with success, carrying on business there for a number of years. He thus accumulated considerable wealth and was accounted one of the enterprising merchants of the place. He died on the 31st of January, 1885, leaving a widow and four children, who yet survive him.

Mr. Sinz, whose name introduces this record, was born in Xenia in the year 1862, and acquired an excellent education, which he pursued in the common and high schools of this city, while later he pursued a commercial course in the Dayton Business College. Immediately thereafter he entered upon his business career, accepting a clerkship in a grocery store, where he remained for several years, during which time he gained a thorough knowledge of that branch of business. In 1885 he established a grocery on his own account and became a model merchant. His store was neat and attractive in appearance, his business methods were



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straightforward and above suspicion, and owing to his honorable dealing and earnest desire to please his customers he secured a large patronage. Successfully did he carry on business until 1889, when on account of ill health he disposed of his stock and retired to private life.

Mr. Sinz was united in marriage on the 6th of October, 1885, to Miss Ida Savilla Lutz, a daughter of John and Savilla (Woolford) Lutz. The father, John Lutz, is one of the honored pioneers of Greene county, and has long been connected with industrial interests of Xenia. In 1855 he began business here as a wagon and carriagemaker and conducted his shop for many years. Both he and his wife were of German lineage. Her grandfather, however, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, near Millersburg, in 1802. In the spring of 1826 he married Frances Moudy, a native of Williamsport, Maryland, and at an early epoch in the development of Greene county, Ohio, they became residents of this portion of the state. Mrs. Sinz was one of a family of six children. In 1895 she was called upon to mourn the loss of her husband, who departed this life on the 15th of March, his remains being interred in the Woodland cemetery. Many friends were left to mourn his loss, for during the years of his business career in Xenia he had formed a wide acquaintance and gained the high regard of all with whom he had been brought in contact. His worth was widely acknowledged, and his life record contains many elements that are worthy of emulation.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Sinz has engaged in the millinery business, embarking in this line of activity on the 17th of March, 1897. Her store is located in the

Steele building on the site formerly occupied by her husband's grocery prior to the erection of the present building. By her perseverance, good taste and well selected stock she has secured an excellent trade and is without doubt recognized as the leading milliner of Xenia. Her home is at No. 333 West Market street. In the management of her store she displays excellent business and executive force as well as excellent taste, and her labors are being crowned with a richly merited success.

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#### REV. WILLIAM S. McCLURE.

For five years the Rev. William S. McClure has been pastor of the Third United Presbyterian church of Xenia. This denomination is a particularly strong one in this portion of Ohio and its influence is being constantly extended through the zealous efforts of capable preachers of the word, such as Rev. McClure. Broad intellectually, a ready sympathy and consecrated effort have made his labors a potent force in promoting the growth of the church and the moral development of the community and throughout Xenia his labors are appreciated by all who have regard for truth and right.

Rev. McClure is a representative of an old and prominent family of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Dr. Robert McClure, of Washington, that state, was of Quaker extraction, and a practitioner of medicine. His skill and ability won him confidence and his practice extended throughout the western counties of Pennsylvania and through eastern Virginia and Ohio. He made long trips on horse back, often traveling as much as fifty miles in a single night.

Robert B. McClure, the father of our subject, was the eldest son of Dr. McClure and was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1818. There he acquired his early education and later completed a course in the Washington and Jefferson College. He was one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of West Middletown, Pennsylvania, and for thirty-five years he held the office of justice of the peace and also held other official positions. As a public official he made it his aim to keep all cases out of the courts if the differences could possibly be settled otherwise. He had the distinction of building the first threshing and cleaning machine manufactured in the United States, the work being executed in West Middletown, where he for one-half a century manufactured his machine on account of which he was widely known. His activity in commercial and political circles made him a leading and valued resident of that portion of the state. For years before his death he had held membership in the United Presbyterian church of West Middletown. He married Letitia Templeton and they became the parents of eleven children, of whom nine are living. Mrs. McClure died October 30, 1873, and Mr. McClure on the 20th of April, 1899.

Rev. McClure of this review was born in West Middletown, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1853, and acquired his literary education in Westminster College of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1877 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1880 he was graduated from the Allegheny Theological Seminary, and later took a post graduate course at the Theological Seminary of

Xenia, Ohio. He was licensed to preach in April, 1880, and on the 4th of January, 1881, was ordained and installed as pastor of the Sugar Creek congregation, Xenia Presbytery, where he remained until April, 1893, his work there being very successful. He then accepted the pastorate of the United Presbyterian church at Greeley, Colorado, where the following four years were passed. At the end of that time he returned to Xenia as pastor of the Third United Presbyterian church, and has now been in charge of the work of that congregation since 1897. During this period the church has grown along many lines and he has the confidence and love of his own people and the high esteem of those of other denominations. He is now financial secretary of the board of managers of the Xenia Theological Seminary. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Mr. McClure by Monmouth College of Monmouth, Illinois, at a recent meeting of the senate.

On the 14th of August, 1883, Rev. McClure was united in marriage to Miss Nannie I. Imbrie, a daughter of De Lorme Imbrie, a prominent attorney of Beaver, Pennsylvania, and two children, Margaret Carman and Mary Letitia have come to bless their home.

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JOHN H. KOOGLER.

This well known farmer of Greene county and honored veteran of the Civil war was born in Beavercreek township on the 16th of July, 1842, and there has spent almost his entire life, his time and attention being principally devoted to agricultural pursuits. His father, Sol-



omon K. Koogler, was also born in Beaver creek township, February 18, 1813, near Byron, and as the schools in the locality were very few and poor during his boyhood his educational advantages were necessarily limited. At an early age he worked three months for Henry Jacoby, of Xenia township, and subsequently worked off and on at the carpenter's trade with his brother for a time, but later gave up that trade entirely and turned his attention exclusively to farming. He received fifty acres of land from his father's estate, it being the place now occupied by our subject, and he gradually added to it until he had one hundred and forty acres. He gave his attention principally to the raising of cereals, and for a few years was also interested in stock-raising, keeping cattle, hogs and a large number of sheep. On the 3d of September, 1840, he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Jones, a native of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, and to them were born four sons, namely: John H., of this review; George W., deceased, who married Martha Vancleff, of Beaver creek township; Thomas J., who married Sarah Westfall and lives not far from our subject's home; and Jacob N., who died October 10, 1888.

John H. Koogler acquired his early education in the district school located one mile east of where he now lives, and there he pursued his studies for three months during the winter until he reached the age of twenty years. During the remainder of the time he gave his father the benefit of his labors in operating the home farm until his marriage.

In the meantime the Civil war broke out, and in 1862 Mr. Koogler enlisted in Company E, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of

the Cumberland, and with which he participated in many important engagements, including the battle of Chattanooga; Perryville, October 8, 1862; and Stone River, which was fought on the last day of the year, the rebels leaving there on New Years day. The next engagement in which our subject took part was at Hoover's Gap, Tennessee, in the spring of 1863; the battle of Chickamauga, September 19 and 20, 1863; Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain above the clouds and Missionary Ridge. He was with Sherman at Dalton, Georgia, and on the famous march to the sea, and participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., at the close of the war, being mustered out of service in that city in 1865.

Mr. Koogler was married June 1, 1871, to Miss Christina Warner, a native of Bath township, this county, where her parents, Henry and Harriet (Casad) Warner, were also born. She is the third in order of birth in a family of ten children, the others being as follows: George and Fairfield, both residents of Greene county; Paul P., who lives at the old home about two miles north of where our subject now resides; Henry Grove, a resident of Beaver creek township; Sophia C., wife of Samuel Dellinger, who lives near Fairfield; Mary, deceased; Elizabeth Jane, wife of Benjamin Nichols, of Darke county, Ohio; Ann, wife of John Welsh, of Bath township; and Aaron and John, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Koogler have no children.

After his marriage Mr. Koogler rented a farm of one hundred and twenty-eight acres and successfully engaged in farming on his own account, operating that place six years. He then removed to Dayton, but soon returned to the old neighborhood,

where he remained three years, and in 1883 located upon his present farm. After renting the place for four or five years his father gave him seventy acres, and to the improvement and cultivation of that tract he has since devoted his energies with marked success. He has remodeled the house, built a barn and made many other useful improvements, which add greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the place. He is a thorough and systematic farmer and a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. At national elections he votes the Democratic ticket, but is not bound by party ties at local elections where no issue is involved, but supports the men whom he believes best qualified for office.

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RICHARD J. FOWLER.

Richard J. Fowler, one of the early settlers and highly respected citizens of Cedarville township, was born in Union county, South Carolina, on the 14th of March, 1842, and is a son of Edward Fowler, his parents having lived and died in that state. Our subject was left an orphan when a small boy, and was then bound out, remaining in his native state until he was twenty-one years of age. He began learning the millwright's trade, but did not follow it to any great extent, for he found agricultural pursuits more congenial.

On attaining his majority Richard J. Fowler came to Ohio, settling in Cedarville township, Greene county, where he was employed as a common laborer until the year 1867, when, desiring to engage in business on his own account that his labors might re-

dound to his own prosperity, he rented a small farm in the same township and began agricultural pursuits for himself. For seven years he remained upon that property and then purchased land at sixty dollars per acre. He is still living upon his original purchase. The first tract that he owned comprised only five acres, but as his financial resources increased he has added to this from time to time until he now owns seventy-eight acres in the home farm. He remodeled the house, which is now a large stone residence neatly furnished, making a very comfortable residence. Upon the place are commodious barns and good outbuildings, and Mr. Fowler is successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising. In addition to the home property he owns a farm of seventy-six acres on the Columbus pike, known as the John B. Squires farm. This has also a good set of buildings upon it and the land is all under cultivation. He has continuously carried on his farm work since coming to this county with the exception of the period of his service in the Civil war. He was a member of the Ohio militia in 1863 and was called out with his company at the time of the Morgan raid in this state. The command was encamped at Camp Chase for ten days, but did not take an active part in any warfare, for Morgan did not continue his plan to invade this section of Ohio. Mr. Fowler then returned to his home, resuming the work of the farm.

In 1870 was celebrated the marriage of our subject and Miss Martha Ellen Silva, a native of Greene county, Ohio, and a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Jeffreys) Silva, both of whom are now deceased and were laid to rest in Cedarville township. The father was a blacksmith by trade, but

followed farming during much of his active life. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have been born ten children, all of whom are yet living: Mary Elizabeth, at home; Robert McMillan, who married Regenia Spencer, of Buffalo, New York, and is in the employ of a railroad company, living in Buffalo; Laura Ellen, at home; Annie M., who is secretary of the mission school conducted by the Presbyterian church in Augusta, Georgia; Jennie Ethel, who is a teacher in the graded schools of Columbia, Missouri; William Leonard, who is now attending college; Clarence Edward; Carrie, Helen and Howard Sprowl, who are all attending school; and Edith Irene, at home. All of the children were born in Cedarville township, and have enjoyed the advantages afforded by the public schools.

Mr. Fowler is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, with which he has been identified for thirty-five years, and is now chairman of the board of trustees. In his political views he is a Republican, and, while he strongly endorses the principles of the party, he has never sought or desired office, preferring to give his entire attention to his business affairs in which he has prospered as the years have gone by.

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#### WILBUR F. TRADER.

Wilbur F. Trader, who for several years has been engaged in the practice of law in Xenia, was born in that city on the 27th of December, 1847, and he is one of a family of nine children, whose parents were Alfred and Lucinda (Robinson) Trader. Of this number seven grew to maturity, while five

are yet living. The parents were numbered among the representative citizens of Greene county, and the former was born in Ross township, the latter in Sugarcreek township. She was a granddaughter of the Rev. Joshua Carman, one of the first Baptist ministers of this portion of the state, while the grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was one of the first representatives of the Methodist ministry to preach in southern Ohio. Moses Trader, the grandfather, was born in Virginia in 1787, and came to Greene county prior to 1800. In connection with his ministerial work he carried on mercantile business in Xenia and also engaged in farming until 1838. Two years later he removed to Missouri, where his death occurred.

His son, the father of our subject, acquired his early education in the public schools, and in his younger years engaged in farming. He afterward embarked in merchandising in Xenia, where he carried on business until 1838. In 1840 he was elected county treasurer and filled that position for twelve consecutive years, a fact which indicates that the trust reposed in him was never betrayed. Immediately after his retirement from office he was made cashier of the Xenia Branch Bank and for two decades filled that position, the success of the institution being attributable in no small degree to his efforts. He at length resigned his position in the bank and lived retired until his death, which occurred in March, 1883. His wife survived him a short time, passing away January 27, 1887.

Wilbur F. Trader, the subject of this review, acquired his education in the schools of Xenia, and took up the study of law under the direction of Judge Munger, being



admitted to the bar in 1877, since which time he has engaged in active practice. He has also been an active factor in public affairs. In 1880 he was elected mayor of Xenia; four years later was again chosen to that office; and was once more elected in 1886. In 1888 he was elected prosecuting attorney and filled that position for two terms.

Mr. Trader was united in marriage to Miss Katharine E. Short, a daughter of A. A. Short, a physician of Franklin county, Ohio. They have one daughter, Olive. The parents hold membership in the Methodist church and in his political views Mr. Trader has always been a Republican, unswerving in his allegiance to the party.

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#### HENRY CONKLIN.

One of Greene county's most prosperous farmers and highly respected citizens was Henry Conklin, who was a resident of this locality for thirty-five years and was prominently identified with its agricultural development. A native of New York, he was born in Rensselaer county, on the 20th of January, 1817, and is a son of Abraham and Huldah (Carmichael) Conklin, the former of Holland and the latter of Scotch descent. The father was also born in the Empire state and spent his entire life within two miles of the Hudson river. By trade he was a ship carpenter and assisted Robert Fulton in building the first steamboat that was ever constructed, but his later years were devoted to farming. He died at the advanced age of eighty-six years, while his wife, who passed away some years previous, died at the age of

seventy-two. They were the parents of nine children, of whom our subject was the third in order of birth. Four of the number are still living. John C. Conklin, the oldest son, was a member of an Illinois Cavalry regiment during the Civil war and was killed in an engagement in Virginia. Edward B., another son, now living a retired life on a fruit farm in California, followed school teaching in early manhood, and later engaged in banking. He also took quite a prominent part in public affairs and was at one time a member of the California senate. Volney B. Conklin, another son of Abraham, is a Baptist minister residing with his family in Minnesota.

Until twenty-six years of age Henry Conklin of this review remained in eastern New York, and was indebted to the common schools of that state for his educational advantages. He assisted in the operation of the home farm until seventeen years of age, and then commenced learning the trade of a wagon maker, which he followed during the succeeding nine years in New York. Coming to Ohio in 1843, he first settled in Lumberton, Clinton county, where he worked at his trade for five or six years, and then turned his attention to farming. Thirty-five years ago he removed to Greene county and purchased a farm in Xenia township, which is a valuable place of five hundred and thirty-three acres on the Columbus pike. When it came into his possession, however, it was only partially improved, but he made it one of the most desirable farms in the county, placing the land under excellent cultivation and erected thereon good and substantial buildings and remodeled the residence. Here he carried on general farming and stock-raising, and met with most gratifying success in his undertakings.

In 1847 in Greene county was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Conklin and Miss Mary Davis, a daughter of William Davis, who was an early settler of this region, having come from Pennsylvania when this county was almost an unbroken wilderness. Here he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty-two years at his home in Xenia, where he was then living a retired life. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conklin were born nine children, five sons and four daughters, as follows: (1) Mary Elizabeth married Mathew H. Corry, now deceased, who was a farmer of Xenia township, and she died at the age of thirty-six years. (2) Volney, a farmer of Jefferson township, this county, married Elma Johnson of Bowersville, a daughter of Robert Johnson. (3) James A., born in Clinton county, Ohio, in 1852, aids in the operation of the home farm, where his entire life has been passed with exception of ten years spent in Nebraska. (4) Edward L. married Flora Haughey and is now living in Illinois. He is also an agriculturist. (5) Ella married Howard Corry, of Jefferson township, this county, and died leaving two children, Herman C. and Ernest E. (6) Sarah I. is the widow of J. E. Lowry, of Cedarville, Greene county, and has one child, Hazel Virginia, living with her mother on the farm. (7) Roscoe resides with his mother on the farm. (8) Arthur, a farmer and stock-raiser living on the Columbus pike, married Nancy Filson, and has one son, Earl Henry. (9) Eva Estella is the wife of Harry Steele, who lives on a farm near the old homestead.

Although a public-spirited and progressive citizen, Mr. Conklin never cared for political office but took an active interest in all that tended to advance the welfare or improve the community in which he lived. His

life was ever such as to command the confidence and respect of all with whom he was brought in contact, and he had a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout his adopted county. In his death, which occurred July 14, 1902, the community realized that it had lost one of its best and most valued citizens.

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### THE XENIA REPUBLICAN.

The Xenia Republican was founded in 1879 by Warren Anderson, Esq., formerly mayor of Xenia, and subsequently superintendent of the Miami Telephone Company. In 1880 Mr. J. M. Milburn became associated with Mr. Marshall in the publication of the Republican, and in the following year Mr. John A. Beveridge, who had just disposed of his interest in the old Xenia Torchlight, succeeded Mr. Milburn. From that time until the death of Mr. Beveridge, in May, 1900, a period of nineteen years, the business was continued under the firm name of Marshall & Beveridge. A few months afterwards the interest of the deceased was sold to the surviving partner, and the establishment has since been conducted under the name of the Marshall & Beveridge Company.

The Xenia Republican is published every Tuesday afternoon. It is a nine-column folio, and, as the name imports, is devoted to the principles of the Republican party, without, at the same time, subordinating an independent expression of views upon all subjects that do not jeopardize party unity, which, to be right, must proceed from the largest latitude of discussion. In connection with the newspaper office is a complete

and efficient job printing plant, supplied with all modern equipments and the latest designs in type, which enables it to guarantee service in that line which can not be excelled by any office located in cities of proportionate size. The Women's Missionary Magazine of the United Presbyterian church is also published in connection with this office, and has a circulation in nearly every state in the Union.

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#### HUGH A. ALEXANDER.

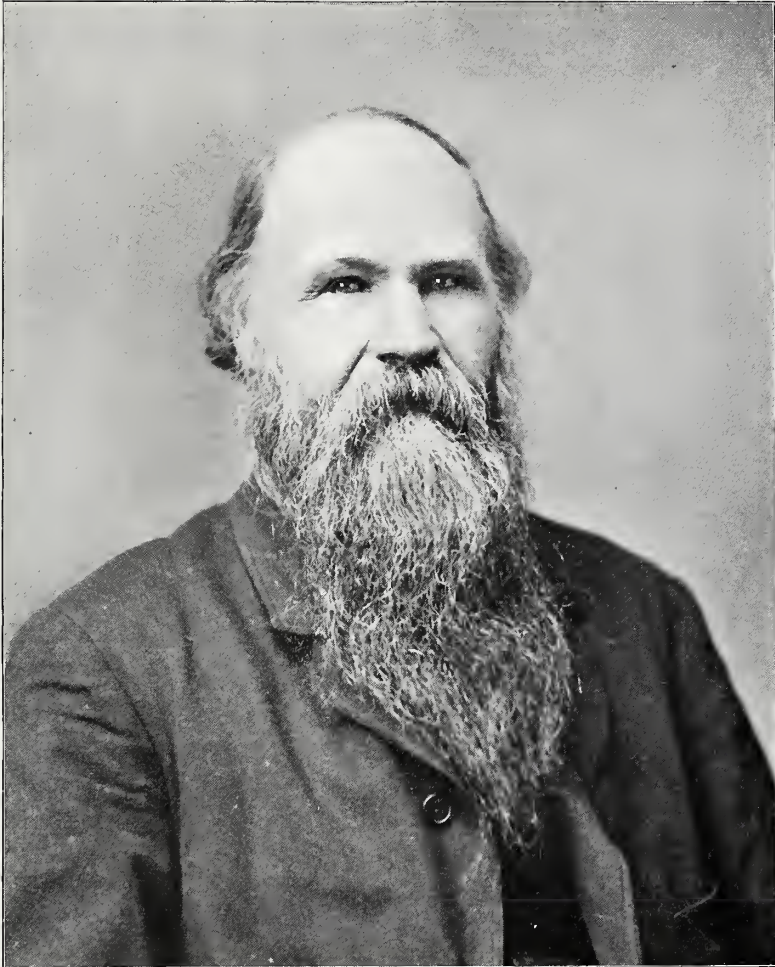
Upon the farm where his birth occurred on the 20th of March, 1827, Hugh A. Alexander still resides. His parents were Jacob and Margaret (Alexander) Alexander, and both were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Kentucky at an early day. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Hugh Alexander, who about 1811 purchased one thousand acres of land in Greene county, Ohio, a portion of which is now the beautiful homestead of Hugh A. Alexander. About 1817 the father of our subject came to this county and located on the land which his father had previously bought. He here erected a log cabin and made for himself a good home in Miami township. It was here that he met the lady whom he afterward married, and upon this place, in the first cabin which was erected by Jacob Alexander, the subject of this review was born. The farm at this time consisted of about two hundred and seventy-five acres of land, which Mr. Alexander partially improved, but he died at a comparatively early age, passing away in 1838. He was a Democrat in politics and a man of genuine worth.

His widow survived him until 1866 and died upon one portion of the original old home place at the age of over seventy years. She was the mother of ten children, of whom our subject is the sole survivor.

Hugh A. Alexander was reared upon the home farm and here has spent his entire life. He is indebted to the public schools of the county for the limited educational privileges he enjoyed, the parents of the scholars having to pay a portion of the tuition in money, while each had to furnish a proportionate amount of the stove wood. Since taking charge of the farm he has made many improvements, including the erection of a large and substantial building. In his fields are seen good crops and in his pastures stock of high grades. Everything about the place is neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating the careful supervision of a progressive owner.

In 1860 Mr. Alexander was united in marriage to Caroline Stahl, who was born in Germany and came to the United States when a small child with her parents. They resided in Dayton, Ohio, where the father died, but the mother is still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have been born eleven children, of whom ten are still living. John, an insurance agent residing in Topeka, Kansas, is married and has five children. Cynthia is the wife of Jacob Johnson, of Yellow Springs. Margaret is at home. Jacob, now a farmer of Oklahoma, wedded Miss Merrell and they have two children, Emmet and Wiley. Hugh, who operates the home farm, married Flora Raney and they have one child, Eleanor. Minnie is the wife of Riley McMillan and they have three children, Ethel, Harvey and Wilber. Anna is at home. Abbie is the wife of S. A. Rahn, a merchant of Yellow Springs, Ohio, and





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they have one child, Ralph. William is a merchant of Yellow Springs. Arthur is still under the parental roof. Walter died at the age of eleven years. All of the children were born upon the home farm and all in one house. Mr. Alexander has witnessed nearly all of the improvements made in Greene county and has done his share in making the county what it is to-day. He is now living a retired life, having through many years been identified with agricultural pursuits whereby he has gained a comfortable competence that enables him to put aside all labor.

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#### WILLIAM C. WILLIAMSON.

William C. Williamson is a well known farmer of Sugarcreek township, intelligent, enterprising and progressive. His birth occurred in this township January 20, 1857, his parents being Joseph C. and Mary Eleanor (Cramer) Williamson. The father was born in Washington township, Greene county, August 22, 1827, and was a son of Eleazer and Susannah (McNutt) Williamson, who were among the early settlers of the Buckeye state, the grandmother being the first white woman to cross the Ohio river at Cincinnati. Amid the wild scenes of frontier life Joseph Williamson was reared, and after arriving at years of maturity he was married in Greene county by the Rev. Stewart, on the 1st of January, 1856, to Miss Mary E. Cramer, who was born June 24, 1829. He followed farming in Sugarcreek township, Greene county, and in Montgomery county, his farm lying on both sides of the division line. He had about two hundred and thirty acres of land and was a

representative agriculturist of the community. He passed the psalmist span of three score years and ten, passing away January 10, 1898, while his wife died on the 29th of November of the same year. Our subject was the eldest of their family, the others being Robert E., of Montgomery county, who married Mary Allen and has two children: Joseph A., of the same county, who wedded May Elliott and has one child; Maggie E., who became the wife of Howard Woods and died in Greene county, leaving one son, Herman; Charles E. of Greene county, who married Nellie Fulkerson and has one child; and Thomas A. of Montgomery county, who married Jennie Bradford and has one child. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson held membership in the United Presbyterian church and politically he was a Republican but was never an office seeker.

Upon the home farm William C. Williamson spent his boyhood days, working in the fields and meadows from the time of early spring planting until after the crops were harvested in the autumn. During the winter months he pursued his education in the public schools. He remained with his father until twenty years of age when he began farming on his own account on his father's land, and as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life he sought Miss Lucy Morris, their wedding being celebrated in Sugarcreek township, December 24, 1885. The lady was born in this township, a daughter of William S. and Mary (Pence) Morris, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Williamson have been born a son, Calvin Morris, whose birth occurred October 19, 1899.

Mr. Williamson fully realizes the duties and obligations of citizenship and rightly believes that every man should give an earnest



support to the political party which embodies, in his opinion, the best forms of government. Since casting his first vote for Garfield in 1880 he has been a Republican. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and his wife to the Christian or Disciples' church, and he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school and also a leader of the music of the Sunday-school in the Christian church in Sugarcreek township. Both take an active interest in church work and their efforts have been effective in its advancement. Mr. Williamson belongs to the Grange at Waynesville. In his farming operations he is persevering, diligent and honorable and well does he merit the success which has come to him.

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#### WILLIAM S. MORRIS.

William Spinning Morris was born near Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio, February 17, 1811, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Spinning) Morris. The Morris family came originally from England. Isaac Morris, the grandfather of our subject, lived in Morristown, New Jersey, prior to and during the Revolutionary war, and during that contest he served as a private with the minute men of the Morris county, New Jersey, militia. He married Rebecca Hathaway and they became the parents of five sons and two daughters, of whom Benjamin, born February 20, 1774, was the second child. At the close of the Revolutionary war the family removed to the Northwest Territory, as Ohio was then called. The route chosen was by way of Pennsylvania, and several weeks were required in making the overland journey through the wilderness and over the mountains to Redstone, near Pittsburg.

After tarrying there for a few months they embarked on a flatboat with all their possessions and floated down the Ohio river, landing at Columbia, near Cincinnati, in the year 1790. This site was afterward abandoned because of the frequent overflow of the river, and they went north ten or twelve miles to a place called Round Bottom, on the Little Miami river. In order to protect themselves against the Indians they at once began the erection of a fort. Benjamin Morris, then sixteen years of age, assisted in its construction. A small patch of ground was cleared and such grain as they had brought with them was planted. While at work, whether sowing or reaping, two men were kept on duty as sentinels, yet the settlement suffered from occasional attacks by the Indians until after General Wayne's successful campaign in 1795. To add to their hardships smallpox broke out among them and carried off several of their number, including the young wife and infant child of Benjamin Morris. He had married a Miss Tichener.

Jacob, the eldest son of Isaac Morris, joined St. Clair's forces against the Indians and was among the victims of that awful defeat. When General Wayne was organizing his army Benjamin Morris removed from the fort and enlisted as a pack-horse man, thus taking part in the campaign. After peace had been established Isaac and Benjamin Morris removed from the fort. The former purchased a tract of land about four miles west of Lebanon, Warren county. He died in his eighty-eighth year. He was a man of small stature and somewhat original in his religious views.

Benjamin Morris bought a farm a short distance north of that purchased by his father and occupied it throughout his remain-

ing days. He wedded, for his second wife, Mary Spinning, a daughter of Matthias and Hannah (Haines) Spinning, who lived about two miles west of Lebanon. The Spinings trace their ancestry to Humphrey Spinning, who came to America in 1639 with the Puritans. He was one of the founders of Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the year 1665. He was married October 14, 1657, to Abigail, daughter of George and Mary Hubbard, and his death occurred in 1689. He was the father of nine children, six sons and three daughters, including Edward, the father of Matthias Spinning. The last-named was born in the year 1750 and died in 1830. He had three brothers and two sisters, including Judge Isaac Spinning, of Montgomery county, Ohio. Matthias Spinning was a quiet and peaceable man of sterling worth. He served in the Revolutionary war as a private minute man of the Essex county, New Jersey, militia, and suffered much for the cause of American liberty. He and his brother Isaac were captured and carried to New York, where they were confined for several months within the loathsome walls of what was called the Sugar House, famous as a place of confinement for the American prisoners of war.

The children of Benjamin and Mary (Spinning) Morris were ten in number—five sons and five daughters, of whom the subject of this review was the eighth in order of birth. The father died in 1861 at the home of this son, near Bellbrook, Greene county, whither he had come on a visit. After the death of his wife, Mary Spinning, he had married again, the third union being with Sarah Weaver, of White county, Tennessee.

The subject of this sketch was born on his father's farm, where his boyhood days

were also spent. His educational privileges were those afforded by the common schools. The first schoolhouse in which he was a student was a log structure with slab seats. Sections of the logs were cut out and the apertures covered with greased paper, which served as windows. Writing desks were made of slabs laid on pins driven into the wall. Only quill pens were used. His early education was afterward supplemented by study in the schools of Lebanon, Ohio. Mr. Morris was a good student in all branches, but showed particular aptness in mathematics and geography. He began teaching school at the age of twenty years and followed that profession for eleven years, mostly in Warren and Butler counties, Ohio, with a short period in Richmond, Indiana. During that time he also studied civil engineering and land surveying, and in the former capacity was employed on the Warren county canal for about three years. About 1838, in connection with others, he surveyed the road from Lebanon to Dayton, also from Dayton to Springfield.

On the 1st of December, 1844, Mr. Morris was united in marriage with Mary Pence, a daughter of William and Martha (Hunt) Pence. He then gave all of his attention to farming and land surveying. In 1858 he purchased a farm of one hundred and seventy acres near Bellbrook, Greene county, to which place he and his family removed the same year and on which he spent his remaining days. Politically he was first a Whig and then a Republican. In early life he became a member of the Church of Christ, or Disciples' church, as did his wife, and throughout the years of his Christian life he was deeply interested in church work and much devoted to the denomination of his choice. In his home life and personal

deportment he was gentle and good, and also showed firmness and resolution. He was the father of twelve children, of whom two sons, William Hayden and Benjamin Franklin, died in infancy, while one daughter, Lucy Elvira, died in early childhood and two others, Clara and Abbie, died in young womanhood. Two sons and five daughters grew to maturity. For these he made every necessary sacrifice to educate and make useful men and women of them. In all this he was ably seconded by his wife, who was ever ready to surrender her own personal comfort that her children might equip themselves as thoroughly as possible for the battle of life.

Through his declining years Mr. Morris spent much of his time in reading. At eighty-seven his mental faculties remained unimpaired and he was interested not only in things pertaining to the welfare of his own neighborhood but shared with intelligent appreciation in the larger interests of the country and humanity. He died April 3, 1898, and his wife died October 19, 1886. Their surviving children were: Olive and Wickliffe Campbell, who reside on the old home place, and the latter has two daughters, Bertha Lucile and Frances; Martha, who became the wife of Samuel E. Raper, of Dayton, Ohio, and died June 7, 1899, leaving one son, William Morris Raper; Mary Alice, who became the wife of J. Wilbur Fulkerson, of Spring Valley, Ohio, and died October 13, 1901, leaving an infant son, Morris A. Fulkerson; Lucy, the wife of W. Calvin Williamson, who resides near Bellbrook, and by whom she has a son, Calvin Morris; Clara Jerusha, the wife of Frank C. Thomas, who resides near Spring Valley, and by whom she had four

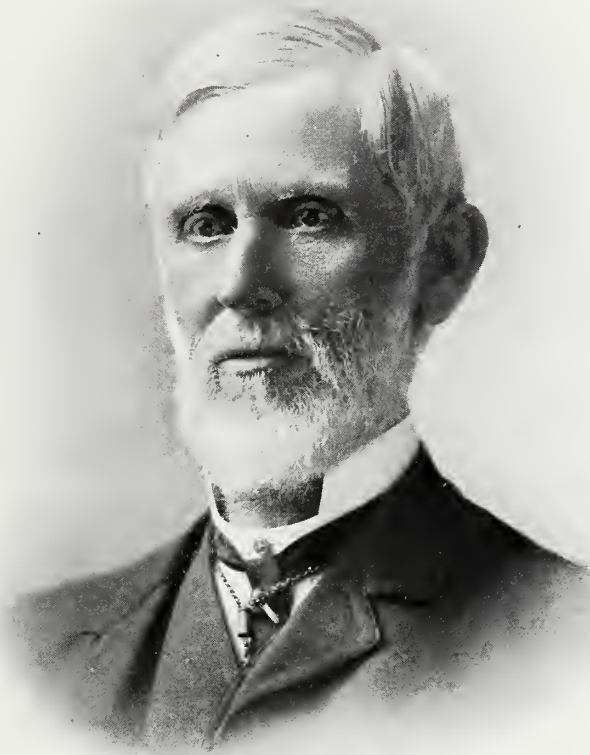
children—Olive, now deceased, Homer Morris, George Huber and Margaret; William Spencer, of Dayton, who married Luella A. Scarff and has two sons, William Stanley and Howard Laverne.

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JOHN B. ALLEN.

Honored and respected by all for many years, John B. Allen occupied a most enviable position in the business world of Greene county, becoming one of its wealthy citizens, yet commanding respect not alone because of his success, but also because of the straightforward, honorable policy he ever followed. Although the history of his public career is largely known to residents of Ohio, it is but just to say in a history that will descend to future generations that his business record was ever one that any man might be proud to possess. He advanced steadily step by step until he occupied a position of prominence and trust reached by very few men. Through his entire business career he was ever looked upon as a model of integrity and honor, never making an engagement that he did not fulfill and standing as an example of what determination and force, combined with the highest degree of business integrity, can accomplish for a man of natural ability and strength of character. But it was not his success alone that made him one of the leading citizens of Greene county. He was honored and respected for his sterling qualities of manhood which in every land and every clime command respect. He was kindly, generous and upright, freely assisted those who needed aid, was quick to encourage merit and at all





*Ans. B. Allen*



times gave his influence to the true, the good and the beautiful. He was also a leader of public thought and action and was honored with high political preferment.

John B. Allen was born August 5, 1816, near Mount Jackson, Shenandoah county, Virginia, and from August, 1836, until his death, in the latter part of the century, he was identified with the interests of Greene county. He was a son of John and Catherine (Holker) Allen. The family was of English origin, but through several generations representatives of the name had been numbered among prominent and influential people of Virginia, and John Allen was the owner of a large estate there, but died when John B. Allen was only a year old. The latter was given liberal educational advantages, attending the college at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and about the time he attained his majority came to Xenia, where his sister, Mrs. John Walton, had previously located. He established a private bank in this city, and it was soon demonstrated that he had superior ability as a financier as well as the power of readily winning friends, whom he drew closer to him as the years passed. In all that he undertook he was successful, owing to his enterprise, keen discrimination and straightforward business policy. At the time of his demise he was serving as the president of the Xenia National Bank, which had become one of the most important and reliable financial institutions in this part of the state. Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ann Nunnemaker, the wedding being celebrated on the 10th of December, 1839. They became the parents of two daughters, who are yet living: Mrs. Mary A. Kinney and Clara. Mrs. Allen died April 30, 1902. Mr. Allen was a man

of strong domestic tastes who found his greatest happiness at his own fireside and counted no personal sacrifice too great that would promote the welfare of his loved ones. In his home he showed a genial nature and an interest that was always awake to everything pertaining to the happiness of his wife and children.

In his political views he was a stalwart Republican, unswerving in his advocacy of the party, and while not an aspirant for office he served his city and county faithfully in the different official positions that came to him. He was a member of the city council for many years, and for some time was its president, and his well known financial judgment was of much value to the city. He also was a member of the board of county commissioners for a number of years. In 1891 he was elected a member of the state legislature and was again elected in the fall of 1893, but his death occurred on the 21st of December of that year, before entering upon his second term.

Mr. Allen had a very deep and sincere interest in young men, and often assisted them to gain a start in life, aiding them not only by wise council and experience, but also with financial support. The poor and needy found in him a warm friend who never sought his help in vain. He had the reputation of being a very liberal man, yet he was entirely unostentatious in his giving. He never cared for public approval upon his benevolent actions, content in having done his duty toward his fellow men, and often even those who were the recipients of his bounty knew not from whence came their aid. Churches and charitable institutions benefitted by his liberality, and his wealth was so worthily used that the most envious



could not grudge him his success. In his business affairs he prospered—and who deserves prosperity more than such a man? His banking interests were attended with success and also his investments, and he left his family in very comfortable circumstances. He regarded himself, however, only as the steward in charge. Few men have realized more fully how much good can be accomplished for the public welfare, but Mr. Allen was continually alert to the opportunities for assisting those around him. The best thoughts and efforts of his life were wrought into Xenia's prosperity. He stood in his old age, when clothed with the honor of wealth and the regard of hosts of friends his life work had won, just where he stood fifty years before when a young man beset with difficulties—for the best elements of Christian progress, for education, for temperance, for absolute justice, for the dignity of manual labor and for the Bible. Such a life record is well worthy of study and of emulation. The story of his achievements should inspire all young men with a truer estimate of the value and sure rewards of character.

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#### JOHN CHARLES DODDS.

John Charles Dodds is well known in the business circles of Xenia as the junior member of the firm of George Dodds & Son, dealers in marble. He was born in Xenia, January 24, 1874, and in the public schools acquired his education. When about sixteen years of age he entered upon his business career, at which time he began learning the trade of a marble cutter, carver and engraver in the employ of his father. For him

he worked on a salary for seven years, during which time he mastered the business, becoming an expert in that line. He was then admitted into the firm, which since 1897 has been known as George Dodds & Son. Their patronage is extensive, covering a wide territory and the excellence of their work insures a liberal continuance of a large trade.

On the 23rd of June, 1897, Mr. Dodds was united in marriage to Elizabeth S. Stephens, of Xenia and a daughter of Rev. O. P. and Mary C. Stephens, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Her father was a minister of the Methodist Protestant church and is the father of Chancellor D. S. Stephens, D. D., of Kansas City University. He was very well known in his denomination and for some time served as a pastor of a church in Xenia. His influence was of a superior order for his work proved very effective in promoting the moral development of the county. He died during the infancy of his daughter Mrs. Dodds who was the youngest of six children. Her mother now makes her home with our subject and his wife, whose marriage has been blessed with two children; John Charles, who was born on the 12th of July, 1898, and Mary Katherine, born April 22, 1902.

In politics Mr. Dodds is an independent Prohibitionist. He is a member of Xenia Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M. Both he and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Xenia, and teachers of the Sunday-school and for three years he was president of the Epworth League. Their influence is widely felt in church circles and their efforts are effective in promoting the cause of Christianity. They are now occupying a fine residence which Mr. Dodds recently erected at

No. 218 Hill street and their home is noted for its gracious hospitality. Mr. Dodds is one of the young business men of Xenia, possessing the enterprise and progressive spirit so characteristic of this land. His laudable ambition, keen business sagacity and strong determination have been salient factors in promoting the success attending the firm of Dodds & Son. The house bears an unassailable reputation and its prosperity is well merited.

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ALBERT F. HERING.

For over a century the Hering family has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Greene county, and have taken a very active part in its development and upbuilding. The subject of this sketch was born in Beavercreek township, December 16, 1845, and is a grandson of Jacob Hering, one of the honored pioneers of the county, who came to America from Switzerland, and in 1795 settled in Greene county, Ohio, about two miles south of where our subject now lives in Beavercreek township. He was married to Miss Barbara Richenbach Palerm, a native of Switzerland, and to them were born four children, one son and three daughters, namely: Elizabeth, Margaret, Barbara and Jacob, all now deceased.

Jacob Hering, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Beavercreek township, in 1808, and amid pioneer scenes he grew to manhood, his education being obtained in an old log school house east of the farm. In later years he built a school house upon his own land which he

donated to the district. He remained with his father until the death of the latter, and after attaining his majority they engaged in farming in partnership. He cast his first presidential vote for William Henry Harrison, and continued to support the Whig party until its dissolution, when he became a staunch Republican, and always took an active and prominent part in local politics. For twelve years he served as treasurer of his township, was trustee a number of years, and school director most of his active life, always taking a great interest in educational affairs. Fraternally he was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 52, of Xenia, and both he and his wife held membership in the Reformed church of Beavercreek township. In 1831 he wedded Miss Mary Steele, a native of that township, and to them were born nine children, six sons and three daughters, as follows: Amanda, a resident of Beavercreek township; Ebenezer, John William, Nancy Ann and Angeline and David W., all five deceased; Henry Harrison, who was born in 1840, and is now a physician of Minnesota; John Jacob, deceased; and A. F., of this review. In 1861, at the opening of the Civil war, Henry H. Hering enlisted in Company E, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made first lieutenant, and after serving four years was mustered out with the rank of captain. His brother, John J. Hering, was commissioned first lieutenant of Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but was later transferred to Company A and was made adjutant of the regiment. After serving three months he contracted typhoid fever and was sent home, where he died in October, 1864.

During his boyhood and youth A. F.

Hering attended the public schools of his native township and completed his education in the schools of Xenia. At the age of twenty years he commenced farming for his father upon the home place, and remained under the parental roof until 1892, when he purchased the farm on which he now resides, consisting of about one hundred acres in Beavercreek township. Here he is now engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and is acknowledged to be one of the best and most successful agriculturists of his community. Although he raises cattle and hogs, he makes a specialty of horses, and is a good judge of the noble steed.

In 1874 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hering and Miss Matilda Munger, a daughter of Harris and Elizabeth Munger, well known farming people of Beavercreek township, although previously residents of Montgomery county, Ohio, where Mrs. Hering was born. She is a first cousin of Judge Munger, of Xenia. To our subject and his wife have been born five children, namely: Clarence F. married Alice Wilson, of London, Ohio, where they now live; E. Russell is a resident of Hamilton, Ohio; Jacob Earl still lives at home and is now attending a commercial school in Dayton; Mary E. and Harris M. are also at home.

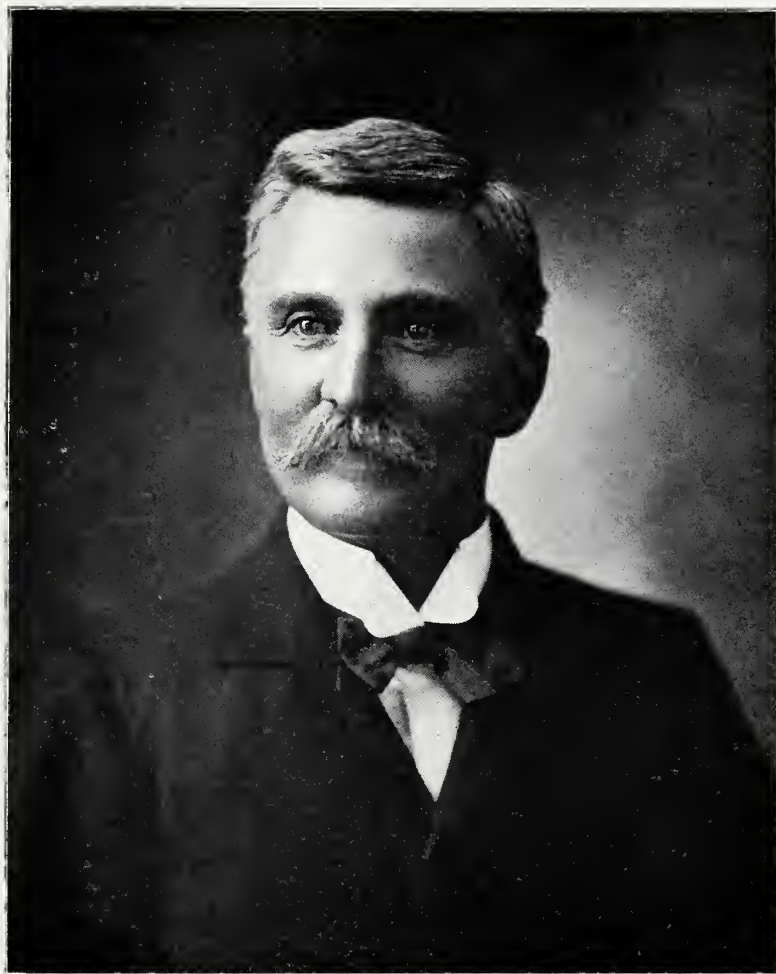
In his political views Mr. Hering is a stalwart Republican, but has never been prevailed upon to accept political honors. He takes, however a deep interest in educational affairs, and has been a member of the school board for a number of years. He and his wife and four children are members of the Reformed church, and the family is one of prominence in the community where they reside.

#### EDWARD O. GERLAUGH.

With the agricultural interests of Beavercreek township Edward O. Gerlaugh has long been prominently identified, and is accounted one of the most skillful and successful farmers of his community. A native of Ohio, he was born in Montgomery county, February 27, 1846, and there spent the first six years of his life, but since that time has made his home in Greene county.

Jacob Gerlaugh, the father of our subject, was born in Beavercreek, this county, in 1810, and was a brother of Arthur Gerlaugh, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. The former grew to manhood upon the old homestead in Beavercreek township, and was a student in an old log school house which stood about three-quarters of a mile below the farm. It was a primitive structure, light being admitted through oiled paper instead of glass, and seated with slab benches. At that time the early settlers shelled their corn by the horses tramping over it. Jacob Gerlaugh assisted in the work of the home farm until thirty years of age when he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Miller, who was born in Virginia, and on coming to Ohio made her home with an uncle in Montgomery county, until her marriage. Thirteen children blessed this union, namely: William, deceased; Oliver, who died in infancy; Lydia Ann, who married Jacob R. Black and lives in Illinois; Edward O., of this review; Taylor, also a resident of Illinois; Mary Jane and Martha Ellen, twins, the former of whom is living in Dayton, and the other on the old home farm in Bath township, this county; Haines, a resident of Illinois; Hattie, the wife of Charles Weiffenbach, of Belaire, Michigan; Alice, who died in infancy;





E. O. GERLAUGH



Jacob, who makes his home in Illinois; Henry, deceased; and Sarah Belle, wife of Frank Weiffenbach of Dayton. Of this family William Gerlaugh was among the brave boys in blue during the dark days of the Civil war, being a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He left Alpha on the 1st of May, 1864, but was soon taken prisoner by the rebels at Moorfield, and was starved to death in Salisbury prison, North Carolina, dying February 15, 1865. The mother of our subject died in 1893, and the father passed away in February, 1897. Throughout life he successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising, his crops being principally corn, wheat, oats and barley. He kept good grades of horses and cattle, making somewhat of a specialty of the best Leicester sheep and short horn cattle, and he took great pride in his stock, being a lover of all dumb animals which have become so useful to mankind. Mr. Gerlaugh was a man of high moral character and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

Edward O. Gerlaugh was educated in district school No. 4 of Bath township, where he continued his studies until seventeen years of age, and then took his brother's place on the farm where he now lives, the latter having died in the service of his country. He now owns two hundred and eighteen acres of highly improved and productive land, it being considered one of the best and most desirable farms of its size in the county. The old house was destroyed by fire in 1887, and he has since erected a more modern and pleasant residence, and made many other useful and valuable improvements, the place being supplied with all the conveniences and accessories found upon a

model farm of the present day. Mr. Gerlaugh has made a specialty of breeding and raising Hereford cattle and has registered stock at the head of his herd. He was one of the first to introduce this variety in the county. He is a member of the Hereford Breeders' Association and is interested in a high grade of cattle.

In 1870 Mr. Gerlaugh married Miss Martha Ellen Harshman, a native of Beavercreek township, and to them were born seven children, as follows: William and Anna, both now deceased; Edward, a resident of Dayton; Oscar, Luella and Jacob, all at home; and Earl, who is attending high school. In politics Mr. Gerlaugh is independent, voting for the men and measures that he believes will best advance the public welfare. He withholds his support from no enterprise calculated to promote the moral, social or material welfare of his community.

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#### MARTIN PETERSON.

For almost a century the Peterson family has been identified with Greene county, its representatives contributing their full share to the development and substantial upbuilding of this portion of the state, and the work which his ancestors began Martin Peterson is carrying steadily forward for he is accounted one of the loyal and progressive men of his section. He now follows farming in Spring Valley township, where he has a pleasant home and a valuable property. It was upon this farm that he was born, first opening his eyes to the light of day on the 9th of May, 1836, his parents being Jonas and Susan (Coiner) Peterson. His great-grandfather came from Switzerland to America and probably settled in Virginia. Martin Peterson, an uncle of our



subject, served as a soldier of the war of 1812.

Jonas Peterson was born in Berkeley county West Virginia, and his wife in Augusta county, Virginia, and both came with their respective families to Greene county about 1806. The paternal grandfather of our subject resided for a time in Ross county, Ohio, and later spent a year or two near Columbus, but for some time made his home in this county. Later he removed to Montgomery county, Indiana, where he purchased land and carried on farming in connection with blacksmithing, having learned his trade in early life. The dual pursuit was his means of livelihood throughout the years of his manhood. He died in Indiana at a ripe old age. The father of our subject also learned and followed the blacksmith's trade, and farming claimed a portion of his attention. He operated a smithy on the farm where the brother of our subject is now living. As the years passed he made extensive investments in real estate until he was the owner of about one thousand acres of land lying in Spring Valley and Cedar creek townships. In his political views he was a Democrat and was long a faithful member of the German Reformed church, in which he served as an elder for many years. He died upon the home farm, and the mother of our subject has also passed away. In their family were ten children who reached mature years: Jane, who married John Huffman and at her death left four children; John, who made his home in Spring Valley and at his death left five children; David, who died at his home in Montgomery county, Indiana; Hannah, who became the wife of John Mallow and died leaving three children; Paris, of this county, who left three chil-

dren; Elizabeth, who married Philip Paget and died leaving four children; Sarah, the wife of Silas DeWitt, of Dayton, by whom she has four children; Martin, of this review; Jonas, who lives in Spring Valley; and Christopher C., also of Spring Valley.

Upon the home farm our subject spent his boyhood days, receiving but a limited education for his services were needed in the cultivation of the fields. When about twenty-three years of age he was married to Miss Catherine Shook. Their son, Ly-sander, is manager of the stockyards of Dayton. He is married but has no children. On the 6th of June, 1869, Mr. Peterson was again married, his second union being with Miss Nancy J. Evans, who was born in Spring Valley township, a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Coppock) Evans. They have one son, J. R. Albert.

The first land which Mr. Peterson ever owned was a tract of ninety-six acres which he purchased of his father. To this he has added as his financial resources have increased until he now has two hundred acres of valuable and arable land that returns to him a good living as the result of his labors. The many improvements upon the place are monuments to his thrift and enterprise. In former years Mr. Peterson voted with the Democracy, but becoming disgusted with political methods does not vote at all now. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the German Reformed church and he is a deacon of the church.

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ROBERT L. GOWDY, LL. B.

Robert L. Gowdy is one of the younger members of the Greene county bar but has already attained a position which many an

older practitioner might well envy. He was born in Xenia township, this county, on the 24th of October, 1865, and is a son of Robert and Emily (Manor) Gowdy. His father was born in the city of Xenia, where the grandfather, Robert Gowdy, located in pioneer days, having come here from Virginia in 1812, accompanied by his three brothers, John, Ryan and Samuel. They were the early owners of much of the land on which the business portion of Xenia is now located. The family is further mentioned in the historical part of this work. The grandfather served as a captain in the war of 1812.

Robert Gowdy, the father of our subject, was a farmer and throughout his entire life carried on agricultural pursuits, owning a valuable tract of land adjoining the city of Xenia. During his later life he joined the ranks of the Republican party. On three different occasions he served as director of the county infirmary. He married Emily Manor, also a native of Xenia. His death occurred October 26, 1894, when he was seventy-five years of age, and his wife passed away in 1883 at the age of fifty-three years. Both were faithful and consistent members of the Presbyterian church of Xenia, in which Mr. Gowdy served as elder for many years.

Robert L. Gowdy, of this review, acquired his preliminary education in the city schools of Xenia and later was graduated in the high school, after which he assisted his father in the work of the home farm until he entered upon the study of law as a student in the Cincinnati Law School, now a department of the University of Cincinnati. He completed the full course and was graduated in the class of 1889 with the degree

of L.L. B. In June of the same year he was admitted to the bar and then opened an office in Xenia, where he has since practiced. Like all men who enter the profession, he had to begin at the very bottom round of the ladder and work his way upward. He has gained an enviable reputation and the zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the great regard evinced for the interests of his clients, and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases have brought to him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. His entire time is given to his law practice and his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial. The past few years he has occupied a pleasant suite of rooms in the Allen block.

Mr. Gowdy was united in marriage to Jessie M. Glotfelter, of Trebeins, Ohio, a daughter of W. H. Glotfelter, an old resident of that place. The wedding was celebrated on the 1st of November, 1893, and has been blessed with one son, William H. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Gowdy is a Republican in politics, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking although he served as city solicitor for two terms, filling the position from 1895 until 1899. He is a member of Xenia Lodge No. 49, F. & A. M. His social qualities render him popular, while his marked ability has given him prominence in his profession.

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#### SYLVESTER GEORGE LAFONG.

Sylvester G. Lafong, now deceased, was throughout life one of the leading farmers of Beavercreek township, as well as one of

its most highly respected citizens. A native of the Old Dominion, he was born in Spottsylvania county, Virginia, May 23, 1824, but was quite young on coming to Greene county, Ohio, with his father, George Bernard Lafong, the family locating on Ludlow creek. In that locality he received his education, and after leaving school worked for his father a number of years. He then engaged in farming on his own account, but still continued to reside with his father for some time.

On February 19, 1852, Mr. Lafong was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Lantz, a native of Washington county, Maryland, and a daughter of John and Catherine Lantz, the former of whom was born in Virginia, the latter in Maryland. She is the oldest in a family of six children, two sons and four daughters, the others being John Daniel, a resident of Beavercreek township; Catherine Jane, deceased; Jacob Louis, who lives about a mile from Mrs. Lafong; Mary Elizabeth, deceased; and Ellen, who lives below Xenia. No children were born to our subject and his wife.

After his marriage Mr. Lafong continued to work for his father for a number of years, and later engaged in farming in Beavercreek township on the farm where his widow now resides and which she purchased after the death of her husband. It consists of one hundred and sixty-two acres, which is under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings. Mr. Lafong carried on general farming quite successfully, raising all kinds of grain, and also gave considerable attention to the raising of cattle, sheep and hogs. The Democratic party always found in him a stanch supporter of its principles, but at

local elections he voted for the men he thought best qualified for the positions. He, with Mrs. Lafong, were long active and faithful members of the Lutheran church, in which he served as elder for a number of years, and at his death, which occurred in 1878, the community realized that it had lost one of its most reliable and trustworthy citizens as he commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life. His estimable wife still survives him and is held in the highest regard by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She has shown much business ability, having purchased the farm and carried on business successfully many years.

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#### DAVID R. BREWER.

David R. Brewer, who resides in Xenia township, was born in Miami township on the 15th of February, 1846, and has always lived in Greene county. His parents were John G. and Sarah (Miller) Brewer. The paternal grandfather was a native of New Jersey and died in that state at the age of ninety-eight years. The father was born near Trenton, New Jersey, and there lived until he had attained his majority, when he came to Ohio, the state being largely an unbroken wilderness at that time. The year 1817 witnessed his arrival and he took up his abode in Greene county near Yellow Springs, where he worked at his trade of wagonmaking and carpentering. He also engaged in farming and continued to make his home at the first place of his residence in Greene county until 1872, when he removed



to Xenia and leased a farm known as the Lucas property. There he carried on agricultural pursuits until his retirement from business life. He was a prosperous and progressive man, his business interests being capably conducted. In politics he was a Republican after the organization of the party and prior to that time he gave his support to the old Whig party. He held membership in the Presbyterian church, and died in that faith in 1884 at the age of ninety-three years. The mother of our subject departed this life in 1880 at the age of eighty-four years. She was a native of Rockbridge county, Virginia. Her father died when he was very young and in 1805 she became a resident of Ohio. Unto the parents of our subject were born nine children: George A., who resides at Westerville, Franklin county, Ohio, where he is engaged in carpentering; William, a farmer of Clifton, Ohio; Rebecca, who died about 1856; Pauline, the wife of C. H. Winters, a veteran of the Civil war, who is now living retired at Yellow Springs; Charles E., who was a farmer of Xenia township and died in 1893; John G., a resident of Clifton, Ohio; Sarah, the wife of D. S. Dixon of Cedarville township; Martha L., the wife of J. D. Heller, who is living in West Main street in Xenia; and David R. of this review.

The last named obtained his education in the common schools and in Antioch college, where he remained as a student for two years. On the expiration of that period he returned to the home place and has since devoted his energies to farming and stock-raising, his well directed efforts in this direction bringing to him creditable success. The only interruption to his labor came in 1864, when, in response to his country's call,

he joined Company A, of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry for service in the Union army. He remained with that command for five months and then re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company K, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio Infantry, with which he continued until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged at Nashville, in September, 1865. During his services he participated in the battles of Moorefield, West Virginia, and of New Creek. He had three brothers who were also soldiers of the war, William H., John and Charles. John was a member of Company C, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and Charles served in Company F, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was attached to the army of the Potomac. The family therefore has a most creditable record for loyalty and fidelity to the country.

In 1884 Mr. Brewer was united in marriage in Xenia to Hannah A. Currie, a daughter of James Currie, now deceased. He was a farmer of Sugarcreek township and was born in Greene county. In 1901 Mr. Brewer was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife who died on the 27th of May of that year at the old homestead and was buried in Woodland cemetery, being at that time fifty-seven years of age. Two sons had been born of this marriage: Fred, who at the age of sixteen years is a student in the high school of Xenia; and Robert, a youth of fourteen years. Both were born in the Lucas farm in Xenia township.

In his political views Mr. Brewer is a Republican. He has never been an office seeker yet has served for eight years as county bailiff under Judge Smith. He holds membership in the First United Presbyter-

ian church of Xenia, and is a citizen of worth, taking a deep interest in progress and improvement of the county along all lines of substantial development.

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### JOHN HAROLD STORMONT.

From Irish ancestry John H. Stormont is descended. Representatives of the name came from the Emerald Isle to the new world and the family was established in the south. John Stormont, the grandfather of our subject, was born in South Carolina, and early in life engaged in teaching school. Emigrating westward he took up his abode in Cedarville township, Greene county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming. His son, James C. Stormont, was born in South Carolina, July 17, 1831, and by his parents was brought to Ohio when only a few months old. Here he was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life, and after attaining his majority he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing all of the Stormont farm as it is at present with the exception of twenty-five acres which he inherited. He lived in Cedarville township throughout the remainder of his days and there was accounted a successful and progressive agriculturist. He erected a large and handsome residence, which is now occupied by his widow, and made other substantial improvements upon his place. He married Jane Bradfute, a daughter of John and Eliza (Laughead) Bradfute, both of whom spent their last days in Miami township, Greene county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stormont were born two children, John H. and Lida, who died in 1887, at the age of

twenty years. The father was twice married. On the 24th of March, 1857, he wedded Agnes McQuiston, and it was after her death that he married the mother of our subject. He was a very prosperous and enterprising farmer and at the time of his demise was the owner of considerable property, all of which had been accumulated through his own efforts. Prominent and influential in public affairs, he served for a number of years as a member of the school board, and was deeply interested in everything pertaining to the general good. He died October 23, 1877. With his wife Mr. Stormont was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, of which he was a trustee.

John Harold Stormont, of this review, was born in Cedarville township, on the old homestead, October 26, 1863, and to the district school system he is indebted for the early educational privileges which he enjoyed. Later he became a student in the high school of Cedarville and through the months of summer he assisted in the work of the home farm. He still resides upon the old home place with his family and with his mother. Here he owns eighty acres of rich land, and also has charge of and operates the old home farm of one hundred and five acres, all of which is under a high state of cultivation, the fields annually returning to him golden harvests for the care and labor he bestows upon them. Mr. Stormont has made the breeding and raising of red polled cattle a specialty and has about twenty head of registered animals in his herd. He was among the first to introduce them in this section of the state.

Mr. Stormont was united in marriage on the 20th of October, 1887, to Miss Ida

Creswell, a daughter of Samuel and Eliza Creswell. Four children graced this marriage: Bertha, Edna, Mabel and Meryl, all of whom were born on the old home farm, and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. Both our subject and his wife hold membership in the Reformed Presbyterian church, in which he has served as trustee for a number of years. In his political views he is independent, preferring to devote his time and energies to his business affairs without entering political life. He takes an active interest in educational affairs, however, and is now serving his second term as a member of the township board of education. He is still a young man and possesses strong energy and laudable ambition. From his boyhood days he has been connected with the work of cultivating and improving the property which is now his home, and is widely recognized as one whose labors are bringing to him a comfortable competence.

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PROF. WILLIAM S. SCARBOROUGH,  
A. M., LL. D.

William S. Scarborough, now vice-president of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, and professor of Greek and Latin in the same institution, was born in Macon, Georgia, February 16, 1852. He received his early education in his native city before and during the Civil war. In 1869 he entered Atlanta University, where he remained two years in preparation for Yale University, but, instead, entered Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, in 1871, and was graduated from the department of

philosophy and the arts with the degree of A. B. in 1875. He spent a part of the following year in Oberlin Theological Seminary in special study of the Semitic languages and Hellenistic Greek.

In 1877 Professor Scarborough was elected as head of the classical department in Wilberforce University. In 1881 he published, through A. S. Barnes & Company (New York), a Greek text-book—"First Lessons in Greek"—the first and only Greek book ever written by a negro. This book was widely used by both the white and colored schools of the country, especially in the north. Professor Scarborough has also written a treatise entitled "The Birds of Aristophanes—a Theory of Interpretation," aside from numerous tracts and pamphlets, covering a variety of subjects—classical, archæological, sociological and racial. He has written many papers for various societies to which he belongs. In 1891 he was transferred to the chair of Hellenistic Greek, Payne Theological Seminary. In 1897 he was again re-elected as professor of Latin and Greek in the university and vice president of the same.

He has contributed largely to the press of the country, including the leading magazines. He is one of the editors of the African Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school publications, having filled that position for a number of years. He is a member of a number of associations: American Philological, American Dialect, American Social Science, Archæological Institute of America, American Spelling Reform, American Folk-Lore, American Modern Language, American Political and Social Science, the Egyptian Exploration Fund Association and the American Negro Academy, of



which he is first vice president. He has several times been one of the orators at the Lincoln League banquet of the state of Ohio. At a conference held by the leaders of the race in the city of Columbus, Ohio, he was elected president of the Afro-American State League, designed to further the interests of the negro throughout the country. Professor Scarborough has traveled extensively in Europe. He was a delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference, held in London in 1901, representing the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

We take the following from the "New York Age," of July 18, 1902:

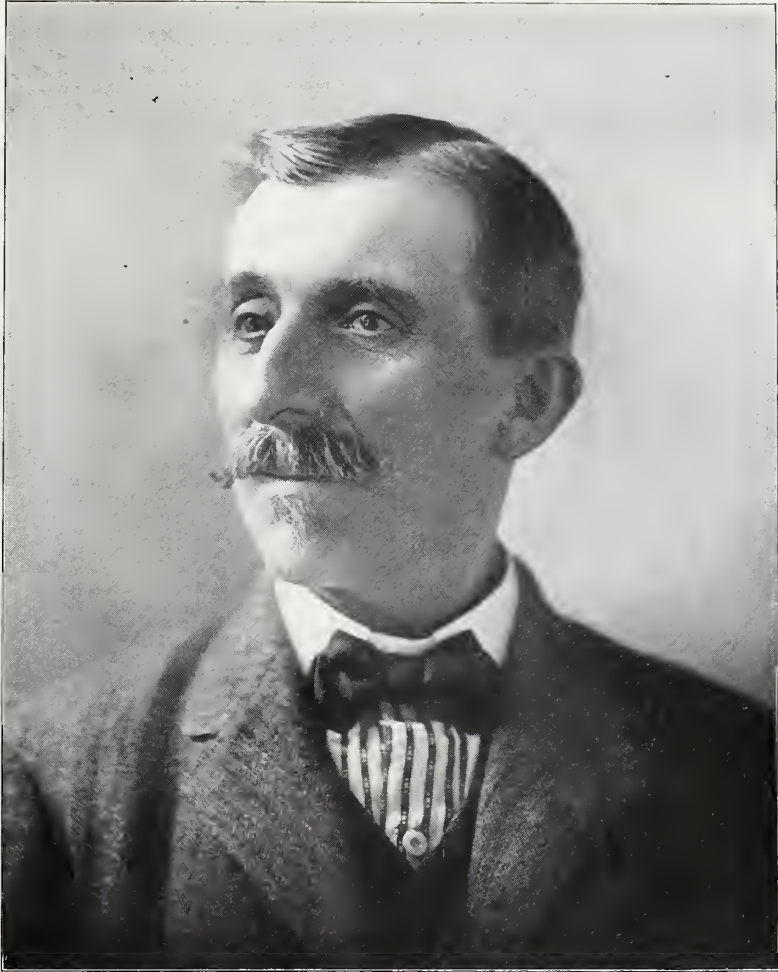
"While in Boston Professor W. S. Scarborough, of Wilberforce University, was delightfully entertained by the colored graduates of Harvard University and Amherst College at a reception given in his honor at the home of Mr. G. W. Forbes, a graduate of Amherst. Speeches were made by Messrs. Forbes, Morgan, Trotter, Lewis, Williams and others eulogistic of the life and services of the professor in behalf of his race. The professor replied, thanking them for the honor conferred upon him. Next year it will be twenty-five years since Professor Scarborough first became connected with Wilberforce University as its classical professor and he intends to mark the event by publishing a volume of his philological papers. These papers have all been read before the American Philological Association at its various annual sessions. Twenty years ago Professor Scarborough was first elected to membership in this body at Harvard University. This year the association again met at this venerable seat of learning and by way of commemorating the event Professor Scarborough read a paper

on Thucydides. It is some of these papers that the professor intends to put into more tangible form for future use."

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#### R. HARVEY NASH.

R. Harvey Nash, who is filling the office of county commissioner in Greene county, and is a well known farmer of Cedarville township, was born on the 20th of March, 1851, his parents being John R. and Mary (Jackson) Nash. At an early epoch in the history of this county the Nash family was founded here, and the father of our subject was here born. His parents were Hugh and Rebecca Nash, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. Throughout his entire business career, the former followed the occupation of farming and at an early day established his home upon a tract of land in Greene county, which he transformed into a valuable property, becoming one of the pioneer agriculturists of this portion of the state. It was upon the old homestead that John R. Nash first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 25th of May, 1828, and there amid the wild scenes of the frontier he was reared to manhood, early becoming inured to the hard labor of developing a new farm. After arriving at years of maturity he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Jackson, who was born in this county, January 28, 1832, a daughter of Robert and Minerva Jackson, the former born in Pennsylvania and the latter in this state. Her father learned the miller's trade and also carried on farming. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Nash began their domestic life upon a farm and throughout his



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active business career the father of our subject continued to devote his energies to the tilling of the soil.

Under the parental roof R. Harvey Nash spent the days of his boyhood and pursued his education in the schools of Xenia. The occupation to which he was reared he has always made his life work and his energy and diligence have resulted in bringing to him very desirable prosperity, while the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates to the passerby the careful supervision of the progressive owner. The lady who presides over his home was in her maidenhood Miss Agnes G. Watt and their marriage was celebrated on the 28th of November, 1876. Mrs. Nash is a daughter of William Watt, one of the representative farmers of Greene county, who served for six years as county commissioner and was widely recognized as the leading and influential citizen. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, but in later years carried on agricultural pursuits, devoting his attention to the work of the farm until his death. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Nash has been blessed with five children, of whom four are yet living: Herbert W., Walter L., Charles E. and William H. The family are members of the First United Presbyterian church of Xenia and in his political affiliations Mr. Nash is a Republican, having always supported that party since attaining his majority. On its ticket he was elected to the office of county commissioner on the 6th of November, 1900, and is therefore serving in that capacity at the present time. As a public official he is true to his promises and is most active and earnest in supporting every movement and measure which he believes will contribute to the general good.

#### HARVEY R. McCLELLAN, M. D.

For almost fifty years Dr. Harvey R. McClellan has engaged in the practice of medicine, the greater part of which time has been passed in Xenia. He is one of the honored pioneer physicians and has the love, confidence and respect of many households throughout this portion of the state. In the early days of his professional career he would drive for miles across the country, undeterred by summer's suns or winter's cold and always ready to render assistance to those who needed the physician's aid and never stopping to ask whether his services would receive financial remunerations. He is now engaged only in office practice, but still has the skill and ability which ranks him foremost among the leading physicians and surgeons of Greene county.

The Doctor was born November 27, 1827, in Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, his parents being John and Nancy (Elder) McClellan, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The McClellan family is of Scotch-Irish lineage, while the mother was of Scotch descent. John McClellan, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, served in the war of 1812 and for many years was an enterprising farmer of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. John McClellan, Jr., the Doctor's father, became an agriculturist of Wayne county, Ohio, although at an early date he learned the blacksmith's trade. In 1831 he removed to Greene county, locating in Xenia township, where he engaged in farming for many years. He reached the advanced age of eighty-five years, and his wife passed away at the age of eighty-eight. In their family were eleven children,

of whom three are yet living: Rebecca Collins, who is the widow of Samuel Collins and is residing in Xenia at the age of ninety-one years; C. B., a retired dry goods merchant, who resides in Oskaloosa, Kansas, at the age of seventy-nine; and Harvey R., of this review.

In the district schools the Doctor gained his early education, which was supplemented by study in the Shawnee Academy, of Xenia, where he took a course in classics and higher mathematics. On completing his literary education he began teaching school in Beavercreek township, but after a short time commenced the study of medicine, and in 1852 he entered the office of Dr. Samuel Martin, who directed his reading for three years. During the winter months he attended lectures in Starling College, of Columbus, Ohio, completing the full course, and was graduated with the class of 1854. He then began practice in Cedarville, but after two years came to Xenia, where he has remained for forty-six consecutive years. He has been alone during the greater part of the period. However, he admitted his son, Dr. Benjamin R. McClellan, to partnership, and when his son retired from the firm Dr. W. T. Finley became his partner and was associated with him in business for eight years. Our subject now gives his attention to office practice while his son, Dr. B. R. McClellan, attends to the outside practice. In 1898 the former founded a hospital in Xenia, which he has since conducted, making a specialty of surgical work. A perfect master of the construction and functions of the component parts of the human body, of the changes induced in them by the onslaughts of disease, of the defects cast upon them, as

a legacy by progenitors, of the vital capacity remaining in them throughout all vicissitudes of existence,—this knowledge has made Dr. McClellan a most skilled and capable physician and surgeon. He succeeded because he desires to succeed. He is great because nature endowed him bountifully, and he has studiously, carefully and conscientiously increased the talents which were given him. For many years he also conducted a drug store in Xenia and secured for himself a very profitable income.

In October, 1855, the Doctor was married to Ruth Sheperd Niekirk, a native of Ohio, although born of New Jersey parentage. They became the parents of six children, of whom three are yet living: Charles Lee, who is manager of the opera house in Xenia; Benjamin R., a successful practicing physician here; and Frank Wiley, who is a clerk in the freight office of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad at Xenia. The mother died on the 1st of June, 1894, and on the 29th of October, 1899, the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Martha Rader, of Xenia.

The Doctor holds membership in the Presbyterian church and for many years was one of its officers. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, but has never given his consent to accept office. He has been identified with the State Medical Society for many years and is the only surviving charter member of the Greene County Medical Society. During the Civil war he was a contract surgeon in the army and was stationed at Pittsburg Landing, Nashville and for two months was in the Cumberland hospital and also had charge of the Exchange Barracks in Nashville for a month. He was with the Army of the Potomac and

rendered valuable service in alleviating the sufferings of those who were wounded upon the field of battle. Many have reason to feel very grateful to him for his skill as a practitioner in Greene county. In a paper which he read before the Greene County Medical Society upon the experience of early physicians, he said that he estimated that he had driven a distance which would be equal to a threefold trip around the world, covering seventy-three hundred miles each year. Dr. McClellan has witnessed much of the growth and development of Greene county and is a public-spirited citizen, deeply interested in its progress and welfare. His life has been a busy, useful and honorable one, commending him to the confidence and regard of all, and no historian of this portion of the state would be complete without his record.

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GEORGE W. BRANDT.

A native of Germany, George W. Brandt was born on the 16th of February, 1850, and is now a resident of Beavercreek township where he follows the occupation of farming. He is a son of John and Mary Brandt. The father came to this country prior to the arrival of his wife and children, making his way to Cincinnati, where he remained for two weeks, then came to Beavercreek township, Greene county, Ohio. Here he lived for a year and in that time was joined by his family. On the expiration of that period he removed to Missouri, but spent only six months in that state, because of the drought. The future prospects in that state did not appear very bright and he re-

turned to Ohio and took up his abode upon the farm which is now the home of our subject. His residence was a little log cabin which he occupied for a few years. In the fall of 1860 he purchased forty-six acres of land and to this he added from time to time as his financial resources were increased, until he had about one hundred and fifty-six acres and had accumulated some money beside. He certainly deserves great credit for what he accomplished for when he left the fatherland he had to borrow money with which to make his passage to the new world. He possessed resolution and determination, however, and throughout his entire life of active business engagement he overcame every obstacle and difficulty in his path by reason of his strong purpose and indefatigable industry. Thus he won success and left to his family an example well worthy of emulation as well as a good property. He died in December, 1897, at the age of seventy-eight years and his wife passed away in 1893. They had two children: George W. and Mary, but the latter died in 1874. The father was a Democrat in his political affiliations and both he and his wife were earnest Christian people belonging to the Reformed church. Their remains were interred in Mount Zion Park cemetery.

George W. Brandt, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the schools of Beavercreek township and always remained under the parental roof. He was content to assist his father in the cultivation of the fields and throughout the years of his manhood has carried on farming, becoming one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of his community. He was married January 10, 1889, to Miss Lottie Engle, who was born in Beavercreek town-



ship and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Coy) Engle. Her father was born in Maryland and is now living in Zimmerman, Greene county. Mrs. Engle was a daughter of Nicholas Coy. Our subject and his wife have a pleasant home in Beavercreek township where Mr. Brandt owns a fine farm of two hundred and sixteen acres. He has recently erected a good residence, large and commodious, and has good barns and cribs. The work on the farm is carried on in an energetic manner and as the years have passed Mr. Brandt has added to his capital, his success coming to him in return for his indefatigable labor.

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#### JOHN MENDENHALL.

John Mendenhall is one of the highly respected and honored residents of Spring Valley township. He has passed the psalmist allotted span of three-score-years-and-ten, having almost reached the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey. He resides upon a farm in Spring Valley township, two miles northeast of the village of Spring Valley, and it was here that he was born on the 4th of December, 1828, representing one of the pioneer families of the county. His parents were William and Betty (Walton) Mendenhall. The father was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, October 25, 1799, his parents being John and Ruth (Brown) Mendenhall. The grandfather of our subject was born March 6, 1759, probably in North Carolina, and his wife's birth occurred on the 4th of April, 1767. With their family they removed to Ohio, settling in Spring Valley township

about one mile east of the farm upon which our subject now resides. This was in 1805. The district was an unbroken wilderness and in the midst of the forest the grandfather developed and improved a farm, upon which he spent his remaining days, being laid to rest in the Cedar Creek burying-ground by the side of his wife, who had passed away a few years previously.

William Mendenhall was a little lad of six summers when brought by his parents to Ohio and here amid the wild scenes of pioneer life he was reared and assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm. He married Betty Walton, who was probably born in Frederick county, Virginia, October 15, 1805, her parents being Edward and Deborah (Allen) Walton. The parents of our subject were married November 2, 1825, and began their domestic life on the old Mendenhall homestead, where their first three children were born. When our subject was about five years of age the father purchased ninety-nine acres of the farm upon which John Mendenhall is now living. A portion of it had been cleared and a log cabin had been built that now forms a part of the present residence which stands on the place. It has been weatherboarded, however, and otherwise greatly improved. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall were born ten children: Deborah, the wife of Abijah Steddon, of Richmond, Indiana; John; Ann, the wife of Amos Compton, of Warren county, Ohio; Hannah, the wife of Elihu Spray, of Leavenworth county, Kansas; Edward, who married Ann Fryant and died in Wayne county, Indiana; Samuel, who married Elizabeth Atkinson and died in Clinton county near New Burlington; Ruth, deceased; Catherine, the wife of Amos S. Compton, of Spring

Valley; Margaret, the wife of F. Marion Burnett, of Clinton county; and William Allen, who married Ida Shepherd, and died in Spring Valley. Samuel was a soldier of Company D, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years. He participated in many battles but was never wounded or captured. He took part in the engagements at Winchester and Gettysburg and in the Richmond campaign, together with many other of the important movements and battles of the great war.

The boyhood days of our subject were quietly passed on the home farm. Probably the first important event of his life occurred March 6, 1856, in Warren county, at which time he was married to Miss Eunice Compton, who was born in Spring Valley township just west of New Burlington, August 9, 1834, her parents being John and Rebecca (Steddon) Compton. Her paternal grandfather was Amos Compton. Her father was born on the farm where Mrs. Mendenhall also opened her eyes to the light of day. He was a well-to-do man and bought a farm of two hundred acres in Clinton county upon which our subject and his wife resided for fourteen years, when they removed to their present home in Spring Valley township. Our subject inherited it after his mother's death and he purchased fifty-seven acres adjoining.

Nine children have been born unto our subject and his wife: Alice S., the wife of Chillis T. Johnson, of Spring Valley township, by whom she has one child, Rosa Eunice; William H., who lives in Greene county and married Emma Stubbs, by whom she has two children, Edith A. and Everett J.; Morrow, who married Anna Bradford and has one living child, Erma M., and has lost

one; Anna R., who was born July 4, 1863, and died February 2, 1876; Amy B., the wife of William H. Lumpkin, by whom she has three children; Albert J., Edward R. and Lawrence Leon; Mary C., who was born in 1868 and died in 1879; Orville John, who married Caroline S. Bradford and lives in Spring Valley; Amos C., of Spring Valley, who wedded Luella A. Anabee and has one child, Mildred; and Jennie E., who married Isaac O. Peterson and resides in Spring Valley.

Mr. Mendenhall was brought up an opponent of slavery and in 1852 voted for Scott, while in 1856 he voted for John C. Fremont, the Republican party having been formed to prevent the further extension of slavery. He has since been one of its advocates, but has never been an office seeker. Both he and his wife are birthright members of the Society of Friends and attend the services of the church in Spring Valley.

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#### HENRY KYLE.

Upon a pleasant farm property in Cedarville township resides Henry Kyle. This is his native township, his birth having occurred within its borders on the 20th of February, 1832. His parents were Samuel and Rachel (Jackson) Kyle. The maternal grandfather, Robert Jackson, was the third child of David and Elizabeth Jackson, and was born in 1758, at Newtown, Limavady, County Derry, Ireland. With his father he came to America in the year 1762. Samuel Kyle, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania and when quite young accompanied his parents on

their removal to Kentucky, the family settling near Lexington, where he remained until some years after his marriage. He wedded Ruth Mitchell and unto them were born six children, all being now deceased, but after the death of the wife and mother the father was again married, his second union being with Rachel Jackson, the mother of our subject. In 1804 he came to Ohio, settling south of Cedarville, on what is now known as the Silas Murdoch farm, there spending his remaining days and transforming the land into a highly improved property. He was a prominent member of the old Seceder church, serving as one of its elders. He also took a very prominent part in civic life and for many years served as associate judge, his decisions proving so fair and impartial that he was long retained in the office and enjoyed in the highest degree the confidence and respect of his fellow men. He passed away in March, 1856, his widow surviving him for one year, when she died upon the old home farm at about the age of seventy. She had also been a member of the Seceder church at one time but later joined the Associate Reformed church with her husband, in which he also served as elder. In the family of this worthy couple were fifteen children, but only five of the number are yet living, as follows: Thomas, the eldest, is a surveyor residing in Champaign, Illinois, and was a captain in the Civil war. Henry is the next. Martha is the widow of Thomas Kennedy, and resides at College Springs, Iowa. Roaland is a resident farmer of Cedarville township, and Mary is the wife of John Murdoch, of Cedarville.

Henry Kyle spent his boyhood and youth upon the old home place. At the

usual age he began his education, pursuing his studies in a log schoolhouse in his township, while later he became a student in the high school of Cedarville, then conducted by James Turnbull and Andrew Amyx. His father's farm comprised nearly a thousand acres and the sons had ample training in the methods of cultivating the fields there. In 1859 our subject removed to his present farm in Cedarville township, and here he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, to which he has since added another quarter section. He put all of the improvements upon the property, remodeled the house and erected a large and substantial barn. Here he has since lived, being largely engaged in stock raising. He makes a specialty of polled Durham cattle, Norman horses and Poland-China hogs. In his business operations he has met with creditable and deserved success, and is now the possessor of a handsome competence.

In the spring of 1858 Henry Kyle was united in marriage to Harriet D. Colver, a daughter of Standish and Elizabeth Colver, who were residents of Union county, Ohio, but both are now deceased. Mrs. Kyle was a devoted member of the United Presbyterian church, was a faithful wife and mother, and a friend to be trusted at all times. She died at her home in Cedarville township in 1893, at the age of sixty-two years, and was laid to rest in Massies Creek cemetery. She was the mother of six children, all of whom survived her: Charles C., a minister of the United Presbyterian church, now living in southern Illinois, married Lida Mitchell. They have one daughter, Helen. H. Jeroe resides at Churchville, New York, and is a United Presbyterian minister. He wedded Elizabeth



Chambers, and their children are—James, Christina and Harriet. John M. resides upon the old home farm. Victor, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, residing in Alexis, Illinois, wedded Mary Porter. Don and Clara are still at home. All of the children were born in Cedarville township in the present home of Mr. Kyle.

As has been indicated, the religious faith of the family is that of the United Presbyterian church, and Mr. Kyle belongs to the organization of that denomination at Clifton. For many years he has served as one of its elders and has put forth every effort in his power to promote the cause of Christianity along these lines. He has served as road supervisor, and in his political views was a Republican in early life, but is now a Prohibitionist. Although he has reached the age of three score years and ten, he has spent his entire life in the county and has witnessed the greater part of its development, for it was largely a wild region in his childhood days. His father built the first brick house in Cedarville township. Mr. Kyle carried on the work of improvement and development begun by his father, and has co-operated in many movements for the general good. His life history is largely familiar to his many friends in this locality and all know him to be a man worthy of public trust and confidence and one deserving of representation in this volume.

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#### JOHN F. PUTERBAUGH.

Among the well known farmers of Beavercreek township whose enterprise and indefatigable labors have been salient features in their success, is numbered John F.

Puterbaugh, whose birth occurred on the 4th of December, 1878, on the farm which is still his home. He is a son of Samuel and Harriet (Davis) Puterbaugh. His father was born January 14, 1844, in Greene county, Ohio, and is a son of Samuel Puterbaugh, Sr. The mother of our subject was born in Beavercreek township, April 30, 1848, and the marriage of the parents was celebrated on the 11th of November, 1869. Three children came to bless their union: Samuel, who was born December 28, 1870, died on the 5th of January, the following year; Ida May, born June 20, 1872, died October 16, 1881; so that the subject of this review is the only surviving member of the family. The father died on the 18th of March, 1880, and on the 25th of October, 1882, Mrs. Puterbaugh became the wife of John G. Ernst, but she, too, is now deceased, having been called to her final rest on the 23rd of June, 1886. Throughout his entire life the father of our subject had carried on agricultural pursuits, with the exception of the period of the Civil war, when, feeling that his duty was to his country he put aside business cares and joined the Union army.

In the schools of Xenia, John Franklin Puterbaugh was educated. His father died when he was only two years of age and after his mother's death he lived with his aunt, Mrs. George Moore, remaining with her until he was eighteen years of age. He afterward worked for two years upon a farm and then continued his education as a student in Scio college in Harrison county, Ohio, where he remained for two years. The first year he devoted his attention to the mastery of the studies of a commercial course and during the second year pursued English branches.

On the 27th of December, 1899, Mr.

Puterbaugh was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary V. Thompson, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, a daughter of Robert and Sarah J. Thompson, who resided in London township, that county. They are still living and are well known people of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Puterbaugh began their domestic life upon the farm which they now occupy, this land having been in possession of the family through three or four generations. Their home has been blessed with the presence of one son, Robert Samuel. Our subject owns and operates two hundred and fifty acres of the rich farming land of Ohio and is giving his attention to the cultivation of the ground and the raising of stock. He is also well known as an agriculturist, has a splendid peach orchard containing nearly nine hundred trees and is thoroughly conversant with the best methods of caring for his land and improving his crops and his fruit and raising of stock, and in all branches of business he is meeting with creditable and gratifying success. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party; but has never sought or desired office. Both he and his wife belong to the United Presbyterian church of Sugarcreek township. He is yet a young man and his business ability has been manifested in his capable control of his excellent property.

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R. A. KELLY.

No history in Greene county would be complete without mention of R. A. Kelly, who contributed in a very large measure to the upbuilding and prosperity of Xenia by

the establishment of one of its most important industries. "Peace," said Charles Sumner in one of his most eloquent orations, "hath its victories no less renowned than war." The man whose enterprise has included within its grasp the traffic of distant lands and the production of many and various commodities has really achieved a greater triumph than the warrior who has led conquering hosts over desolate homes and amid ruins of sacked cities; and if this peaceful hero uses his wealth wisely, and by his enterprise and beneficence makes thousands happy and contented, his victories are greater than those of the martialled hosts "whose garments are stained with blood." "He that ruleth his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city." Among such heroes R. A. Kelly is entitled to a high place of honor. During a long and successful commercial life, characterized by enterprise, he ever maintained an enviable reputation for the highest honor and principle; and no unworthy deed or word ever linked itself with his name; and no citizen in Ohio made better or more unostentatious use of his accumulations.

R. A. Kelly was a native of Ireland. He was born in Guilford, County Down, on the 16th of October, 1838. In his early youth he became an employe in a flax and linen concern of Dunbar, McMasters & Company. He left his native land in 1855 and entered the employ of Finlayson, Bonsfield & Company, manufacturers of linen thread at Johnston, Renfrewshire, Scotland,—but the broader business opportunities of the new world attracted him and he sought a home in America. It was in 1859 that he crossed the Atlantic, taking up his abode in Paterson, New Jersey, where he entered the employ of the Dolphin Manufacturing Com-



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pany. He was also there engaged in the manufacture of machinery for making flax, sisal and manila rope. His efficiency in this line of work led him to be chosen in 1864 by the firm of Todd & Rafferty to erect and superintend their works at Delaware, Ohio, where they were establishing a new enterprise under the name of the Delaware Manufacturing Company. During the remaining years of the Civil war they manufactured twine and seamless bags and afterward converted the flax mill into a bagging mill for the manufacture of bagging for covering cotton. Mr. Kelly built in Delaware, Ohio, the first five machines for laying and finishing hemp twine and in the fall of 1876 he brought these machines to Xenia, placing them in the factory of the Hooven & Allison Company.

This company with whose history Mr. Kelly was thereafter connected up to the time of his death, was organized in 1869 for the purpose of making what is known as hand-made twine. He had worked with the American hemp fibre and had experimented quite largely with this, in the hope of producing twine by machinery—and his experiments were prosecuted so successfully that in the spring of 1876 he laid his plans before the firm of Hooven & Allison, explaining to them his methods until they became convinced that a better and cheaper twine could be made by machinery than by the hand process which they had been using. Business arrangements between them were perfected and the firm, with Mr. Kelly's co-operation, at once set to work to secure appropriate machinery for the purpose of manufacturing machine-made twine. The first twine made in this way was put upon the spools on the evening before Christmas, 1876. From that time to the present, the

business has constantly grown until it has assumed extensive proportions. The plant is large and equipped with the most modern and complete machinery for doing the work.

Mr. Hooven died in 1881, after which Mr. Kelly entered into partnership with M. C. Allison, the firm name of Hooven & Allison being retained until the death of the latter on the 3d of May, 1888. Two months thereafter, a stock company was organized, the incorporators being Jacob Harbine, J. D. Steele, W. B. Harrison, R. A. Kelly and Mrs. Fannie Allison. The capital stock was one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and the officers were: J. H. Harbine, president; W. B. Harrison, vice president; J. D. Steele, secretary; and R. A. Kelly, superintendent. Throughout the life of Mr. Kelly, these officers retained their positions, controlling a business which furnished employment to from two hundred and twenty-five to two hundred and fifty operators. The company manufacture hemp, jute, manila and sisal goods, as well as cotton goods, and ship their product to all parts of the United States. The splendid success of this great enterprise is due in a very large measure to Mr. Kelly, whose thorough understanding of the business in every department enabled him to so conduct the operations of the factory that it brought a splendid financial return.

On August 14, 1862, Mr. Kelly was united in marriage to Miss Catharine L. Fisher of Paterson, New Jersey, who died in January, 1878, leaving three sons, James A., George R. and William B. His youngest child, Fred C., is the son of his second wife, Miss Alice Charters, of Xenia, Ohio, who died September 10, 1897.

Mr. Kelly died on the 14th of August, 1892, and was widely mourned. He was

so just and fair in his treatment of his employes that he had their respect and confidence in an unusual degree. In business circles he was a man of unswerving honor and sterling worth; but was called away at a time when he had consummated new business arrangements and planned and adorned a most happy home.

The following beautiful tribute written by Professor George S. Ormsby at the time of Mr. Kelly's death sets forth his character in a very clear light. Mr. Ormsby says:—"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" "These words, spoken by King David, in reference to Abner, who had been treacherously murdered by Joab, apply in all their meaning and force to our friend R. A. Kelly, who has so suddenly left us, and whose body this day has been laid to quiet rest. Many a leader from the king's army might have been slain, and many a great man have fallen, and yet not drawn forth the regretful and sad exclamations of the king. So many a prominent man might have suddenly passed away without leaving so wide a gap in the community as is made by the death of Mr. Kelly.

"More than a successful business man, he was a skilled mechanic; his hand could execute what his mind conceived. He could invent the machine, construct it, put it in operation—manufacture the fabric for which it was intended and find for it a market. Conscious of his own power, and having an abiding faith in his ability to perform what he undertook, he engaged in and carried to successful termination enterprises in which other men would have failed.

"Had he entered the political field he would have risen to distinction there. Had he chosen the profession of arms he would

have had a following like Sheridan and would have been numbered among the great leaders whom the country holds in high honor. Had he been a Stanley or a Livingstone he would have been in no degree behind them in enterprises of perilous adventures.

"Mr. Kelly was for many years one of my most intimate and trusted friends. I have been at his home at almost all hours, sat at his table and conversed in his parlor. His friendship was wholly true and sincere, and he who enjoyed it could not have a truer friend. To me his death is a personal loss. It is the sundering of a more friendly tie than bound me to any other man, and I am sure that all who sustain a similar relation to him will feel as I do; each has sustained a personal loss.

"But looking into that inner circle, the holiest of all, the family, what shall I say? A kind husband and indulgent father? This language is common and tame. Here he was intensive as in his business relations. He could not be negative anywhere, but was positive everywhere—not a tyrant, but a crowned prince,—the loving companion and faithful husband of a noble woman who most gladly would have laid down her own life if the sacrifice would have purchased his. To his sons he was at once father, brother, counsellor, companion and friend, combining all that was good in each of their relations. His command was law, but it was the law of a counsellor and friend and lovingly it was obeyed, and this in a large measure accounts for the noble manhood of the boys of whom the father was justly proud.

"Of him it may be fitly said:

"Life's work well done;  
Life's race well run;  
Life's crown well won."



## HON. JOHN LITTLE.

A deep feeling of sadness spread throughout Xenia when it was announced that John Little had passed from this life, but while those who knew him remain on this earth his memory will be cherished, not so much for the splendid success which he achieved in his profession, not because he contributed so largely to the improvement of the city, not because of his statesmanship, although he was a colleague of many of the most eminent men of the nation and his efforts contributed to the country's welfare, but because of his life of helpfulness, of good cheer, of broad sympathy and his deep interest in and labors for the benefit of his fellowmen. He won and well merited high honors, but in Xenia, where he was well known, his nature was so kindly and genial, that he gained not merely regard, but that deeper feeling which, call it friendship or love, binds man in close relation to his fellowmen in ties which naught can sever. Thus it was that Xenia has seldom so widely and sincerely mourned one of her residents, but for more than a half-century he was closely associated with the history of Greene county and many of his friends in thought have breathed the sentiment:

"He was a man. Take him all in all  
I shall not look upon his like again."

John Little was born in Ross township, Greene county, on the 25th of April, 1837, and his early youth was that of the average farmer boy who attends the country schools through the winter months and in the summer works in the fields, but he desired more than an ordinary district school

education, and in 1856 became a student in Antioch College, then under the presidency of Horace Mann. He was graduated from that institution in 1862 and for many years was a member of its board of trustees, holding that position at the time of his death. In the autumn following his graduation he came to Xenia and entered upon the study of law under the preceptorship of Judge Winans. The elemental strength of his character was early shown forth, for though he had not the means to pursue in consecutive manner his education, he would not accept aid and by teaching replenished his exhausted exchequer. In 1865 he was admitted to practice in the courts of Ohio, and opened an office in the city of Xenia, and it was on the 19th of October, of the same year, that he married Miss Barbara Jane Sheets, who with their two children, George and Mary, survived him until May 31, 1902, when she, too, passed away. The son is now an active member of the Xenia bar.

Perhaps no better history of his business and public career can be given than that given by Judge Shearer, long his intimate friend and associate, who, in a memorial meeting held for Mr. Little by the bar association, spoke as follows:

"For a short time he was associated with James E. Hawes, afterward judge of the court of common pleas. At the time of his admission to the bar he held the office of mayor of the city. Afterward in 1866 he was elected prosecuting attorney and re-elected in 1868. Before the expiration of his second term he was elected to represent his county in the Fifty-ninth general assembly and resigned the prosecutorship. At this time he associated himself in the practice with C. C. Shearer, that partnership

continuing for seventeen years, until January 1, 1887, at which time Mr. Shearer retired, having been elected judge of the circuit court for the Second judicial circuit,—C. L. Spencer succeeding Shearer in the firm, the name of which then became Little & Spencer—and continued until the death of Mr. Little. In 1871 he was re-elected to the general assembly. He rendered valuable service to his constituents and to the state at large as member of the judiciary committee of the house and of other important committees. His ability as a lawyer and legislator attracted wide attention and he became the candidate of his party for the office of attorney general and was elected in the fall of 1873, and for a second term in 1875. His opinions were clear, concise, able and, as a rule, passed the scrutiny of the courts.

“During his first term there were strikes and riots among the miners of northeastern Ohio, and Mr. Little was requested by Governor Hayes to accompany the adjutant general as his advisor to the scene of disturbance. His wise, temperate counsel averted the threatened bloodshed and restored order.

“At the expiration of his term he returned to Xenia and gave his attention to the practice and to the promotion of business enterprises until 1884, when his constituents again called him to their aid by electing him as the representative of his district in congress. Although he served but one term, he, by reason of his ability, took a prominent position in the house and was chosen to conduct the investigation of the charges of bribery in connection with the election of Senator Payne. The marked ability with which he discharged this duty at once established for him a national repu-

tation. At the close of his term he again returned to the practice and to the management of his large business interests which he conducted with distinguished success.

“In the year 1889 his services were again called for. From time to time treaties for the settlement of claims of citizens of the United States against the Republic of Venezuela had been made between the two countries, and commissions appointed to hear and determine the same; but, through the dilatoriness of these tribunals, awards failed to be made within the limitations prescribed by the several conventions and the treaties became inoperative. The last treaty limited the time for the determination of these claims to one year. President Harrison asked Mr. Little to become a member of the commission authorized by this treaty, and he accepted. Upon the organization of the commission, which consisted of Mr. Little, Hon. J. V. L. Findlay, of Maryland, and Senor Andrade, then minister to the United States from Venezuela,—Mr. Little was chosen president.

“Mr. Little, with his accustomed habit of mastering every subject with which he dealt, set to work to learn the Spanish language and to familiarize himself with the civil and international law. He acquired sufficient knowledge of the Spanish language to enable him to read for himself the documentary evidence written in that tongue and he became also a master of international law. Many questions, common to all cases, arose,—among them the construction of the rule of prescription being the equivalent of the law of limitation under the common law. The preliminary opinion written by Mr. Little, settling these questions, is a monument to his mental grasp and power of analysis. The commission completed its

work within the period prescribed by the treaty, which, it is said, was never done by any prior similar commission.

"Among the public services of Mr. Little was that rendered on behalf of President Hayes, before the Florida returning board. He was at that time attorney general of Ohio. The friends of Hayes aroused him at midnight and told him he must go to Tallahassee, and prevent, if possible, an unfair decision. He said: 'This is mighty short notice; but I'll go.' The next train, which left before daylight, bore Mr. Little through his home town en route to Florida. His family's first knowledge of his whereabouts was derived from the newspapers' mention of the counsel who were in attendance upon the hearing before the returning board. So zealous was he, so absorbed in this important mission, that he forgot to inform his family of his intended journey or of his arrival at the capital of Florida. The masterful argument which won the case for Hayes, although delivered by another, was written by Little.

"Another important position held by our friend was upon the Ohio State Board of Arbitration, to which he was appointed by Governor McKinley, and which he held continuously through succeeding administrations to the day of his death. For the work assigned to this board Mr. Little was peculiarly fitted. His even temper, his spirit of conciliation, his sense and love of justice, enabled him to see both sides of controversies between employer and employe, and in the exercise of manly courage to cast his vote for the right.

"The last public service of Mr. Little was as a member of the courthouse building commission. He entered upon his duties with enthusiasm and gave his time, skill and

knowledge of architecture to the securing of a courthouse which, when finished, will be for comfort and convenience, second to none in the state.

"It is hardly too much to say that he was the creator of the new courthouse, for it was the plans prepared by him that constituted the basis of the plans finally accepted.

"This much for the public service of our brother. But apart from these he, in a quiet, unostentatious way,—not letting his right hand know what his left did,—alleviated suffering and helped the needy. He was generous but discriminating in his bounty. No worthy needy one was ever turned away. Many are they who, since his death have said: 'When John Little died, I lost my best friend.'

"Our friend was a many sided man. His intellect was Websterian; his mental grasp remarkable; his powers of analysis unsurpassed. He mastered the facts of a case with marvelous readiness; separated grain from the chaff; seized and used with great skill the salient points of a cause. His power as an advocate rendered him a formidable adversary. In argument he indulged in none of the arts of the orator. His diction was simple, his statements clear, his logic forceful. In the struggle of the political arena he was fair and honorable,—not unduly exultant in victory, nor harboring malice in defeat. He never sulked in his tent. It was common remark that, as between a friend and an enemy, he was wont to favor the latter rather than the former.

"As a citizen he was public spirited, ready at all times to further any enterprise for the betterment of the community. He encouraged manufacturers by voice and



purse, was active in municipal reform, favored all needful public improvements and otherwise manifested his solicitude for the material welfare of the community in which he lived. In short, John Little was a statesman, a lawyer of high repute, a public servant loyal to every trust, a true patriot, a lover of his kind, a devoted husband and father, and, better than all, a high minded, honorable citizen. While he was not a believer in creeds or dogmas, yet with generous charity for those who held different views, he was a religious man in the broader sense, that he revered his Creator, believed in the Bible and the Redeemer of the world and loved his neighbor as himself."

The end came on the 18th of October, 1900, at 10:30 P. M. He was ill only a brief time, and thus his usefulness continued throughout the years of his manhood. On the public life not only of Greene county, but of Ohio, he left an indelible impression. No citizen of this community was ever more respected and no man ever more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people or more richly deserved the esteem in which he was held. In his lifetime the people of his state, recognizing his merit, rejoiced in his advancement and in the honors to which he attained, and since his death they have cherished his memory, which remains as a benediction to all who knew him. Honorable in business, loyal in citizenship, charitable in thought, kindly in action, true to every trust confided to his care, his life was the highest type of Christian manhood. He was one of the great lawyers of the southern Ohio bar who lives in the memories of his contemporaries, encircled with the halo of a gracious presence, charming personality, profound legal wisdom, purity of public and private life, and a quiet dignity of an

ideal follower of his calling. He was many years in active practice at the Ohio bar, and comparatively few men endear themselves to so great an extent to their professional associates and to those with whom they come in contact in the discharge of public duties.

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### MILO SIMISON.

Milo Simison has passed the psalmist's allotted span of three-score-years-and-ten, having almost reached the seventy-second milestone on life's journey. He is now living retired in the village of Spring Valley, but for many years was an active factor in agricultural circles in Spring Valley township. The farm which he still owns there was his birthplace. He was born November 19, 1830, unto John and Nancy (Knight) Simison. His father's birth occurred March 9, 1798, and the mother was born on the 8th of May, 1807. The paternal grandfather, Robert Simison, was a native of Ireland, and on emigrating to America took up his abode in Pennsylvania, whence he afterward removed to Ohio and purchased the farm upon which our subject was born, paying five dollars an acre for the land. In after years he purchased another farm, which is now known as the Scarff property, and after the marriage of his son, John Simison, the grandfather, removed to his second farm, whereon he died.

It was on the 1st of January, 1828, that John Simison was joined in wedlock to Nancy Knight, whose birth occurred in Greene county. She was a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Caine) Knight. Her father lived to be about eighty years of age and was numbered among the pioneer set-

tlers of Greene county, coming from North Carolina at a very early day. The maternal great-grandfather lived to the very advanced age of one hundred and four years. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. John Simison began their domestic life upon the original homestead, which the father of our subject purchased from the other heirs after the death of the grandfather. Both Robert and John Simison were laid to rest in the old Presbyterian burying ground at Bellbrook. They were identified with that church and were very active workers in it, and influential in promoting the moral development of the community. During the lifetime of Robert Simison the family suffered much loss by fire on two or three occasions on account of the stick chimneys. The last log house that was built upon the old homestead, in which the father of our subject lived and died, is still standing. The mother passed away March 29, 1847, and on the 2d of February, 1853, John Simison was also called to his final rest.

On the old home farm Mr. Simison of this review spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He acquired a fair common-school education and after his marriage he continued upon the old home farm which he and his brother purchased from the other heirs, while Milo Simison ultimately became the sole possessor of the property. He there made his home until 1888 and during that time erected a fine modern residence.

On the 28th of January, 1855, Mr. Simison was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kelley, of Spring Valley, who was born in county Mayo, Ireland, in 1838. She was a daughter of Michael and Ann (Hennegan) Kelley, and was quite young when left an orphan on the Emerald Isle. She came to America with her aunt, Mrs. Mary

Gibbons, who located in Greene county, and here she acquired her education. Three children have been born unto our subject and his wife: Frank Wesley, born October 25, 1855; Nancy Caroline, who was born May 13, 1858, and is the wife of Joshua Barnett; and Mary Catherine, who died in infancy.

Mr. Simison has been a lifelong Democrat. He voted for Buchanan in 1856 and has since endorsed the principles of the party, but has never been an office seeker. He served for one term as a member of the city council of Spring Valley, but has on no other occasion held office, preferring that his attention should be given to his business pursuits. In 1888 he erected a pleasant home in Spring Valley, where he is now living retired, enjoying the rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

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#### THOMAS P. TOWNSLEY.

For almost sixty years Thomas P. Townsley was a well known figure in business circles of Xenia. He contributed largely to the advancement of commercial interests upon which the growth and prosperity of a town or city always depend. He was so widely and favorably known that his life history can not fail to prove of interest to his many friends, and is a pleasure, therefore, that we present this record of his career to our readers.

A native of this city, he was born on the 27th of May, 1817, a son of George Townsley. His early education, acquired in the schools of Xenia, was supplemented by study in the Oxford Miami University, where he completed the course and was

graduated with the class of 1836. Immediately afterward he returned to his home. He was then a young man of nineteen years and at once entered upon his business career as a clerk for John Ewing and the railroad company when it built there. He followed that pursuit for several years and also taught school in the south. When his labors and economy had brought to him sufficient capital he began business on his own account as a dry-goods merchant in partnership with James Allison, as Allison & Townsley, in which line of activity they continued for many years. They carried a large and well selected stock of goods of modern styles, were straightforward and reliable in all their transactions and secured a liberal patronage, which enabled Mr. Townsley to add to his savings until, having acquired a comfortable competence, he retired to private life and spent his remaining days in rest and in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

In 1850 Mr. Townsley was united in marriage to Miss Agnes C. Paull, a daughter of James Paull, a resident of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. In 1896 Mr. Townsley was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who in that year departed this life. Two years later, on the 20th of November, 1898, Mr. Townsley died, and his remains were interred by the side of his wife, in Woodland cemetery. Two sons survive them: George L., who is living a retired life; and James B., who is connected with the insurance business in Xenia.

In connection with merchandising Mr. Townsley had other business interests. He was one of the organizers of the old Second National Bank and its president from 1864 until his retirement on account of failing health. He was also one of the organizers and was interested in the Field Cord-

age Company. He was energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and possessed sound judgment in business matters. He was one of the first members of the Presbyterian church, and liberally assisted in building both the first edifice and the present church building and many years was a ruling elder. Mrs. Townsley was also a consistent member of this church. His political support was given the Republican party and he was elected to represent his district in the constitutional convention of 1873-4, where he proved himself a loyal and public-spirited citizen by the earnest manner in which he championed every measure for the public good. Honored and respected in every class of society, he was for some time a leader in public thought and action and was in citizenship so loyal, in business so honorable and in private life so reliable that his name deserves to be inscribed among the representative men of Greene county.

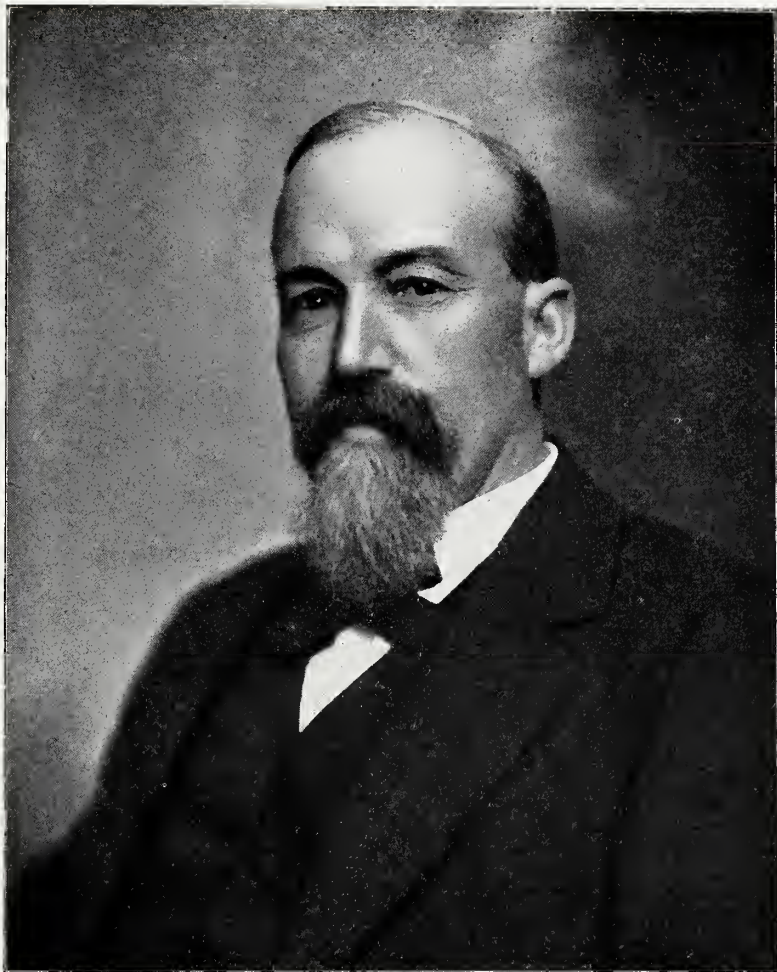
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#### CHARLES L. SPENCER.

The motto "merit always commands its reward" is well exemplified in the career of this gentleman. He early learned that knowledge is the key with which the poor boy on the farm or the lad in the shop could open the store house of the world and cull its choicest fruits. The result is that he is now one of the most successful attorneys practicing at the bar of Greene county, and is essentially the architect of his own fortune.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Spencer was born in Newark, April 4, 1848, his parents being Newton and Lucinda J. (Trickey) Spencer. His ancestors were originally from Eng-





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land. His father was born in Herkimer county New York, in January, 1816, of New England parentage, but was reared in Oswego county of that state, whence he came to Licking county, Ohio, at the age of eighteen years, the country being then new and undeveloped. There he was variously employed for some time, including the operation of a grist and sawmill and later of a large stone quarry. In 1846 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda J. Trickey, whose parents were from Pennsylvania. Desiring to better his condition and rear his family away from the influences of the town, he concluded to go farther west, and in the fall of 1856 became a resident of Decatur county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming up to the time of his death in 1890, when he was seventy-four years of age. His wife continued to make her home there until she, too, was called to her final rest in 1901 at the age of eighty years. Of their six children only three reached maturity, these being Charles L., whose name introduces this sketch; Albert G., a resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Mrs. Mary F. Hampton, of Van Wert, Iowa.

For eleven years Charles L. Spencer resided with his parents on the little farm near Van Wert, Iowa, one hundred and fifty miles from the nearest railroad, with little or no educational advantages, being only able to attend school an average of one month a year for the twelve years prior to attaining his nineteenth year. Although lacking school privileges, he made the most of his opportunities and read every book he could borrow within a radius of several miles in a sparsely settled neighborhood. In the meantime he worked on the home farm and for the neighboring farmers, sometimes receiving only seven dollars per month.

Among the books he obtained was a little one entitled "Duties of Young Men," written by E. H. Chapin, then of Richmond, Virginia, afterward the noted Universalist preacher of Boston. This he read and re-read until his desire for learning and culture became absorbing and he determined with all his innate powers to seek an education. He was then eighteen years of age. His parents being in limited circumstances, they could not send him to school but gave him his time to help himself, and during the ensuing year he worked for eighteen dollars per month, taking in payment for his services a colt, which he sold while in college for one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

At nineteen, through the kindness of an old aunt, Mr. Spencer borrowed one hundred dollars and started to Ohio with the hope of finding better opportunities than were afforded him in Iowa. His intention at that time was to spend a year or more in preparing himself to teach a common school. With little knowledge of what a university was or what a college stood for, in the fall of 1867 he reached Delaware, Ohio, and went up to the Ohio Wesleyan University. It was then vacation time and he found no one in the buildings, but fortunately happened to meet one of the professors, Dr. L. D. McCabe, on the campus, and introducing himself, he told the Doctor his simple story—that he was a farmer boy from Iowa, who had never had a chance to go to school, was poor, having scarcely fifty dollars left, but wanted to better his education. Under the shade of a tree they talked for half an hour. Dr. McCabe advised him to begin there and to take the regular course in the preparatory department of the university, which would prepare him for a classical course in case he decided to go on. It was the best advice a



young man ever received, and acting upon it Mr. Spencer entered with the opening fall term. Before a single term passed, he learned that active and ambitious young men had gone through college largely, if not wholly, by their own efforts, and he determined then and there to take the full course. He remained five years, one in the preparatory department and four in the collegiate department. In the meantime he boarded himself, doing his own cooking for two years and two terms, and in a club for the remaining time, and he worked nights, mornings and Saturdays at whatever he could find to earn his living—one year as janitor, building fires and sweeping rooms, while for three years he rang the college bell every three-quarters of an hour to announce chapel service in the morning and the recitations during the day. Three winters, first fourth and fifth, he spent in teaching country schools, keeping up his studies at the university by extra work and passing the examinations on his return with his respective classes. Thus wholly without assistance from home but by his own efforts, Mr. Spencer sustained himself and acquired his education. He was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University in June, 1872, in the classical course, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and afterward, in 1875, *in cursu* the degree of Master of Arts. A self-educated man he was henceforth entirely self-reliant.

Without means to take a course at law school, Mr. Spencer immediately began the study of law, without even a vacation, for the next week after his graduation we find him reading law in the office of Lorenzo English and J. W. Baldwin, a well known and leading law firm of Columbus, Ohio, and teaching a part of the day to maintain

himself. With the exception of four months while in charge of the village school at West Jefferson, near Columbus, he continued in their office until the fall of 1873, when he was made principal of the Xenia high school, where he engaged in teaching for two years. While thus employed Mr. Spencer devoted all his spare time to reading law, and at the close of school in 1875 went to Cincinnati, where he finished his law course in the office of Noyes & Lloyd, the former an ex-governor of the state of Ohio, remaining with them until January, 1876. The previous October he had been admitted to the bar on examination before the supreme court of Ohio at Columbus, and in January, 1876, he was offered a partnership in Xenia by James E. Hawes, with whom he was associated in practice for one year. He was then alone until 1878, when he entered into a partnership with W. J. Alexander, which continued until 1884, and during that time he was elected and served in the years 1881 and 1882 as prosecuting attorney of Greene county. After the termination of that partnership Mr. Spencer was again alone for two and a half years, when in the latter part of 1886 he became a partner of Hon. John Little, which relation continued until the latter's death, October 18, 1900. The firm was connected with some of the most important litigation in the courts of Greene county and southern Ohio. Practicing in the state and federal courts, Mr. Spencer has gained an enviable position at the bar, being widely known and recognized for learning and ability, and for his indomitable energy and the force of his logic. His personal integrity, unwavering fairness, conciseness and clearness of statement of his cause of proposition and his persuasive reasoning always command respectful and con-

siderate attention of both court and adversary, and have greatly added to his success and won for him a high reputation as a lawyer and wise counsellor.

Aside from his profession, Mr. Spencer was for several years secretary and assistant manager of the Field Cordage Company, a large manufacturing concern not now in existence; is now a director of the Buckeye Shoe Manufacturing Company; and was for many years a director and secretary of the Miami Telephone Company.

On the 24th of December, 1885, Mr. Spencer was united in marriage to Miss Louie M. Currie, a daughter of A. H. and Lavina Currie, of Xenia, Ohio, who are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have one daughter, Anna, born October 2, 1891. They are active and leading members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Xenia, in which Mr. Spencer has been an official for many years. His labors have been very effective in promoting the upbuilding of the church, and for many years he has been a valued teacher in the Sunday school. In his political views he is a Republican but has never consented to become an office seeker outside of the line of his profession, although requested at times to do so. In the early part of his professional life, because of his experience as a teacher, he was appointed and served as city school examiner and for nine years was county school examiner. He has always taken a deep and helpful interest in matters pertaining to the material, intellectual and moral development of the community, and his efforts have been both effective and appreciated in that respect. He is a man of strong character, as is proved by the manner in which he acquired his education, and his life history illustrates fully and forcibly the possibilities

that lie before young men, proving the truth of the adage that "success is secure to him who labors and waits," and that such close application and ability both deserve and find their reward. He may well be accounted a representative citizen of Xenia.

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#### GEORGE C. SMITH.

One of the well known farmers of Beavercreek township is George C. Smith, who was born at the place of his present residence September 11, 1864, his parents being Benjamin G. and Sarah A. (Yingling) Smith. His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Smith, was the first of the family to locate in Ohio, bringing his wife and children to Cincinnati, where he lived and died. It was in that city that Benjamin G. Smith, the father of our subject, acquired an education. Upon coming to Greene county he settled upon a farm upon the banks of the Indian Riffle, in the southern part of Beavercreek township, and there devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits for many years. Indolence and idleness were utterly foreign to his nature and his labor brought to him prosperity as the years passed by. At the time of his death he owned about two hundred and twenty acres of valuable land, and also city property in Dayton, Ohio. He was a self-made man for he started out upon his business career without a dollar. He realized the value of industry and persistence in the active affairs of life and along the lines of legitimate labor he won his success. He had three children, the eldest being George Crawford Smith of this review. The second son, Benjamin Grant, wedded Mary Munger, and is now employed in the mail

service, his home being in Dayton, Ohio. John William, the youngest son, married Flora B. Greenwood, and they, too, reside at Dayton. After the death of her first husband the mother married again and is now the widow of Oliver Moler, and resides in Dayton. Mr. Smith, the father of our subject, was a Republican in his political views and was a very active and influential member of the Presbyterian church at Bellbrook. He served both as a deacon and elder in the church and put forth every effort in his power to advance the cause of Christianity in his community. He passed away upon the home farm June 5, 1887, and was laid to rest in Mount Zion Park cemetery. Thus a most useful and honorable life was ended but his memory is still enshrined in the hearts of his family and of his many friends.

Mr. Smith, whose name introduces this review, gained his education in the township schools near his home and later pursued his studies in the high school of Xenia, Ohio, but before the date of graduation he was forced to relinquish his text books in order to assist his father who was failing in health. He has also pursued a commercial course in Dayton, Ohio, and throughout the years of his active business career he has carried on farming. To-day he is intrested in and operates one hundred and sixty-six acres of land. The old home has been destroyed by fire, and in its stead he has erected a fine, large residence which is one of the most attractive country seats in this portion of the township, and has the other equipments and accessories that go to make up a model farm of the twentieth century. In addition to the cultivation of cereals best adapted to the soil and climate he is engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of the breeding of

Jersey cattle, having several head of registered cattle in his herd.

On the 16th of November, 1886, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Belle Brown, who was born in Sugarcreek township, and is a daughter of Adam and Sarah (People) Brown, both of whom are now deceased. Four children have been born of this union, but the eldest died in infancy. The others are: Crawford Brown; Sarah M.; and Margaret Lucile. The parents hold membership in the Reformed church, and Mr. Smith has served as clerk of the church for fourteen years, and also filled the office of deacon. He votes with the Republican party, and for about eight years has been a member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. He is a popular citizen, for his genial manner and friendly spirit have gained him the regard, good-will and confidence of all with whom he has been associated.

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#### WILLIAM B. HARDIE.

William B. Hardie is a native of Xenia township, his birth having occurred on a farm upon the Columbus pike, March 17, 1825. His parents were William and Isabella (Buick) Hardie, both of whom were natives of Scotland and in that country they were reared, educated and married. In 1820 they bade adieu to home and native land and sailed for the new world, taking up their abode in Xenia township, Greene county. The father was a weaver by trade and followed that pursuit in Scotland and for some years after his arrival in America. Later, however, he turned his attention to



farming, purchasing a small tract of land in Xenia township upon which the subject of this review was born. About 1833 the father removed from that farm and located in Caesarscreek township, where he purchased a tract of one and twenty-six acres of partially improved land. He at once began its further development and cultivation, and made his home thereon until he retired from active business life. He then removed to Xenia, his death occurring in that city in 1860, when he was seventy-three years of age. His wife survived him for a number of years and departed this life in Bellefontaine, Ohio, at the age of eighty-three years, her remains being interred in the cemetery near Jamestown. Both were loyal and devoted members of what was known as the Associate church, and in his political views Mr. Hardie was a Whig and always endorsed the men and measures of his party. In their family were six children: Elizabeth, who was born in Scotland, is the widow of Isaac H. Fichthorn, and resides in Bellefontaine, Ohio, where her husband died. Jane became the wife of John Gallo-way and is now deceased. James died at the age of fifteen years. William B. is the fourth in order of birth. Margaret is the deceased wife of James Miller, and Mary is the wife of Samuel Finley, of Akron, Ohio.

William B. Hardie of this review spent the first eight years of his life on the old home farm where he was born, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Caesarscreek township, now New Jasper township, where he was reared to manhood. He obtained his early education in the district schools of that township, the temple of learning being an old log building such as was common at that day. Through the

months of summer he assisted in the work of field and meadow and continued to labor upon the old homestead until he was twenty-six years of age, when he was married. He then rented a part of his father's farm, which he continued to cultivate for a year, after which he purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of improved land in New Jasper township. For twenty-three years he made his home upon that place, and then removed to his present farm, on the Columbus pike, in Xenia township, where he owns two hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land, all under cultivation. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, devoting his attention to the crops best adapted to the soil and climate as well as the raising of horses, cattle and hogs. He has erected all of the buildings upon his place, including a large and beautiful residence, commodious barns and other necessary outbuildings.

On January 29, 1852, in Caesarscreek township, Mr. Hardie was united in marriage to Elizabeth Dean, a daughter of Robert Dean, who was an early settler of Greene county. His father came from Kentucky when he was a young man, and Robert Dean and his wife, Elizabeth (Campbell) Dean, spent the remainder of their lives in Greene county, Ohio, where he devoted his energies to farming. Here he died when about sixty-three years of age, and his wife when about forty. Their daughter, Mrs. Hardie, was born in this county and is widely known as a most estimable lady. By her marriage she has become the mother of six children, and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. Laura Isabelle is at home; Mary Etta is the wife of J. Wilson Liggett, a farmer of Union county, Ohio, and their children are:

Raymond, Clarence, Bruce and Dwight; Annie Nora is the wife of A. M. Stout, who is connected with the Toilet Supply Company, of Columbus, Ohio; Robert Harvey married Miss Mattie Rogers, by whom he has one son, William Roy, and their home is in Nebraska; Ida L. is living with her sister in Columbus, Ohio; William Clark, who was born in this county and was educated in the high school of Xenia, is now engaged in farming upon the old home place.

Mr. Hardie has been honored with some local offices. He filled the position of township treasurer for some twelve years, and his long service indicates his fidelity to duty. In politics he has always been a Republican, unwavering in his loyalty to the party and its principles. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Second United Presbyterian church of Xenia, and he has long filled the office of deacon, serving in that position near Jamestown and in Xenia, Ohio. Mr. Hardie has a wide acquaintance in the county of his nativity, and his many friends know him as a man of reliability and sterling worth, who, in the conduct of his business affairs, has gained well merited success by reason of his honorable dealings and indefatigable energy.

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#### CORNELIUS BROWN.

Cornelius Brown, who is residing in Beavercreek township, where he is devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits, is a representative of one of the old families of the county and since pioneers days has been identified with the improvement and progress here. Mr. Brown was born upon the

farm where he now resides, his parents being Jonathan and Polly (Harshman) Brown. His father was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1805, a son of John George and Catherine (Hermerbegerin) Brown. The former was born August 6, 1763, and was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. His wife died in Pennsylvania. In their family were: Philip; George; William; Catherine, the wife of George Harshman; David; and Jonathan. After the death of the wife and mother, John George Brown came with his children to Greene county, Ohio, about the year 1823, and located on land in what is now the Shakertown pike. He purchased about one hundred and forty-four acres from one of the John boys, who had entered the land from the government prior to the year 1800. There was a small log cabin upon the place and the family began life in Ohio in true pioneer style. Later the sons purchased the land from their father and he lived with them until his death, which occurred at the home of his son George, in Sugarcreek township, February 22, 1847, his remains being interred in Mount Zion cemetery.

Jonathan Brown, the father of our subject, received but limited school privileges, and his educational training was obtained in the German language, for he lived in a German community in the state of Pennsylvania. He came to Greene county when eighteen years of age, and at that time could not speak a word of English. He started out in life for himself, and for many years followed the plasterer's trade, but in later life gave his attention to farming. For a number of years prior to his death, however, he was an invalid and was unable to engage in any kind of work. He started out in life for himself without a dollar, but he accumu-

lated considerable property, owning a fine farm and a very comfortable home, the house standing to-day as it was built by him fifty-one years ago. Jonathan Brown was married January 18, 1832, to Polly Harshman, who was born in Beavercreek township, Greene county, in 1810, a daughter of the pioneer settlers, Philip and Frances (Dumbaugh) Harshman. On both sides she comes from prominent pioneer families. The Dumbaughs were all buried in what is known as the Harshman & Zimmerman cemetery, one mile north of Zimmermanville. They became very extensive land owners and have a large number of descendants still living in the county. Philip Harshman, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, January 18, 1777, and was a son of Christian and Catherine Harshman, both of whom died in Frederick county, Maryland, never coming to this state. At the age of seventeen Philip Harshman was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade to serve for a term of three years. He worked at his trade for a number of years in Maryland, and was there married to Frances Dumbaugh. In 1806 they emigrated to Greene county, Ohio, coming by wagon, and for three weeks they lived in the wagon until a cabin could be erected. They, too, took up their abode near Zimmermanville. Mr. Harshman opened a shop and worked at the blacksmith's trade, being one of the pioneers in that line of business in the community. He died March 18, 1845, and many years before his first wife passed away, her death having occurred January 4, 1829. They were the parents of six children: George, the eldest, was born January 18, 1804; John C., born February 7, 1807, died

June 27, 1880. Catherine, born August 3, 1808, died December 5, 1833. Polly, the mother of our subject, was born January 23, 1810, and died March 22, 1899. Elizabeth, born September 28, 1813, became the wife of John Sipe, and died on the 3d of September, 1898. Jacob, born August 21, 1817, died April 20, 1861. Philip Harshman, the father of this family, chose for his second wife Mrs. Evanna Fielden, whose maiden name was Hull. They were married in the early part of 1838 and had two sons,—Philip, who was born January 22, 1839, and is living in Beavercreek township; and William A., born August 6, 1844, and now a resident of Zimmermanville. Mrs. Evanna Harshman died December 4, 1882.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Brown were born seven children, Elizabeth, the eldest, is now Mrs. Hare, a resident of Beavercreek township. Mary became the wife of Henry A. Dalhimer, and lives with her brother Cornelius. She had two children,—Frank; and Mrs. Sarah M. Clayman. George, a resident of Montgomery county, Ohio, wedded Mary Fox, and their children are Mrs. Amanda Leman, Mrs. Flora Smith, John, William, Mrs. Ada Gregg, Ray and Edith. John married Barbara Parson, and resides in Warren county, Ohio. Their children are Clement V., Charles, Mrs. Clara Cramer, and George. Philip, the fifth member of the Brown family, married Emma Eckman, and died November 5, 1898, at the age of fifty-five years, but his widow is still living in Beavercreek township. Their children are Minnie M., Martha E. and Edward F. David, who is living in Montgomery county, wedded Mary Ellen Garner and they have five children: Harry, Harvey, Lewis, Hattie and



Marie. Cornelius Brown is the youngest member of the family and is living upon the old homestead. The father died August 31, 1878, and his wife passed away March 22, 1899, their remains being interred in Mount Zion Park cemetery. In politics he was a Democrat and both were members of the Reformed church. They were people of the highest respectability, known and honored in Greene county from pioneer days down to the time of their death.

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#### B. FRANK HAWKINS.

A well known representative of the agricultural interests of Greene county, B. Frank Hawkins was born on the old Hawkins homestead on the Ankeney road, December 12, 1841, and has always lived in that neighborhood. His paternal grandfather, Mounce Hawkins, was one of the honored pioneer settlers of this portion of the state and became an extensive land owner and prominent and influential citizen, aiding largely in the early development of the county. He was an own cousin of David Crockett, the famous scout and explorer. Leaving his old home in the Shenandoah valley of Virginia he came to Greene county, Ohio, in 1814, and settled in Xenia township, together with his father-in-law, Davis Allen, who had purchased one thousand acres of land, paying for the same five thousand dollars. This tract was originally covered with timber but he cleared away the forest trees and developed a very valuable farm. Mounce Hawkins wedded Mary Allen, a daughter of Davis and Elizabeth (Antrim) Allen, who were also from Virginia,

and they spent the remainder of their lives in this county.

Reuben Hawkins, the father of our subject, removed from the old home place to a farm upon the Hawkins road, upon which he lived until his death, his attention being given to the cultivation of the fields and to stock-raising. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Xenia and his life was in consistent harmony with his religious faith. In his political views he was a Democrat in early life, and later joined the ranks of the Republican party, with which he continued to affiliate until his death. For sometime he served as a school director and took an active interest in promoting the cause of education and advancing every movement for the general good. He was indeed a public-spirited and progressive citizen and was accounted a valued and representative resident of his community. He died in 1870, when about sixty years of age, and his remains were interred in Woodland cemetery, in Xenia. His wife passed away in 1894. She bore the maiden name of Lydia Fallis, and was born in Clinton county, Ohio, a daughter of Jonathan Fallis, who came to this county at an early period in its development and settled in Xenia township. He afterward removed near the East Point school house in Cedarville township and there carried on farming for many years. He finally purchased property below Clifton and built what was called the old Fallis mill, which he operated for a number of years. When he disposed of his milling interests in this county he removed to Indiana, settling near the Wabash river, where he engaged in the lumber business. Later he resided in Attica, Indiana, where he conducted a flouring mill, but his last days were passed in Dowagiac, Michigan,



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where he died at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

In the family of Reuben and Lydia Hawkins were six children, but our subject, who is the eldest, is the only one now living. Joseph G., who was a member of Company D, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Infantry, during the Civil war, was killed at the battle of the Wilderness, when twenty years of age. Mary E. became the wife of Preston Machael, who resides on the farm belonging to her father, and is an agriculturist and lumberman. She died in March, 1901, leaving two children, Jessie and Harry. Hannah L. died at the age of fifteen years. Sarah E. lived to the age of twenty-three years. James F., the youngest of the family, died in infancy.

B. Frank Hawkins has always resided in the locality which is still his home. He obtained his early education in district No. 1, in Xenia township, the school house lot having been given to the public for that purpose by his grandfather, Mounce Hawkins. After completing his studies our subject resumed the work on the old home farm, in which he still owns an interest, the estate having never been divided. He has also purchased a valuable farm of eighty-three acres, formerly occupied by Davis Hawkins. Throughout his entire life our subject has carried on general farming and stock-raising, and in his work he has met with creditable and gratifying success. He makes a specialty of short-horn cattle, Poland China hogs and Percheron horses. In his political affiliations he is a Republican. He is a representative of early pioneer families of this portion of the state who from the time of primitive development here have been active in the work of progress and improvement, succeeding generations bearing their part in promoting the general welfare and upbuilding.

#### WILLIAM MUSSETTER.

William Mussetter is a venerable and respected citizen of Caesars Creek township. He was born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, on the 18th of May, 1821, and has therefore passed the eighty-first mile-stone on life's journey. His parents were John and Anna Mussetter. The father was of German descent and the mother of French lineage, and were natives of Maryland, in which state they were reared and married. Subsequently they removed to Berkeley county, West Virginia, and thence to Clinton county, Ohio, making their home in the village of Lumberton, where they spent their remaining days. The year of their removal was 1837 and the journey was accomplished by team. In their family were seventeen children, five sons and twelve daughters. One of the number died in youth, but the other sixteen reached years of maturity and fourteen of the number were married. Five of the family are yet living, three of them being residents of Clinton county, while one is in Kansas, and another, William Mussetter of this review, is a valued resident of Greene county. The father died in 1847 but his wife survived him for many years and at the time of her demise was almost ninety years of age.

William Mussetter pursued his education in Virginia and remained with his father until the latter's death, after which he continued to live with his mother and her family for eighteen months after his marriage. That important event in his life occurred on the 11th of October, 1848, the lady of his choice being Miss Virginia Haughey, who was born in Jefferson township, Greene county, on the 1st of February, 1829. She is a daughter of Andrew M. and Ann (January) Haughey. Her grandfather,

Thomas Haughey, came to Greene county from Virginia at an early day and here Andrew M. Haughey spent many years of his life, dying in Bowersville. After residing for eighteen months in Clinton county, Ohio, Mr. Mussetter removed with his young wife to Greene county, settling in Xenia township, on the Jasper pike, where he rented a farm, which he cultivated for ten years. In the spring of 1860 he removed to his present home, which he purchased about that time, becoming the owner of one hundred and fifty-four acres, to which he has since added a tract of fifty acres, so that he now has a large and valuable farm. The buildings upon the place have all been erected by him and are substantial structures standing in evidence of his thrift and enterprise.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mussetter have been born ten children, of whom eight are yet living. Amelia Ann is the wife of William Middleton, of Caesars Creek township. Clarissa is the wife of William Murphy, of the same township. Emily Jane is the wife of Isaac Wolf, of Xenia township, and they have five children,—Joseph, Lewis, Paul, Walter and Basil. The fourth member of the family of William Mussetter is Basil, who wedded Mary Pickern and resides in California. They have four children,—Raymond, LeRoy, Ann and an infant. Josephine is the wife of Charles Pearson, of Florida, and they have five children,—Edna, Frank, Ralph, Forest and Eunice. Joseph married Sally Swope, and is living in Wilmington, Ohio, with his wife and two children, Viola and William. Ida May is the wife of Chester Ballard, a resident of Washington, D. C., and their children are Joseph O.; Edith; Fe; Guy; Chester and Susan, twins. William E. married Maude

Hite, a daughter of William Hite, and they have three children, Mary, Clara and Clarence. He is living with his father upon the home farm and now has the management of the property, carrying on general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Mussetter is a well-to-do man and has made his own way in the world, starting out in life with nothing to aid him but a strong heart and willing hands. He deserves all the success that he has won and to-day is the owner of a very comfortable competence. He is highly respected by all who know him, and his enterprise in business and loyalty in citizenship have made him a valued resident of the community.

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#### JAMES R. ANDERSON.

James R. Anderson is a retired farmer living at Spring Valley. His life has been marked by industry, uprightness and fidelity to duty and he enjoys in a high degree the respect and confidence of his fellow men. He comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his paternal grandfather, John Anderson, having fought for the independence of the colonies, while his father, James Anderson, was a soldier of the war of 1812 and a powder-horn that he carried at that time is still in the possession of his son. John Anderson died in this county and was buried on the home farm, three miles east of Spring Valley.

Our subject was born on the old homestead April 10, 1833, and acquired a good common-school education in that neighborhood. When about twenty years of age he started out in life for himself and on the 7th of November, 1852, he was united in

marriage to Miss Catherine Jay, a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Irving) Jay. The lady was born in Clinton county, July 5, 1834, and by this marriage there were two children: Ambrose and William A. The former is married and resides in the village of Spring Valley, while William A. is a resident of Colorado. Mrs. Anderson died June 20, 1877, and on the 23d of January, 1879, Mr. Anderson was again married, his second union being with Anna Sanders, the daughter of Jesse P. and Cassandra (Bell) Sanders. Her father's maternal grandfather, Daniel Cain, was also a Revolutionary soldier and lived to the advanced age of one hundred years, at which time he had but one tooth missing. He was buried about one mile north of Spring Valley, on what is known as the Benjamin Allen farm, it having formerly been the property of Mr. Cain.

On both paternal and maternal sides Mrs. Anderson is descended from honored pioneer ancestry of this state. Her father was the man who invented and tried to operate the first reaper ever used in this country. He pondered over the matter much, and as his time and money offered him the opportunity he worked out his ideas until in the little village of Bellbrook he had compiled the first reaper ever seen in America. A local paper in speaking of this said: "On a bright July morning in 1844 the first reaper that was ever invented for cutting wheat, was taken from an old shop in Bellbrook and drawn by two sturdy horses up the hill past the schoolhouse, to the old Bell farm—now belonging to Jacob Haynes—and placed in a field of ripe wheat for its first trial. The new invention had quite a following that morning, some sharply criticising its merits, and the possibility of its

failure of success, others were as sanguine as the inventor himself. The excitement was intense when the horses started the machine around the field, the great wooden arm of the reaper rising and falling, and with every revolution drawing the grain down in the track of the reaper's teeth, leaving a wide strip of fallen wheat behind it, all ready to be bound in sheaf. The evening before a peddler had stopped at the village tavern, and when the little party left town for the wheat field, he sauntered along with them, eagerly watching the machine, and finally calling the attention of the inventor to certain defects in his plan, eagerly questioning him as to the different points in its mechanism, as to whether patents were granted, etc. The people of the town did not suspect that the peddler had any ulterior motive. They were upright, honest people themselves, and did not think a man could possibly seek his knowledge for any dishonest purpose, but when the next year the famous McCormick reaper was patented and put upon the market, thus robbing Bellbrook and Jesse Sanders of fame and fortune, it was then that the people suspected that the peddler had stole his ideas from the scene which he witnessed in the harvest field that day. Mr. Sanders had expected to improve on the imperfections which he had noticed in the working of the machine, but had not the money to do it at that time, and thus the opportunity passed.

On the maternal side Mrs. Anderson descended from Stephen Bell, the founder of the town of Bellbrook. He was born in the colony of New Jersey, August 18, 1774, and married Hannah Scudder, of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1795. They had eleven children, including Cassander Bell, who became the wife of Jesse San-



ders and the mother of Mrs. Anderson. The Bell family was one of prominence in the community, actively identified with many lines of business, and one who contributed to the material development of the county. Jesse Sanders, at the time of his marriage, was engaged in the wagon-making business, but afterward he removed to Spring Valley, where his wife died. Subsequently he married a Mrs. Snodgrass and in 1881 removed to a farm near Tiptecanoe City, where his death occurred several years ago. His daughter, Mrs. Anderson, was born April 23, 1839.

Mr. Anderson carried on the grocery trade in Spring Valley from 1855 until 1857, after which he engaged in farming for a few years. During a part of the Civil war he served as an enrolling officer for Spring Valley township, being appointed by Governor Brough in 1862. In November, 1864, he enlisted for active service at the front as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry, which went forward at the call for hundred-day men. He was in the army about four months and participated in the battle at New Creek. He has also served his country in a civil capacity, having been constable and assessor of his township. In 1882 he was appointed supervisor of the county infirmary, which office he resigned in the spring of 1890, and since that time he has lived a retired life, enjoying the rest which he has truly earned and rightly deserves. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Grand Army of the Republic. He holds membership in the Methodist Protestant church, and his life has been in harmony with his profession. His word is as good

as his bond and at all times he has been straightforward in his dealings with his fellow men. His life is in many respects well worthy of emulation, and throughout the county he is widely known and honored.

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#### ROBERT D. POAGUE.

Robert D. Poague is well remembered by many residents of Greene county for he was a representative farmer of this portion of the state. Washington said that, "Agriculture is the most useful as well as the most honorable calling to which man devotes his energies," and this is as true to-day as when uttered more than a century ago. Agriculture forms the basis of all business activity, and its representatives are usually men of worth, who, working in an even tenor, live an upright, honorable life. Such an one was Robert D. Poague, who was well known as a livestock dealer as well as a cultivator of the soil.

Mr. Poague was born on the 2d of January, 1814, and was one of four children of Thomas and Margaret (Boggs) Poague. His father was born in Virginia, while the mother was born in Kentucky. It was in the year 1807 that the family was established in Greene county by the father of our subject who cast in his lot with the early settlers, at a time when this section of the state was upon the wild western frontier. He aided in reclaiming the land for purposes of civilization and for years carried on stock-raising and farming with excellent success, being thus engaged at the time of his death, which occurred in 1816. Greene county thereby lost one of its influential and representative men.

Robert D. Poague spent the years of his active life in Greene county, his birth having occurred on the old homestead there. After the death of her husband Mrs. Poague and her family returned to her father's home in Fayette county, Kentucky, and remained there until 1835, when after the education of her children and the arrival of Robert Poague at years of maturity she returned with her family to the old farm here. She died in 1860. Her son, Robert D. Poague, received good educational advantages at a private school and on his return to Greene county assumed the management of the farm of which he later became the owner, being one of the successful men of the day. He added to his possessions from time to time until at his death he was the owner of thirteen hundred acres. He made a specialty of raising mules and found this a very profitable source of income, having the largest establishment of this kind in this section of the state. He also carried on farming, his home being a few miles from Xenia, where he owned and operated five hundred acres of valuable land. He was progressive in his farming methods and his well tilled fields brought to him golden harvests. He purchased improved machinery and was not slow to adopt methods which he believed would prove of practical value in carrying on the farm work. Energy and industry were numbered among his salient characteristics and his well directed labors were crowned with a creditable degree of success.

It was on the 6th of January, 1846, that Mr. Poague was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Goode, a daughter of Burwell and Elizabeth (Smith) Goode, the former a native of Virginia. Mrs. Poague still survives her husband and is yet residing with her

son, William T. Two other sons, James B. and Charles M., are both residents of Chicago, Illinois, while Margaretta, the only daughter, became the wife of T. J. Pringle, and died in 1881. Mr. Poague gave his political support to the Republican party, having firm faith in its principles, and his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He passed away in 1859, and the news of his death brought a feeling of sadness into many homes, where his sterling worth had gained him warm friends.

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#### WILLIAM T. POAGUE.

William T. Poague, who resides in Xenia and is identified with agricultural interests in Greene county, was born on the old homestead, a few miles from the city, on the 31st of July, 1849, his parents being Robert D. and Mary E. (Goode) Poague. He attended the schools of Xenia and afterward continued his education in Springfield. His father having died when he was ten years of age, he returned to the farm with his mother and, being the eldest son, the management of the property devolved upon him. He continued the supervision of the whole farm until the estate was divided, after which he continued farming for himself, having a very valuable tract of land of about four hundred acres. This he has placed under a high state of cultivation and the well tilled fields bring to him golden harvests. His careful supervision is indicated by the neat and thrifty appearance of his place. He has been and is a successful man and well deserves his prosperity.

In 1890 Mr. Poague took up his res-

idence in Xenia, where he has since remained. In the 23d of October, 1884, he was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Steele and unto them has been born one son—Steele Poague. The lady is a daughter of David Steele, a representative of one of the old families of the county. In his political views Mr. Poague is a stanch Republican and keeps well informed on the issues and questions of the day, but has never sought or desired political preferment and he has always found that his business demands the greater part of his attention. Throughout the community, both in the city and in the surrounding country, he is held in high esteem. He has always lived in Greene county and thus his history is largely familiar to many of its residents who know him to be a man of sterling worth. His business interests have been well conducted and his success is well merited.

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#### WILLIAM M. NEELD.

If every young man thoroughly understood and believed what wise men and philosophers are always pointing out—that success never comes to any one without great and persevering effort,—a multitude of failures in life would be averted, and the world be a much happier place than it is to-day. In countless thousands of instances, especially in the United States, where men are rated at their true personal worth, poor boys have risen to places of prominence and influence, because they were not afraid of work, and hard work, too, and because they were actuated by the commendable ambition to do something and be something worthy of the respect of all mankind. Mr.

Neeld owes his success entirely to his own efforts and is to-day counted one of the most enterprising business men of Xenia.

Mr. Neeld was born in Spring Valley, Greene county, August 10, 1849, and is a second son and child of Jason M. Neeld, whose birth occurred in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1818. In the fall of 1839 the father came to Ohio, settling in Spring Valley township, Greene county. Here he married Miss Susanna Allen, a native of the township, and a daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Campbell) Allen, the former born in Virginia and the latter in South Carolina. At an early date her parents came to this county, and here Mrs. Neeld was born April 2, 1818. From early youth until his last illness Jason M. Neeld engaged in the manufacture of shoes. In politics he was a sturdy Democrat, and was known throughout the community as a man of industry and business integrity. He filled the office of township treasurer and at all times was a loyal and progressive citizen. In his family were three children: William M., Benjamin F. and Mary E., but the last-named died at the age of thirty years.

William M. Neeld was reared under the parental roof and acquired a good common-school education. At night and on Saturdays he worked with his father at the shoemaker's trade, beginning his apprenticeship when but fourteen years of age, but the close confinement of the shop affected his health and in his sixteenth year he went to the farm, where he remained until nineteen years of age. He then returned to the village and although he had not yet attained his majority, he carried on his father's shop for a year. Afterward he became proprietor of a meat market, but when a few years had passed he once more engaged in the man-



ufacture of boots and shoes and extended the field of his business activity by engaging in the sale of hats and caps. He was thus a factor in commercial circles of his native town for fifteen years, when he sold the establishment to J. D. Moon, but a year later he again became owner of the same store, remaining its proprietor until August, 1888, when he sold out to F. C. Carey. For two or three years prior to his retirement from merchandising he also carried on a livery and undertaking establishment and later he engaged in the brick business. Mr. Neeld closed out his business at Spring Valley in 1893, and removed his undertaking business to Xenia, locating on West Main street, and for the past eight years has occupied commodious rooms at 44 West Main street. He has come to be considered one of the substantial business men of Xenia, giving his exclusive attention to the undertaking business. He has a pleasant home on Spring Hill. As the years have passed he made judicious investments in real estate, thus becoming the owner of valuable and desirable property. The characteristic of his business career is that he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by earnest and indefatigable effort.

On the 17th of November, 1880, occurred the marriage of Mr. Neeld and Miss Maggie E. St. John, a most estimable lady and a daughter of William and Martha (Smith) St. John, of Caesarscreek township. Four children blessed their union: Ralph M., Edith, Paul and Charles. Mrs. Neeld belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Neeld contributes generally to its support. His political support is given to the Democracy. While a resident of

Spring Valley he served for ten years as a member of the school board and for four years was a member of the board of trustees. He was the originator of the movement to construct a township and corporation building in Spring Valley and as the result of his efforts the village now possesses a fine three story brick structure, the lower floor being occupied by township and village offices and a store room, while the second is used as the township hall and the third floor is occupied by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. No man has contributed more largely to the progress and improvement of Spring Valley than has Mr. Neeld, not only through generous gifts of money but through untiring effort on its behalf and through the establishment of business interests has promoted commercial activity, which forms the foundation of progress in all communities. He manifests a most unselfish interest in the general good and is highly regarded. His nature is kindly, his temperament jovial and genial and his manner courteous, and throughout this part of the county it would be difficult to find one who has a larger circle of friends.

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#### ALANSON REYNOLDS CRANDALL.

For many years this gentleman was prominently identified with the business interests of Xenia, but is now living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil. He was born in this city in 1845 and is a son of Nickolas and Anner (Brown) Crandall. The father was a native of Connecticut, born in 1809, and when a young man left his New England home to launch out in business for himself in the far west, as Ohio

was then considered. It was about 1838 that he took up his residence in Troy, this state, and our subject now has in his possession a letter written by his father at that place in 1840, in which he says: "I am foreman in building a court house in Troy. I am getting good wages for these hard times—thirty-five dollars a month—and have the whole charge of the work." For some time he was engaged in contracting and building and assisted in the erection of the court house in Xenia in 1846, for which purpose he left Troy and located permanently in Xenia. His lumber yard, planing mill and residence occupied considerable ground on West Second street, between Galloway street and the Cincinnati road. After a useful and well spent life he died at this place, in 1853. His wife, who long survived him, dying in Ohio in 1889, was born in Newburg, New York, in 1816, and removed to Troy, Ohio, with her parents about the same time Mr. Crandall located there, settling on a farm near that place.

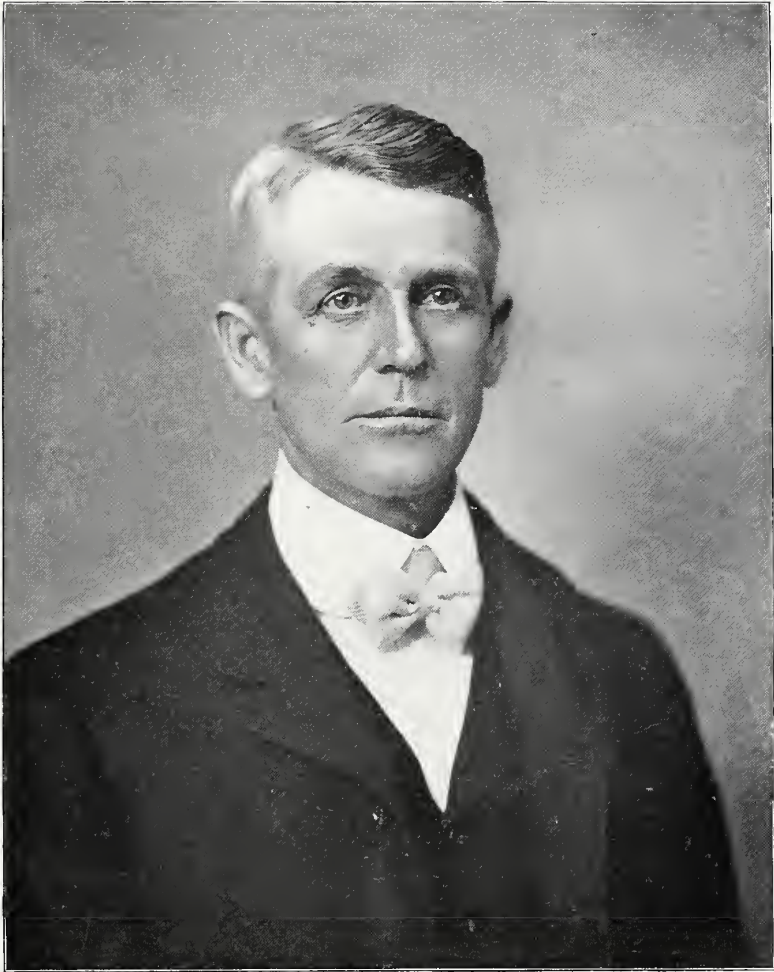
At the usual age Alanson Reynold Crandall entered the public schools of Xenia, but was forced to leave school at an early age, his father having died when he was but eight years old. It was his ambition and almost his necessity to assist in maintaining his widowed mother and two younger sisters. When yet a young lad he entered the clothing house of Phillipp Simmons, who was of Jewish faith but a polished gentleman and a most noble friend to his boy clerk. He remained with Mr. Simmons until the latter sold his business to Benjamin Bruel, by whom he was employed for many years. In 1873 Mr. Bruel was unable to continue longer in business owing to failing health, and he made it possible by a generous offer and easy terms for Mr. Cran-

dall to purchase the stock and the real estate. By careful, unremitting attention to business, together with qualifications both natural and acquired, Mr. Crandall met with remarkable success as a merchant and was an artist in his business, being easily "the prince of Greene county clothiers." In 1892 he erected a handsome three-story business block on the site where he had done business for over thirty years. This was the first of the modern business blocks that have been erected in Xenia in the last ten years. In 1892 Mr. Crandall sold his interest in the stock to his partner and retired from business with a nice fortune to make comfortable his remaining years. In politics he is a Republican, and while not a member of any church organization his life has ever been—do right—do good, and his quiet charities will live long after what is mortal has passed away.

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#### MOSES A. HAGLER.

The members of the Hagler family in Greene county need no introduction to the readers of this volume, for the representatives of the name are widely known in this portion of the state, where from pioneer times to the present the Haglers have taken an active and valued part in promoting public progress and improvement. Moses Allen Hagler, of this review, is a wide-awake and energetic farmer of Xenia township. He was born in this locality, October 9, 1854, and is a son of William L. and Mary L. Hagler. He remained under the parental roof until about thirty-five years of age. His youth was spent in the acquirement of a good English education in the public schools and in work upon the home farm, where



M. A. HAGLER





through the summer months he assisted in the labors from the time of planting until crops were harvested. His first independent business venture was in connection with his brother, with whom he purchased one hundred acres of land, and to the cultivation and improvement of this tract they gave their attention, whereby they gained a comfortable competence, and, investing their acquired capital in more land, they eventually had a valuable farm of two hundred acres. Later the business relations between them was discontinued and our subject took one hundred acres, which he transformed into a valuable and highly productive farm. In 1899 he erected a fine dwelling upon his place. It is built in an attractive style of architecture, supplied with hot water and with every modern convenience, in fact, it is one of the best homes in this part of the county, and the other improvements on the farm are in keeping therewith. He has an excellent orchard covering twenty acres, including peach, plum and apple trees. His principal business, however, is in small fruits, having sold as high as eight hundred bushels annually. His knowledge of horticulture is comprehensive and that he has a practical understanding of the business is indicated by the large amount of fruit raised. His place is called the Ridge View Fruit farm. Mr. Hagler also gives his attention to the cultivation of various cereals and to stock-raising.

On the 21st of October, 1892, occurred the marriage of our subject and Miss Martha A. Wead, who was born in Xenia township, and is a daughter of Joseph Wead, who died May 8, 1901, at the age of nearly eighty years. In his political views Mr. Hagler is a Republican, and has always espoused the principles of that party. Both he and his

wife hold membership in the First United Presbyterian church of Xenia. They are well known in the city and in their neighborhood, and by the possession of those qualities, which in every land and clime command respect, they have won many friends. The career of Mr. Hagler has been one of unfaltering industry and through strong purpose and diligence he has worked his way upward to the plane of affluence.

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### JAMES PARKER CHEW.

James Parker Chew, proprietor of the Xenia Daily and Semi-weekly Gazette, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1832. He received a common school education in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and learned the trade of printer in the Herald office of that city.

He came west in the year 1851. Six months before he was of age, in the year 1852, he bought the Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Press. He resided at Lawrenceburg and conducted the paper except as to two or three short intervals, for twenty-five years. During this time he was also engaged in other business. He was deputy collector of internal revenue for seven years, collecting in that period over nine millions of dollars.

On November 1st, 1877, he bought the Xenia (O). Gazette, then a weekly paper. On November 27, 1881, he started the Xenia Daily Gazette and changed the weekly into a semi-weekly. In August, 1888, he bought the Xenia Torchlight and consolidated it with the Gazette. Both the daily and the semi-weekly papers have met with remarkable success, exceeding in circulation any papers in like sized towns in the state. J. P.

Chew's son, W. B. Chew, and his son-in-law, J. O. McCormick, have been associated with him in the publication of the Xenia Gazette from the first.

On November 23, 1853, J. P. Chew was married to Miss Harriet Louisa Brown, of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, who continued his beloved life-companion for forty-seven years, until December 5, 1900, when she died quite suddenly of heart trouble, brought on by asthma from which she had long suffered. To them were born three children, W. B. Chew and Mrs. J. O. McCormick, both of Xenia, Ohio, and Mrs. W. E. Hopton, of Cincinnati.

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DAVID E. BEAL.

David Elias Beal, of Bowersville, Greene county, is a citizen whose worth in the community has been recognized by elections to public office on several occasions. He is now serving as assistant cashier in the bank of Bowersville, making his home in the town where he is classed among the representative and valued citizens. He was born in Caesars Creek township on the 30th of May, 1860, and is a son of Aaron H. and Keziah Jane (Ary) Beal. The father was also a native of Caesars Creek township and his parents were George Beal and his wife. The latter bore the maiden name of Driscoll. At an early date they came to Greene county, settling in Caesarscreek township, where the grandfather of our subject secured three hundred acres of land, all of which was covered with timber. He had to cut down the trees and clear away the brush in order to plow the fields and prepare the land for

cultivation. He possessed industry and energy, however, and in the course of time transformed his fields into a rich farm, upon which he spent his remaining days. His wife also died there and both were interred in the New Hope cemetery near Paintersville.

The father of our subject pursued his education in a log school but his opportunities in that direction were quite limited. His training at farm labor, however, was not meager, and he assisted in the arduous task of developing new land. Under the parental roof he remained until he was twenty-five years of age, when he was married and started out in life on his own account. He then purchased a small farm, adjoining the old home, resided there for a long period and afterward removed to Jefferson township, in 1870. Here he purchased a farm about two miles southwest of the village of Bowersville. It was at first one hundred and sixty acres in extent, but at different times he added tracts of sixty, fifty-four and twelve acres, so that his farm became a large as well as a valuable one. It continued to be his residence until the spring of 1885, when he removed to Jamestown, Ohio, where he continued for two years. On the expiration of that period, however, he returned to the farm, where he continued for one year and then purchased another farm four miles west of Xenia, where he now lives. It is located in Sugar Creek township and has been his place of abode since 1888. Through the years of his active manhood Mr. Beal has continually added to his capital as the result of untiring energy and capable management of his business affairs. He is a Democrat in his political belief and strongly endorses the principles of the party, yet he has never consented to



accept public office. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. In their family were seven children: David E., of this review; Samuel Lewis, who is living in Jefferson township; Charles Elmer, of the same township; Margaret Emma, the wife of S. S. Hollingsworth, of Clinton county; Melville Franklin, who resides in Spring Valley township; Clara Jane, who died at the age of sixteen years; and Clinton Price, who is still living with his parents.

In taking up the personal history of David E. Beal, we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely known in Greene county and who has many friends within its borders. When a little lad he entered the district schools near his home in Caesars Creek township, but when ten years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Jefferson township, where he continued his education, the school, however, being situated across the line in Clinton county. He continued his studies until twenty-one years of age, being in attendance during the winter months, while in the summer season he aided his father in the work of field and meadow. He was also for three months a student in Professor Smith's private school in Xenia, and a good education well prepared for him for the practical and responsible duties of life. He continued with his parents most of the time until his marriage, although after attaining his majority he started out in life on his own account. On the 16th of December, 1884, Mr. Beal was united in wedlock to Miss Flora B. Hampton, a native of Jefferson township, and a daughter of Ezekiel and Martha (Birt) Hampton.

After his marriage Mr. Beal purchased a farm upon which he lived for three years and then bought a small tract of land in

the southwest portion of Jefferson township. Here he owns fifty acres of land. After farming for eight years in that place he came to Bowersville in 1897 and accepted the position of assistant cashier in the bank and has since served in that capacity, being a leading representative of financial interests in the town.

In 1885 Mr. Beal was elected township assessor and filled that position for three years. He then retired, but when a year had passed was again elected to that office. He is a Democrat in politics, stanch and firm in his advocacy of the party principles, and in 1897 he was elected a member of the city council of Bowersville. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a member of the Odd Fellows' society. A popular citizen, in manner he is genial and courteous and wherever known he is held in high esteem for his genuine worth.

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#### CAPTAIN ANDREW S. FRAZER.

Captain Andrew S. Frazer is associated with many of the most prominent and important business interests of Xenia and is the efficient cashier of the Xenia National Bank. He was born in Russellville, Brown county, Ohio, October 15, 1836, and is a son of John F. and Sarah (Kelly) Frazer, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Kentucky. The Frazer family is of Highland Scotch origin, and the grandfather of our subject came from Down, Ireland, to the new world, settling in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where John F. Frazer was born. The grandfather was a weaver by trade and followed that pursuit throughout his entire business life. His son was

reared to manhood in Brown county and there learned the trade of tanning, which he followed in early life. When his son was twelve years old he came to Greene county, Ohio, settling here in 1848. Here he purchased an interest in a dry goods establishment in Cedarville, there conducting business for about forty years. He was married in all five times, and was the father of nine children. He passed away in August, 1890, but the mother of our subject died in Brown county, Ohio, in 1846. Their children were Andrew S., Mrs. M. J. Jackson, of Olena, Illinois; and James K., of Sandusky, Ohio.

Captain Frazer acquired his early education in his native county and afterward continued his studies in Cedarville, pursuing an academic course there. When old enough he entered his father's store and remained with him until 1859, when he opened a merchant's tailoring and clothing business in connection with John Gibney of Cedarville, the partnership continuing until after the inauguration of the Civil war, when both joined the army. When the Captain donned the blue the agreement was that his partner was to remain and conduct the business, but after about a year Mr. Gibney also enlisted. Our subject became a member of Company F, Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on the 24th of July, 1861, and while in the camp in this state he was made second lieutenant. Later he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and subsequently appointed captain and quartermaster on the staff of General Piatt, who was appointed his first colonel. He participated in the engagements at Chapmanville, West Virginia, Princeton and Fayetteville, and at the last named place was quite seriously wounded in the left thigh. In June, 1864, he was

mustered out at Cincinnati on account of disability from wounds received in action.

Upon his return home the Captain found his business in a bad condition, owing to the incompetent management of those left in charge, and closed up his store. For three years he was unable to engage in business on account of wounds sustained at the front. In 1866 he was elected county auditor and served in that capacity for about eighteen years. In August, 1884, he was appointed cashier of the First National Bank of Xenia, then in liquidation, and in 1885 he entered the Xenia National Bank as assistant cashier, serving in that capacity for a few months. In January, 1886, however, he was made cashier and has thus been connected with the institution continuously since, its success being largely attributable to his enterprise, capable management and keen discrimination. A man of resourceful business ability, he has extended his affairs into many other enterprises. He was director and treasurer of the Field Cordage Company and also of the Ohio Cordage Company, both of which have ceased to exist. At the present time he is director of the Hooven & Allison Company and director and president of the Buckeye Shoe Manufacturing Company of Xenia. For about eight years he was treasurer of the Miami Telephone Company, retiring from that office on the 1st of January, 1902. He is also treasurer and director of the Home Building & Savings Company of Xenia, director of the Little Miami Railroad Company and the Dayton & Western Railroad.

On the 2nd of November, 1870, Captain Frazer was united in marriage to Jennie Mitchell, of Attica, Indiana, who died in October, 1885, leaving two children: Clar-

ence, who is now conducting a shoe store in Xenia; and Katie, the wife of William A. Cork, of Toronto, Canada, by whom she has two children: Helen Frazer and Robert S. In October, 1887, the Captain was again married, his second union being with Miss Ruby H. Sexton, of Rushville, Indiana. In his fraternal relations the Captain is connected with the Loyal Legion and for several years he served as commander of Cedarville Post, G. A. R. He also belongs to the United Presbyterian church and in politics is a Republican, but of recent years has never desired or accepted office.

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F. C. CAREY.

F. C. Carey, who is successfully carrying on farming in Spring Valley township, was born in the village of Ferry, Warren county, February 6, 1860, a son of Dr. Simeon and Ruth A. (Cornell) Carey. The father engaged in the practice of medicine in Ferry for a short time and then removed to Doods where he carried on the milling business for his father, Joel Carey, who owned the mills there. Later they went to Mount Holly and resided upon a farm belonging to Sylvanus Cornell, the maternal grandfather of our subject. His next removal brought the Doctor with his family to Spring Valley, where he engaged in the grocery business, but later established a drug store, and in connection with its conduct resumed the practice of medicine. He spent his remaining days in Spring Valley, where he died in May 19, 1899, his widow, however, still making her home there. Of their three children F. C. Carey is the eldest. Flora Alice is the wife of Dr. S. E. Dyke, of

Spring Valley, and Della married Leroy Davis and lives in Dayton.

Under the parental roof the son was reared and when nineteen years of age began business on his own account, operating land which belonged to his father. As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life he chose Miss Viola Thomas, the marriage being celebrated in Lebanon, Warren county, September 23, 1886. The lady was born in that county near Waynesville, her parents being Frank and Sara (Servis) Thomas, the former a farmer of Warren county. Three children have been born of this marriage: Lola Pearl, born in this county, July 10, 1888; Raymond, who died at the age of two years; and Alice Ruth, born June 18, 1898. Throughout the greater part of their married life Mr. and Mrs. Carey have resided upon a farm and he is an enterprising and successful agriculturist who, by his close adherence to modern scientific methods and practical judgment, has secured good crops which bring to him a satisfactory income.

Mr. Carey is recognized as a leading and prominent representative of the Democratic party in this county, having supported the organization since casting his first presidential vote for Cleveland in 1884. Was elected a trustee of Spring Valley township, serving for two successive terms, and received a very flattering vote for he had to overcome the usual Republican majority of one hundred. By a majority of twenty-five he was elected land appraiser in 1900. In 1888 he removed to Spring Valley, where for four years he was engaged in the boot and shoe business, and while there was elected a member of the city council, receiving every vote cast in his ward with the exception of two—which was certainly



highly complimentary and indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. For four years he was a member of the central committee of the township, was a member of the executive committee of the county and for one year was its treasurer. He has been a delegate to the state convention in Cleveland, Dayton and Zanesville, and his opinions carry weight in the councils of his party, while his efforts have been effective in augmenting Democratic strength in his county. He is also quite prominent in fraternal circles, belonging to New Burlington Lodge, No. 574, F. & A. M., and Spring Valley Lodge, No. 302, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the chairs and is past grand. He is a charter member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, has filled all of its offices in the local organizations, is treasurer and also representative to the state lodge. Both he and his wife are identified with the auxiliary and she is at present associate vice council of the Daughters of America. She also belongs to the Christian Church of Owens. Mr. Carey is a charter member of Spring Valley Camp, No. 8480, M. W. A., and is now venerable consul. Mr. Carey is a typical American citizen, energetic and progressive in business, interested in public affairs, and having due regard to the social amenities which go to make up so much of the sum of human happiness.

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#### W. L. MILLER.

Among the younger members of the legal profession in Xenia is W. L. Miller, but his years seem to be no bar to his progress as an attorney for already he has won

success as a lawyer that many an older practitioner might well envy. He was born at Trebein, Greene county, Ohio, August 2, 1872, and is the second son of W. J. and Sarah E. (Steele) Miller, also natives of Greene county. James Miller, the grandfather of our subject, was one of three brothers who came to Ohio from the vicinity of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and located on Beaver creek in this county, thus becoming pioneer settlers of this portion of the state. James Miller was a carpenter and farmer and possessed considerable mechanical ingenuity. His son, William J. Miller, carried on the business of farming. He wedded Sarah E. Steele, a native of this county and a representative of one of its pioneer families. They became the parents of six children, of whom five are now living, W. L., of this review; Jessie, at home; Clarence O., who is now employed as a bookkeeper but makes his home with his parents; James A. and Elizabeth, who are also at home. By a former marriage the father had one son, Grant, who now resides at Trebein, and is engaged in farming.

W. L. Miller continued his education until he had completed the course of the township high school and then engaged in teaching in the district schools of his township. He afterwards spent three years as a student in the law office of Little & Spencer, of Xenia, and then became a member of the senior class in the law department of the Ohio State University, in which he was graduated with the class of 1895, but in December of the previous year he was admitted to the bar. Immediately after his graduation he opened an office in Xenia and has since been engaged in the general practice of his profession. He soon demonstrated his ability to handle intricate liti-

gated interests and now has a good clientele, which is continually growing.

Mr. Miller served for four years as United States commissioner for the southern district of Ohio. He is a member of Xenia Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M., and Xenia Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M. He is also identified with Xenia Lodge, No. 668, B. P. O. E., and is a member of Silver Star Lodge, No. 668, K. P. He is a member of the Reformed church, and his cooperation is given to many movements and measures for the general good. He is a representative of a high type of American manhood—resolute, ambitious, determined, and energetic, interested in matters of citizenship, enjoying the pleasures of social life and alert to business opportunities and advantages.

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#### PAUL P. WARNER.

Paul Petro Warner, an enterprising and practical farmer of Bath township, Greene county, residing in the southern part of the township on the Fairfield and Zimmermannville pike, was born in the village of Fairfield, November 10, 1848, and comes of Dutch ancestry. He is a son of Henry and Harriet (Casad) Warner. The father was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, and was a son of George W. and Christina (Harshman) Warner, both of whom were natives of Maryland. The former was a brickmaker by trade, and in 1829 removed with his family to the state of Ohio, spending one year in Dayton, after which he purchased a farm upon which our subject now resides, then comprising one hundred eight and one-half acres of wild land. The only improvement upon the place was an old log

cabin, but he at once began to clear and develop the land and soon rich harvests returned to him the golden tribute to his labors. Upon that farm he and his wife spent their remaining days. He built there a large log house, a substantial barn, and is known as one of the progressive agriculturists of the community. His political support was given the Democracy, but the honors or emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He and his wife were buried upon the old Petro farm in the family burying ground. They had three children: Henry, the father of our subject; Mary, the wife of Samuel Miller; and Catherine, the wife of Paul Petro.

Henry Warner, the father of our subject, was born in Maryland. His education was begun there, but was afterward continued in Bath township, Greene county, Ohio. He worked with his father until after his marriage, when he rented land for a time and then removed to the village of Fairfield. In 1849, when our subject was only about six months old, he took up his abode upon the old homestead. His father had died and he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the property. Upon this farm Henry Warner spent his remaining days, devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits in a way that bore to him a good living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Warner were born ten children, eight of whom reached years of maturity: George, is now living in Fairfield, Ohio; Christina became the wife of John H. Koogler, whose name appears on another page of this volume; Paul Petro, our subject, is the third in order of birth; Henry G., is a resident of Beaver Creek township; Sophia, who became the wife of Samuel Dillinger, resides in Bath township; Mary Alicè, who became the wife

of Taylor Gerlaugh, is now deceased; Elizabeth Jane, the wife of Benjamin Nichols, resides in Darke county, Ohio; Harriet A., the wife of John Walch, resides in Bath township. The father of this family died February 24, 1894, at the age of eighty-one years, while his wife passed away in 1879 at the age of fifty-nine years. Both were interred in the Fairfield cemetery. Mrs. Warner was a member of the Christian church. Mr. Warner was a Democrat in his political views and both enjoyed the high regard of many friends.

Paul P. Warner, the subject of this review, received his education in the district schools near his home, and with the exception of the first six months of his life has always resided upon the old home farm. He early became familiar with the labors of field and meadow, and as the years have passed he has continued to engage in the tilling of the soil, thereby winning a comfortable competence. He was married on the 27th of November, 1884, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Catherine Barr, a native of Bath township and a daughter of John and Susan (Miller) Barr, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they were married. On coming to Greene county, Ohio, they settled in the southern part of Bath township, where they remained until called to their final rest. In their family were twelve children, and with one exception all are yet living, as follows: Abraham resides near Dayton, Ohio; Anna, the wife of Mr. Eckman, resides in Indiana; Susan, now Mrs. Payton, resides in Dayton, Ohio; John is also a resident of Dayton; Hester resides upon the old home place; Amos is now deceased; David is a resident of Dayton, Ohio; Mary C. is the wife of our subject; Jacob

makes his home in Dayton, Ohio; George is also residing in the latter place; Henry is also a resident of Dayton; and Mrs. Ella Klump lives upon the old home place in this township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Warner have been born five children: John, now deceased; George; Harriet, who has passed away; Perry P. and Susan Ellen. Mr. Warner gives his political support to the Democracy. His wife is connected with the Reformed church. They occupy a very pleasant home; in fact, have one of the attractive farm residences of the county. It was erected in 1901 and the barn was remodeled in 1899. Mr. Warner carries on general farming and stock raising, and everything about his place is kept in splendid condition, the fields being well tilled, the buildings in good repair. He is an energetic and persevering business man and one who has well merited his success.

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#### ISAAC EVANS.

Isaac Evans is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Ohio, and through almost sixty-five years has been a witness of the growth and upbuilding of Greene county. He was born in Spring Valley township, December 8, 1835, his parents being Robert and Sarah (Coppock) Evans. His parents were born, reared and married in South Carolina, the father's birth having occurred November 9, 1797, the mother's March 13, 1799. They were members of the Society of Friends. They drove across the country to Ohio, spending one month upon the way, the date of their arrival being October 24, 1829. Moses Evans, the grandfather of our subject, had



previously died in South Carolina, and his widow had married Samuel Speer, with whom she had come to Greene county in 1826, settling where our subject now resides. When Robert Evans arrived he spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Speer and then purchased four hundred acres of land which now belongs to his grandchildren—the children of Aaron and Margaret (Evans) Crites. Robert Evans had followed milling in South Carolina, and after coming to Ohio he built a saw and grist mill upon his farm. These mills were operated continuously until about 1875, when they were abandoned. In his political views Robert Evans was originally a Whig and later a Republican. He had come to the north because of his opposition to slavery, and when the Republican party was formed to oppose the further extension of slavery he at once joined its ranks. Although he did not have a college course he was remarkably skillful in mathematics and had studied surveying in South Carolina. He died November 9, 1868, and his wife passed away June 17, 1871. In their family were fifteen children, nine of whom reached mature years, while two are still living—Nancy, the wife of Martin Peterson, of this county; and Isaac.

After acquiring his education in the public and private schools and in Bacon's Commercial College in Cincinnati, in which he was graduated in 1857, Isaac Evans became a partner in his father's milling business, with which he was connected until 1864, when they sold out. He has since been engaged in farming, which he follows in Spring Valley township, meeting with signal success.

Mr. Evans was first married January 31, 1860, to Miss Matilda C. Stump, a daugh-

ter of Jonas and Prudence (Smalley) Stump. Six children were born unto them: Frank S., who married Catherine Eberley and lives on a part of the old homestead; Minnie B., the wife of Joseph G. Gest, of Washington Court House, Fayette county, by whom she has one child; Louie A., the wife of Robert J. Lacey, a resident of Wilmington, Clinton county; Alta M., the wife of John L. Snipp, of Dayton; William J., of Washington Court House; Charles, a livery man of Xenia, who married Stella Lucas, and has one child. Mrs. Evans died September 17, 1897, and on the 16th of May, 1900, Mr. Evans married Miss Frances Adams, of Montgomery county, Ohio.

In his political views Mr. Evans is a Republican, and when age gave to him the right of franchise he deposited a ballot in support of Abraham Lincoln for the presidency. He is a charter member of the Masonic Lodge of New Burlington, and was made a Mason in Waynesville. He also belongs to Xenia Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M., and is true to the tenets of the craft, exemplifying in his life its beneficent spirit. His life has been quietly passed yet has been characterized by fidelity in citizenship, by loyalty to every trust reposed in him, and thus he stands among those to whom honor and respect are given.

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#### FRANK S. EVANS.

Frank S. Evans is a representative of one of the early families of the county and was born near his present home in Spring Valley township on the 21st of January, 1861, his parents being Isaac and Kate

(Stump) Evans, a sketch of whom is given above. The father is still living, but the mother died November 17, 1897.

The subject of this review spent his boyhood days on the old home farm and supplemented his common school education by two years study in the Lebanon Normal School. To his father he gave the benefit of his services until he had attained his majority and then started upon an independent business career by working as a farm hand by the month. He was thus employed for a year and then made preparations for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Kate Eberley, of Warren county, the wedding being celebrated on the 1st of January, 1884. The lady was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and when a little maiden of five summers was brought to Ohio by her parents, Peter and Susan (Kreider) Eberley, who located in Warren county. They, too, were natives of the Keystone state, and the father died in Warren county on the 2nd of November, 1892, at the age of fifty-five years.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Evans took up his abode upon the place which he yet makes his home, and after renting the land for nine years he purchased the property, comprising fifty acres, it being a part of the farm upon which his grandfather located on removing from South Carolina to Ohio. He has built a barn and tobacco shed and has excellent modern improvements upon the place. His home, however, is one of the old landmarks of the county, having been erected by his grandfather. He successfully carries on general farming, and the well-tilled fields bring to him the satisfactory returns for his labor. In his methods he is progressive and enterprising, and his efforts have been crowned with a well-merited

degree of success. In the family are two children: Herman, born October 5, 1885, and Lawrence, born February 14, 1894.

Mr. Evans gives his political support to the Republican party and proudly cast his first ballot for James G. Blaine in 1884. In 1897 he was elected a trustee of his township and has been largely instrumental in improving this portion of the county by having the hills leveled down and also in other ways. Fraternally he is connected with the Junior Order of American Mechanics of Spring Valley and has filled most of its offices. He is also a charter member of the Modern Woodmen Camp and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During his entire life he has resided in this county and therefore has a wide acquaintance among its citizens who freely accord to him the high regard which is ever won by sterling worth.

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#### WILLIAM McPHERSON.

The rich lands of Greene county offer excellent opportunities to the agriculturist, and many men are successfully engaged in the tilling of the soil within its borders. Among this number is Mr. William McPherson, whose home is on the lower Bellbrook Pike four miles southwest of Xenia. He was born in the city of Xenia, February 16, 1816, his parents being John H. and Margaret (Hivling) McPherson. His father was American born but his parents were natives of Scotland. The mother of our subject was born in Maryland and was a daughter of John Hivling, who served as the first sheriff of Greene county. By trade Mr. John H. McPherson was a chair-maker and painter, but had to abandon that

line of work on account of ill health. For several years he served as postmaster of Xenia, but when a change occurred in the presidential administration he was deprived of the office. He also served for two terms as county recorder and was ever prompt, reliable and accurate in the discharge of his official duties. Of his large family, John, Moses, Sophia and William grew to mature years and reared families, but William is now the only one living.

In the public schools of Xenia our subject pursued his education, and at the age of eighteen years he began working at the trade of saddle-making in Dayton. He worked a year for his board and then returned to his native city. Later he received journeyman's wages and continued in business until 1840, when failing health obliged him to abandon that pursuit. He afterward bought two horses and engaged in teaming for some time, but subsequently turned his attention to farming upon rented land, where the city of Xenia now stands. He operated what is known as the Dayton Hill and the upper portion of the town, this land belonging to his grandfather Hivling.

In the year 1840, William McPherson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Rader, of Xenia, a daughter of Adam and Christina (Smith) Rader. They became the parents of nine children, seven of whom are still living: John H., who is now filling the office of county auditor; Joshua, who was a member of Company C., Seventy-fourth Ohio Infantry and died at Nashville; Ann, the wife of E. S. Barnett, of Xenia township; Sophia, the wife of William Priest, of Xenia township; Charles who resides upon his father's farm; Adam R., a resident farmer of Iowa; and William,

who is a graduate of the Ohio University of Columbus and is now professor of chemistry there. For several years he was a teacher in the schools of Toledo, Ohio. After the death of his first wife, Mr. McPherson married Mrs. Mary Ann Wright, nee Price.

About 1848 Mr. McPherson purchased his present farm, comprising one hundred and sixty-three acres, on which he took up his abode in 1850. Little of the land had been cleared, but he at once began its further development and has made excellent improvements there. He also has thirty-two acres in Xenia township near the county seat. His life has been one of industry and energy, and even yet he assists to some extent in the work of the farm, although he has passed the eighty-sixth milestone on life's journey. Such a record should put to shame many a man of much younger years, who grown weary of the struggles and trials of business life would relegate to others the burdens that he should bear. Mr. McPherson cast his first presidential ballot for W. H. Harrison in 1840 and voted for J. C. Fremont in 1856, since which time he has been an earnest Republican. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has filled some of its offices and is identified with the German Reformed church of Xenia. His life has ever been honorable and upright and he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear. Few indeed of the settlers of Greene county have so many years resided within its borders as Mr. McPherson, who has spent his entire life here. He receives the veneration and regard which should ever be accorded old age and his life record contains many elements worthy of emulation.



## C. E. ARBOGUST.

BY PROF. GEORGE S. ORMSBY.

The writer of this brief biographical sketch undertook the superintendency of the public schools of Xenia in September, 1861, and continued in that office until 1879. During that period there were many promising lads in attendance at school who have held high, honorable and responsible positions not only in the state of Ohio but in other states as well. Others have been successful business men and have found their fields of labor in the city, in the county and in the various states of the Union.

The writer well remembers the subject of this sketch when as a young lad he entered the school. He was a quiet, earnest pupil, whose object chiefly was to make the most of his time and to get the best results from study and loyalty to duty and law. The promise of his younger life has been realized in his later years. He has proved to be one of the most enterprising, trusted and successful business men of this city.

Charles Elmer Arbogust was born in Xenia, Ohio, on the 22d day of September, 1862. He is the youngest son of Mrs. R. W. Arbogust, who is now living in Xenia, and whom he most highly honors for her self-denial in providing for him a happy home and sending him to school, where he could have all the advantages that the public schools could give. Leaving school, he worked six months in the rope factory of the Hooven & Allison Company. After this he served as an apprentice to the trade of blank book making and book binding with J. C. A. Rheinhardt, for a time working in this city but finishing his trade outside of Xenia. In company with Mr. W. B.

Chew he began his present business of blank book makers and manufacturing stationers, on borrowed money, in March, 1881. At the end of a year he bought out Mr. Chew's interest, since which time he has been the sole owner of the business, under the firm name of C. E. Arbogust & Company, and by "strict attention to business" he has been successful.

In 1888, he, with his sisters, purchased a millinery and fancy goods business, now located at No. 8 North Detroit street, of which he is still a half owner.

He was one of the organizers of the Peoples Building and Savings Company, on the 22d of September, 1885, and has ever since been a member of its board of directors, and was for several years its president, and has helped largely to bring that big concern up to its present healthy and very prosperous condition. Being now worth over \$500,000, making it easy for many a person to own their own home, who without it could not. Mr. Arbogust is the oldest member of this board in point of membership. In the spring of 1897 he was elected a member of the Xenia city board of education, and in the following year was elected treasurer of the board. He is a man whose judgment is good, and though yet a young man he has been called as a juror in County and United States courts and was for five years a member of the board of directors of the Xenia City and Greene County Work House and was several years of this time its president. He was nine years a member of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., of this city, aiding in installing that good institution into its present condition of permanency.

Like many other men in business, his

path of progress has sometimes been a little rough. Financial reverses have been part of his experience, but never discouraged, with untiring energy he has transformed the reverses into success.

He was also a member of the Knights of Honor, and is at present a member of the Knights of Pythias, and has been honored with grand lodge offices by both orders. He has been for two years representative to the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Ohio.

He is a member of the First Baptist church of Xenia, and for many years a member of its financial committee and one of its trustees. He was for seven years clerk of the church and for nine years the Sunday-school superintendent, and during that superintendency through his painstaking the attendance increased from an average of forty-five to one hundred and sixty. He is a man of uncompromising temperance principles, never having in his life taken a single drop of any intoxicating beverage.

He was married February 13, 1882, to Miss Lida A. Robinson, eldest daughter of George F. Robinson, the compiler of this history. He has two sons, George Elwood and Charles Oren, now eighteen and sixteen years of age respectively. He has one brother, J. F. Arbogust, of Springfield, and two sisters, Mrs. Clara B. Stebbins, of Dayton, and Mrs. E. M. Whittington, of Xenia.

Mr. Arbogust is a man of a kindly disposition, always considerate of other people's feelings. Never intentionally and without cause would he give offense to any, yet he is a man of great firmness and decision of character, a man of clear perception of what ought to be, and one who

has the courage of his convictions. He will not only yield what ought to be yielded but will as positively demand what ought to be demanded. He is now, of course (September, 1902), in the prime of life and seems to be moving steadily up the plane of prosperity. He is at present engaged in the building of his beautiful new home on North King street, which for modern appliances, convenience in arrangement and architectural beauty will not be surpassed by any building in Xenia.



#### WILLIAM A. HAGENBUCH, M. D.

Dr. William A. Hagenbuch, long a most prominent, honored and respected citizen of this portion of the state, was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1831, his parents being Stephen and Mary (Schreiber) Hagenbuch, who were also natives of Northampton county, where they were reared and married. In 1836 they removed to Fairfield, Ohio, and there the father followed the occupation of farming until 1876, when he went to Dayton, where he died October 26, 1878, at the age of seventy-seven years. He served as an elder in the German Reformed church, in which both he and his wife held membership. In their family were eight children: William A.; Elizabeth, who married David Huston and resides in Bath township, Greene county; Sarah, Anna, Stephen, Alice, Caroline, and Louis F.

Dr. Hagenbuch spent his early boyhood days upon the home farm, and after acquiring his preliminary education in the district schools entered a private school in Dayton, Ohio. Later he was a student in Gran-

ville and Springfield, Ohio, and next matriculated at Wittenburg College. For a short time he engaged in teaching school in Bath township, Greene county, and in 1852 he began reading medicine under the direction of Dr. J. J. McIlhenny, a prominent physician of Fairfield, with whom he remained for three years. He then became a student in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and upon his graduation won the degree of M. D. He first opened an office in Fairfield, but after a short time came to Alpha, where he spent his remaining days. There a very large and liberal patronage was secured by him in acknowledgment of his superior skill and ability.

On the 6th day of September, 1860, Dr. Hagenbuch was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Harbine, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: Joan, who died in childhood; William H., a physician of New York city; Katie, who also died in childhood; Etta Florence, now the wife of Professor Frank C. Hubbell, principal of the schools of Alpha; Jennette P. and Frank Harbine, both of whom reside with their sister, Mrs. Hubbell; and Paul, who died in childhood.

The Doctor erected a beautiful home in Alpha, in which his daughter Mrs. Hubbell is now living. He was a member of the Greene County Medical Society and was deeply interested in his profession. Whatever tended to promote the interests of his calling and place before man the key to the mystery of that complex problem which we call life at once attracted his interest and co-operation. He was a man of the highest and purest character and was an industrious and ambitious student. In his life he exemplified the beneficent spirit of the Masonic fraternity with which he became identified

in Xenia in 1866. His death occurred December 24, 1883, and his wife passed away November 18, 1901, there remains being interred in Woodland cemetery, Xenia. Mrs. Hagenbuch was a member of the Methodist Protestant church.

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### LEONARD OSTERLY.

Leonard Osterly, who was a well-known figure in business circles of Xenia, at the time of his death was superintendent of the Xenia Gas & Coke Company and was what the world calls a self-made man. All that he possessed in life came to him through his own efforts, for he started out on his business career empty-handed. The family to which he belonged was of Irish lineage, his parents having been born on the Emerald Isle. Leonard Osterly was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 16th of October, 1825, and was reared and educated there. On coming to the United States in 1850, he located in Xenia, Ohio, and from that time until his death was a resident of this city. He was variously employed until he accepted a position with the Xenia Gas & Coke Company and was a trusted employe of that corporation throughout the remainder of his life, being gradually promoted until given the responsible position of superintendent of the works. He was well fitted for his duty and enjoyed in a high degree the confidence of those whom he represented.

Mr. Osterly was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Kelly and unto them were born four children, but the two sons are both deceased, Andrew having passed away on the 29th of December, 1891, while John



died in February, 1898. The surviving members of the family are Catherine and Mary E., who still reside in Xenia. Both the parents held membership in the Catholic church and died in that faith. They were true to its teachings and its principles and were highly esteemed in church circles, while Mr. Osterly was also well known in business circles and commanded the respect of those with whom he was associated. He died in 1885, while his wife passed away in July, 1901.

The surviving daughters are communicants of St. Brigid's Catholic church, of which Rev. N. J. Kelly is now pastor. Miss Mary A. Osterly is conducting a large dress-making establishment in the Steele block, where she has three rooms, employing eight or ten assistants. She began business here in 1896 and has met with a large degree of success, drawing her patronage from many of the best residents of Xenia. Her excellent taste and style have secured to her a large business and she is now prospering in the undertaking. She resides with her sister at No. 402 West Market street.

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#### WILLIAM JAMES LOVE.

William James Love, now deceased, was numbered among the representative men of Greene county identified with agricultural interests. He was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, in the year 1819 and acquired his education in Oakridge Institute of that county. He pursued a broad and prehensive literary course, becoming well informed, his education being far superior to that of most men of his day. In the year 1873 he came to Greene county, renting a

farm about two miles from Bowersville. When two months had passed he purchased the farm upon which his widow now resides, comprising about ninety-six and two-thirds acres of land. In the course of a year or so he extended the boundaries of this property by an additional purchase of fifty acres. He was very successful in his business pursuits both in the cultivation of crops best adapted to this climate and in the raising of cattle, sheep, horses, hogs and fowl. He annually harvested good crops of corn, wheat and oats and as the years passed his well directed labors brought to him gratifying success.

On the 9th of January, 1857, Mr. Love was united in marriage to Miss Sallie T. Thompson, a native of North Carolina, and unto them were born two children, but the youngest, William, died when only ten years of age. Drury, the elder, wedded Miss Ella Thompson and has four children,—Wilbur Cleveland, Flossie F., Fred William and Elma Evelyn. Mrs. Love is a daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Bowman) Thompson, natives of North Carolina, and is a most estimable lady. Still surviving her husband she resides on the old home place in a house which was erected by Mr. Love, who tore down the old log cabin and erected the present residence. He also built large barns and made many other improvements, indicating his progressive spirit, as well as capable business management.

He was very fond of books and read extensively and was considered one of the best informed men in the county. In politics he was a strong Democrat and while able to support his position by intelligent argument, he never sought or desired office. He held membership in the Methodist church and was a strong temperance man, believing

firmly that the use of intoxicants should be abolished. He gave his co-operation to every measure which he believed would promote the welfare of his fellow men and advance their moral development. He had a most lovable disposition and it is safe to say that William James Love had no enemy. His life was in harmony with high ideals and he was so kindly and considerate, having such deference for the opinions and feelings of others that no death of the community has ever been more greatly regretted than that of Mr. Love.

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#### JOHN C. HOVERSTICK.

John C. Hoverstick, who is a representative of the industrial interests of Xenia, where he is conducting a large blacksmithing establishment, was born in this city on the 5th of January, 1861, a son of William and Josephine (Clevelle) Hoverstick. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Sarah (Brice) Hoverstick and the former was a stone-cutter by trade, following that occupation for many years. He became a resident of Ohio, making his home in Pickaway county. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Edward Clevelle.

In the year 1835 William Hoverstick was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, and his childhood was passed in a quiet manner unmarked by any event of special importance. He was reared and educated in Greene county, and after arriving at years of maturity, he was joined in wedlock to Josephine Clevelle, who was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1844, but she, too, was reared in Greene county. The father of our subject was a cooper by trade and during the greater part of his life followed that oc-

cupation in order to provide for his family. By the marriage of the parents, which was celebrated in Xenia in the year 1860, four children were born and all are yet living, namely: Harry, Celestral, Emma and John C. In his political views the father has been a Republican and service in the Civil war entitles him to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is a worthy member. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and his life has been one of industry, uprightness and fidelity to duty. It was in May, 1864, that William Hoverstick enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, from which he was afterward discharged on account of illness.

In taking up the personal history of John C. Hoverstick we present to our readers a life record of one who is widely and favorably known, for he has always lived in Xenia. He began learning the blacksmithing trade in 1876 when fifteen years of age and soon mastered the business, becoming an expert workman, serving his apprenticeship under John Lutz. In 1890 he began business on his own account and has since been a well known representative of the trade in this city. In 1899 he admitted to partnership Mr. Purdom under the firm name of Hoverstick & Purdom. Owing to the excellent workmanship, their reasonable prices and reliability, they are now enjoying a very liberal patronage.

On the 20th of November, 1883, Mr. Hoverstick was united in marriage to Miss Edna Cook, a daughter of James and Anna (Bitner) Cook, in whose family were six children, all of whom are yet living. The father is an attorney of Xenia. Mrs. Hoverstick was born in Xenia and has a large

circle of friends here. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: Warren J., Rachel and Philip, but the last-named died July 27, 1901. In his political affiliations Mr. Hoverstick is a staunch Republican but he has never sought or desired political preferment. He has ever kept well informed on the issues and questions of the day. He was formerly connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His life has been quietly passed but close application to business, strong purpose and determined energy have brought him creditable success. Honorable and upright he has ever commanded the respect of those with whom he has been associated.

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### JOHN MOORE.

For thirty-five years John Moore, now deceased, was connected with the business interests of Xenia and for two-thirds of a century made his home in this city, during which time Xenia emerged from a village to take its place among the enterprising and growing cities of the state, while the county was transformed from a district in which the work of improvement had scarcely been begun, to one of the most highly cultivated portions of this great state. Mr. Moore took a deep interest in its growth and up-building, and did his full share toward accomplishing the desired result.

A native of the north of Ireland, Mr. Moore was born in County Tyrone, September 15, 1811, his parents being Thomas and Margaret (Wallace) Moore, in whose family were four sons, all now deceased. The parents died during the early boyhood of our subject and, in company

with his uncle and aunts, he emigrated to the United States in 1822. His grandmother, who also started with them, died during the voyage. The ship anchored at Quebec, Canada, and thence the company, of whom Mr. Moore was a member, went to Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for about five years, during which time he learned the tailor's trade. After a residence of a year in Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Moore came to Xenia in 1831 and here he continued to work at his trade until 1876, receiving a liberal patronage by reason of his excellent workmanship and straightforward dealing.

On the 16th of July, 1840, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Monroe, a native of this city, and a daughter of David and Barbara Monroe, natives of Scotland. Six children were born of the marriage of our subject and his wife, four sons and two daughters: Thomas M., George M., Robert Wallace; David, deceased; Anna, now Mrs. Hibben; and Margaret L., now Mrs. Jobe. For forty-four years the parents traveled life's journey happily together, and were then separated by the hand of death, Mrs. Moore being called to her final rest December 19, 1884. Two of the sons were soldiers of the Civil war—George, who enlisted in his sixteenth year and served until the close of the war, and Thomas, who was in the army for a few months during the latter part of the war.

In his political views Mr. Moore was originally a Democrat but afterward endorsed the Free Soil party. He was a strong temperance advocate and always used his influence to check the use of intoxicants. He held membership in the United Presbyterian church and shaped his life according



to its teachings and its principles. His death occurred on the 17th day of January, 1897, and the community thereby mourned the loss of a valued citizen, one whom it had come to know well and to honor by reason of his genuine worth of character. During his long residence in Greene county, covering two-thirds of a century, he had so lived as to win uniform respect and regard and to his family he left the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

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#### GEORGE M. MOORE.

George M. Moore, who is now living a retired life in Xenia, was for many years an active factor in business circles, but at the present time is enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He was born in this city on the 1st of May, 1845, and is a son of John Moore, whose sketch is given above. He pursued his education in the city schools, entering the high school and therein continuing his studies until the 22d of October, 1861, when he no longer could content himself to remain at home, while his country was engaged in the Civil war. On the day mentioned he offered his services to the government and was enrolled as a member of Company D, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was then but sixteen years of age, being one of the youngest men of the regiment. After the organization of the regiment it was sent to the Army of the Cumberland under General Rosecrans, and Mr. Moore participated in all of the battles in that department, covering the engagements at Stone River and Chickamauga and those of the Atlanta campaign. He was wounded at Resaca and for a short time

was away from his regiment on this account, but otherwise was always found at his post of duty, faithfully defending the old flag and the cause it represented. He re-enlisted at Chattanooga in the same company and regiment and served until the close of the war, in 1865. He was detailed as clerk in the offices of the inspector generals at General Thomas' headquarters and served as such until his discharge on the 25th of July, 1865, when the war was closed and his services were no longer needed.

After his return home Mr. Moore attended Antioch College for a time and was then employed in his father's merchant tailoring establishment. He later removed to Kansas, where for five years he engaged in farming. On the expiration of that period he sold his property and returned to Xenia, where he again engaged in business with his brother. Two years passed in this way and he then disposed of his interests in the store and for seven or eight years was engaged in business in Dayton. He then disposed of his commercial pursuits there and once more took up his abode in Xenia, turning his attention to farming, which he carried on successfully until a recent day, when he put aside business cares in order to enjoy a well merited rest.

Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Mary E. Puterbaugh, a daughter of Samuel Puterbaugh, one of the old residents of the county. The wedding was celebrated June 23, 1880, and for twenty-two years this worthy couple have now traveled life's journey together. They are consistent and valued members of the Second United Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Moore is an elder. He was elected to that office while holding membership in the Third church and has since been continued.

in the position. Socially he is connected with the Union Veteran Legion, and in politics is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for office. Much of his life has been passed in Greene county, where he has become widely and favorably known, because of his trustworthiness in business and his reliability in the discharge of all life's duties and obligations.

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BENJAMIN L. STINE.

Throughout his active business life this gentleman has been closely identified with the agricultural interests of Greene county, Ohio, and his name is inseparably connected with its growth and development. He was born in Washington county, Maryland, September 17, 1829, a son of Jacob B. Stine, whose birth occurred near Hagerstown, in the same county, November 1, 1803. He was there educated in a log schoolhouse amid primitive surroundings. He was a son of Frederick Stine of German ancestry, his parents having lived and died in Maryland. After arriving at years of maturity Jacob B. Stine wedded Mary Haines, the wedding taking place at Clear Springs, Maryland, on the 22d of December, 1825. The lady was born February 23, 1806, and was a daughter of John Haines, a well-to-do farmer, living near Clear Springs. They resided in Maryland until 1830, when they took their furniture and other belongings and in a two-horse wagon, drove across the country to Beavercreek township, Greene county, Ohio, locating upon the farm which is now the home of our subject. The father lived a few years on different farms in the county but eventually purchased this farm in 1838.

It comprises one hundred and sixty-six acres upon which he erected a good log house, which is still standing, although additions have been made to it at different times. He cleared away the heavy timber from his land, made good improvements upon his farm and for many years was one of the substantial agriculturists of the community. He was also one of the pioneer members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Xenia and although he lived five miles from the town he was a regular attendant in the church services and a liberal supporter of the church work, giving freely toward the building of the second church edifice. He served as class leader for a number of years and was also church steward. In early life he was a Democrat and thus continued until he joined the Free Soil party. Later he became a staunch Republican but was never an aspirant for office, giving his principal thought and labor to the church and his home. For many years the circuit rider preached in his house and he thus aided in spreading the gospel. He died January 18, 1893, and his wife passed away on the 16th of December, 1882. They left two surviving children, Benjamin L. and John D. The latter resides in Superior, Nebraska. One daughter, Henrietta, died in childhood.

Benjamin L. Stine, the subject of this review, was brought to Greene county, Ohio, in the spring of 1830 and here pursued his education in the common schools, but has been an extensive reader throughout life and has become well informed. He remained with his father during his youth and later assumed the management of the home farm, carrying on general farming successfully. He is now known as one of the prosperous and highly respected men of his community. At the present time he owns the old home-

stead and is living retired. He has always made the best use of his advantages and is to-day one of the well-to-do and substantial citizens of his community. In past years he gave considerable attention to the raising of fine cattle, and also kept a good grade of horses and hogs. A part of the family residence is a log structure built by his father in the spring of 1839, and has now been the home of the family for sixty-two years, being one of the landmarks of pioneer days.

On the 21st of April, 1868, Mr. Stine was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Smith, of Dayton, Ohio, who was born and reared in West Virginia. The only child born of this union died at the age of eleven weeks, passing away in October, 1869. The mother died on the 13th of July, of that year. Mr. Stine has been a life-long member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Xenia and a consistent Christian man. The Republican party has ever found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, but he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of political office. He is one of the most honored and highly respected citizens of this community.

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#### CARGEL CHITTY.

Cargel Chitty, now deceased, spent the greater part of his life in Greene county and for a long period was a representative of agricultural interests. He followed farming with excellent success and his labors brought to him a good financial return. He was born June 15, 1831, in Virginia, and when a lad of twelve summers accompanied his father to this county, where, as he at-

tained years of discretion, he aided his father in operating a sawmill, being connected with that line of business for a long period. He afterward turned his attention to farming, which he followed throughout his remaining days, and in the cultivation of the soil he was very successful, the well tilled fields returning to him golden harvests.

In the year 1859 Mr. Chitty was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Ann Osburn, a native of Greene county and the second child of David M. and Cynthia J. (McKendree) Osburn, also natives of this county, the latter having been born upon the farm upon which Mrs. Chitty now resides. The paternal grandparents, David and Precocia Osburn, came from Virginia in the year 1834, taking up their abode in Jefferson township. Here the grandfather purchased three hundred acres of land at a dollar and a quarter per acre. At that time there were only a few buildings in what is now the city of Cincinnati, and the work of development, progress and improvement in Ohio seemed scarcely begun. Unto the grandparents were born four children: George, Elizabeth, David Mc., and Louis C.

David Osburn, the father of Mrs. Chitty, was born in Batavia, Ohio, and acquired his early education in what was then known as the Palmer school house, about three miles from his daughter's home. He continued a student until eighteen years of age, after which he engaged in teaching school for two years. He was then united in marriage in the year 1839 to Miss Cynthia Jackson, a native of Greene county. Mr. Osburn was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and his influence in behalf of moral development was most marked. He also served as justice of the peace, and in poli-



tics he was a stanch Republican. Unto him and his wife were born six children, as follows: Elihu B., who was killed in Indian Territory; Rebecca, the widow of Mr. Chitty; Nathaniel, a resident of Missouri; Charity, who married Harrison Williamson, of Miami county, Ohio; Nancy Jane, the wife of Mr. Osburn, of Iowa; and William J., a resident of Fayette county, Ohio.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Chitty was blessed with ten children, of whom nine are now living: Mary Elizabeth, the wife of Alvin Zimmerman, of Indiana; Andrew, who lives in Indiana; Lee M., a resident of the state of Washington; Rose, who married Dr. Merchant, of Fayette county, Ohio;

John H., who resides in Fayette county; Frank W., who makes his home in Chicago, Illinois; Luther, a resident of Bowersville, Ohio; Violet; Claude, living at home with his mother; and Henry, who has passed away.

Mr. Chitty gave his political support to the Democracy and kept well informed on the issues of the day, so that he was able to support his political position by intelligent argument. He held membership with the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs, and its teachings permeated his entire career and made him an upright, honorable citizen whose worth was widely recognized.



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